



# TRUE LIGHT

*Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ~ Psalm 119:105*

**June 27, 2021**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY

Sunday School :

9:30 a.m.

Worship:

10:15 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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*"This is the day the Lord  
has made. Let us rejoice  
and be glad in it."*

Psalms 118:24

**We Welcome You  
To All Of Our  
Services**

## THE SHEAR

Several years ago, I was on the red-eye flight from Seattle to Austin. Most of us were sound asleep when we awoke to the feel of the jetliner shaking and shuddering. The pilot came on the speaker and told us not to be alarmed - yeah, right - and proceeded to tell us that we were caught in wind shear. (Wind shear can be described as masses of circulating air coming together and causing violently swift air currents and sometimes dangerous turbulence.) Our pilot then proceeded to tell us that this wind shear was making the plane fly faster than it was designed to go. As you can imagine, this didn't put many folks at ease.

Then the real punch line came. He warned us that it would feel like we were free-falling but that he was dropping the altitude quickly to get us out of this wind current and back to a more desirable speed. After a few seconds of our stomachs being in our throats, the plane quit shuddering, and we resumed our flight without other distractions, as if nothing had happened - although I'm not sure anyone went back to sleep. In this case, "The Shear" was a dangerous place for us and made our flight much more exciting than we wanted.

Anyone who has been in the waters off the coast of Alaska also has seen and felt shearing water currents. With the combined flows of glacial runoff, strong ocean currents, flowing streams, and radical tides, the bay waters are full of shearing currents. While these shearing currents can be dangerous to swimmers and small boats, "The Shear" of these currents is rich in nutrients and small organisms, baitfish, and other food sources. These are also the places where big fish and whales hang out, looking for easy meals. In this case, "The Shear" was an exciting place for us to be.

We face the effects of "The Shear" in our walk with Jesus. Jesus spent much of his time in "The Shear" himself. His example helps us answer a crucial question that naturally arises as we try to be JesuShaped disciples. What happens when our core values appear to collide ... maybe even conflict ... or at least seem to not connect to the culture around us? What do we do then? What does "The Jesus Vibe" call us to do in "The Shear" of these two strong currents in our lives?

Jesus showed us - not once, not even a few times, but again and again and again - how to live in "The Shear." Go back and read through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) noticing how Jesus handles "The Shear." Look for Jesus' Sabbath controversies as he wrestles with the religious leaders of his day - Jesus see the Sabbath as a day created to bless humans while honoring God and basically disregards all the traditions that had crept in to make the Sabbath a legalistic minefield for those wanting to honor God (Matthew 12:1-14; Mark 2:23-3:6). Notice how Jesus always valued people above traditions and religious interpretations of the Law - the classic examples are the woman at the well and the woman caught in adultery (John 4:1-42; John 7:53-8:11). See how he eats with sinners and praises those outside the religious establishment (Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 9:9-13; Matthew 15:21-28). Remember how he used outsiders to be the heroes in his ministry and his stories (Matthew 8:5-13; Mark 7:24-30; Luke 7:11-17, 10:25-42; John 4).

While not exactly direct violations of the Old Testament Law, Jesus' practices of forgiving sins, healing on the Sabbath, touching lepers, associating with people and genders not socially acceptable made religious people uncomfortable. In the minds of most religious leaders of Jesus' day, Jesus deliberately was violating the traditions that they associated with piety and keeping the Law of Moses. These regular practices of Jesus drove the religious power-brokers to vengeful madness. The Christ saw beyond these legalistic traditions surrounding the Law and sought to live the heart of God, seeking to reconcile all people back to the Father while seeking and saving the lost (Luke 19:10).

Jesus lived in "The Shear." For Him, "The Shear" was exciting, both a dangerous place and one rich with opportunities to reach broken, forgotten, and lost people. "The Shear" was dangerous because it put Jesus in the swift currents of religious controversy that quickly led him into direct conflict with the religious establishment and its traditions, rules, interpretations, and constituencies. However, it was also rich with opportunity because "The Shear" was where many people seeking God were found. These were seekers who felt a hunger for God and felt isolated from him by the details, traditions, rules, and hypocrisies of religion.

Jesus socialized with these marginalized folks and faced the consequences of his critics. He didn't come to please the religious powerbrokers, the masses with their selfish demands, or even his own followers with their confusion. Jesus didn't come to be served, but to serve and redeem folks trapped in darkness, slavery to sin, and hamstrung by religion (Mark 10:45).

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**CELEBRATING THIS WEEK**

**BIRTHDAYS**

June 28 - David Burleson  
Landon Woods  
June 29 - Gayle Rodgers



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

June 27 - Jason & Celia McGowan  
June 28 - Jack & Helen McGowan  
July 1 - Rodney & Cindy Williams

**CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS**

Velveeta Cheese \* Disinfectant Spray  
(i.e. Lysol) \* Light Bulbs \* Nuts \* Toilet  
Tissue \* Spaghetti Sauce

**PICK UP DATE AUGUST 16**

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Currently operating on an "as needed" basis.  
Prepackaged food and monetary  
contributions are always appreciated

**Attendance for June 20: 112**  
**Contribution for June 20: \$4209**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

*"...I was sick and you visited me..." Matthew 25:36*

**Remember:** \* **LaRhonda Billingsley** will be having hip replacement surgery at 9 a.m. tomorrow at Southeast in Cape \* **Pam Claey's** remains in St. Louis, waiting for a bed at a skilled nursing facility \*

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** Louella Akers \* Kristi Altman \* John David Barnett \* David Burleson \* Janie Burleson \* Pam Claey's \* Scott and Judy Flannery \* Sue Flowers \* Patsy (Hardy) Gregg \* Grant Howard \* Don Jackson \* Morris Karnes \* Sonja Mays \* Curtis McClard \* Darlene McGowan \* Helen McGowan \* Jeff McGowan \* Kevin Mickey \* Reba Owens \* Ida Roberts \* Gayle Rodgers \* Waynetta Rodgers \* Elwood Rush \* Jane Smith \* Leon Smith \* David Terrill \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson \* Sharlette Watson

**Those dealing with cancer (non congregational) :**

Cathy Bennett \* Gina Bogle \* Roxanne Carson \* Sherry Chambers \* Randy Cravens \* Bill Fitzpatrick \* Jo Carolyn Flowers \* Kim Goins \* Ronnie Goins \* LeAnn Jacques \* Tommy Jacques \* Pam Jeralds \* Holly Johnson \* Connie Lemmons \* Ponna Mahan \* Paula Mason \* Betty Nicholson \* Keagan Owens \* Tammy Telker \* Bobby Thornton \* Paula Walls

**Other health issues (non-congregational):**

DeeDee Burch \* Mary Burke \* Jodi Claey's \* Jerry Grimes \* TJ Hester \* Lem Hubbard \* Dana Jo Jackson \* Clyde Jacques \* Lola Johnson \* Beckie King \* Nikki Lawrence \* Jerry Don McGowan \* Paul Maddox \* Brenda Robinson \* Gene Rowland \* Kevin Steed \* Traci Suiter \* Paige Tanner \* Heather Whitehead \* Eva Latham

**Our Shut Ins**

Pauline Allen \* Fern Botsch \* Pam Claey's \* Travis Cooper \* Sue Flowers \* Don Jackson \* Shirley Johnson \* Sonja Mays \* Elwood Rush \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson \* Joy Watson

**Looking Ahead**

Our Summer Series Speaker this week will be Adam Noles. There is a list of our upcoming speakers on the table in the foyer  
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Session 3 of BYC will be July 11-16. There are some applications for camp on the table in the foyer; you may also register online at [www.boothelyouthcamp.com](http://www.boothelyouthcamp.com). The early registration deadline to save \$20 is coming up; get yours in today  
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A bridal shower for Kalee Howard will be held July 18 at 1:30 in the fellowship room. Kalee and Owen are registered at Amazon and Target. Wal-Mart gift cards also appreciated!  
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Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 18-22. We will need lots of help (and cookies!) There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer for cookies and supplies. Please make plans to be a part of VBS this year.  
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Summer Youth Series at Green Forest church of Christ August 2.  
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Indeed, man wishes to be happy even when he so lives as to make happiness impossible.  
--St. Augustine

**June 27, 2021**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Tim Woods  
Opening Prayer.....Wayne Reams  
Scripture.....Justin Allen  
Prayer.....Sam Garner  
Closing Prayer.....Rodney Williams

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson  
Prayer.....Darrin Shipman  
Scripture.....Zack Tanner  
Dismissal.....Jacob Clayton

**Wednesday, June 30**

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....Ron Garner  
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

**July 4, 2021**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams  
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
Scripture.....Sam Garner  
Prayer.....Jonathan Simmons  
Closing Prayer.....Darrin Shipman

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....David Carson  
Prayer.....Justin Allen  
Scripture.....Rodney Williams  
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson  
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Religious leaders had Jesus killed on a cross because he chose to live in "The Shear." The Lord's parting comments - what we call "The Great Commission" - call us to live in "The Shear." We're to cross over our secure social lines into other cultures: not just to evangelize, but to incarnate the message of Jesus by living alongside people in their world, baptizing them into the family of God, then staying with them through the process of learning to become JesusShaped themselves (Matthew 28:18-20).

Living in "The Shear" is what Jesus meant by Kingdom living. He called it being children of our Father in heaven. And most importantly for us, Jesus called us to continue his passion for living in dangerous and rich currents of "The Shear" for the sake of the lost world.

So, if you find yourself frustrated with junk that so often encrusts and distorts our churches and church life today, remember Jesus. Remember how and where he lived. Embrace the kind of ministry that reaches out to the kind of people Jesus chose to bless and redeem. Come join Jesus and live in a dangerous yet opportunity-rich place called "The Shear" and do it for the sake of the lost world.

Embrace the core values of "The Shear" that Jesus taught us in the Great Commands (Matthew 22:34-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20): \* Love God with everything you are, have and hope \* Love your neighbor as you do yourself \* Love in such a way that you enter "The Shear" to live like Jesus with folks who don't yet know him as Savior and Lord.  
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