



# TRUE LIGHT

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

**June 6, 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**

## DAILY ALTAR OF GRACE

A part of us would like to take our worship to God and compartmentalize it - you know, relegate it to a certain time and place. This, of course, turns vibrant faith into stale religion, but it sure makes God's presence in our lives more manageable and less demanding.

Jesus pretty well shattered the illusion of compartmentalized worship - though most of the world still tries to cling to it - with his statement on the greatest commands, or what we're calling The Jesus Vibe. Jesus says we're called to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, souls and minds just as we're called to love our neighbors just as we love ourselves.

Such comprehensive love doesn't leave room for compartmentalizing my life into manageable parts. It's expansive and all-inclusive. My love for Jesus demands every fiber of my being and every moment of my day! My love for those around me should be as centered and focused on others' needs as it is focused on my own needs and wants.

Just in case we miss this point, Jesus comes along and makes this point of comprehensiveness even clearer when he says: *Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First, go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift* (Matthew 5:23-24). Put in cornbread English: God isn't going to accept anything we offer him - our hearts, our Sunday worship, our offerings, our praise, our hopes, our private prayers, our dreams - if we knowingly remain at odds with a brother or sister in Christ. The two loves in The Jesus Vibe are intricately connected. Loving God and loving each other are not options or choices or degrees of faithfulness: they are the two sides of the same coin. Without both, there is no coin. We can't love God and withhold our love for others.

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We can't be at a hostile impasse with a brother or sister in Christ whom we've seen and claim to love God who we haven't seen (1 John 4:20). God won't forgive us if we are unforgiving (Matthew 6:14-15). If we are harsh in our judgment of others' hearts and motives, God will use that same standard of harshness to judge us (Matthew 7:1-2). In fact, Jesus tells the powerful story of "the unmerciful servant" to show how God detests those on whom he's lavishly showered forgiveness, but who in return hold on to debts and grudges toward others (Matthew 18:21-35). We can't praise God from a well poisoned by bitterness and cursing toward those made in his image (James 3:9-12).

Our standard of love, grace, and forgiveness is simple: we are to forgive as lavishly, completely, and graciously as we have been forgiven (Ephesians 4:32). We are to be merciful just as our Father, whom we claim to love, is merciful (Luke 6:36). Jesus sums it up with this clear but comprehensive demand we call "The Golden Rule": *So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets* (Matthew 7:12).

As I read back through these two teachings of the Lord, I'm struck by his strong, universal emphasis. They're comprehensive. They're without exception. They cover every area of our lives. There is no room to compartmentalize and separate our lives into work, home, lobby, and church. A JesuShaped life must have the background music of the Lord's character and compassion as we deal with each person and circumstance. We want to be tuned to God's standard and live to the beat of God's rhythm at all times.

In emphasizing Jesus' teaching on forgiveness, I'm also struck by two spiritual realities - one earthbound and the other heavenly.

First, despite my commitment to live a JesuShaped life, I find it hard to be as forgiving and gracious as God is. Forgiveness and compassion are hard work if I allow that forgiveness to move beyond special circumstances and permeate the daily fabric of my life. I realize that the best I can offer God is my intentions to be forgiving, my commitment to make forgiveness real in my daily life, and my confession of failure to him when I find myself lagging in this regard. With profound humility, I have to cry out to him and say, "Father, I can't do this without your help!"

Second, it is in these moments of honesty, intention, and commitment, that the Lord comes and reminds me that he has given me his power and presence to help me be JesuShaped: *And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us* (Romans 5:5).

In these times when forgiveness is harder than I can accomplish on my own efforts, I realize that Paul's beautiful ending to his prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21 is more than a doxology; it is a promise I can rely upon to help me as I journey to be more like Jesus: *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen* (Ephesians 3:20-21).

Thank God that as I pursue Jesus, the Spirit empowers me to become more completely JesuShaped (2 Corinthians 3:18).  
Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

**CELEBRATING THIS WEEK**

**BIRTHDAYS**

June 6 - Rodney Britt  
 Luke Tanner

June 7 - Zander Northern

June 9 - Darri Thompson

June 11 - Ethan Flowers

June 12 - Kynlie Allen



**CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS**

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

PICK UP DATE AUGUST 16

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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

June 12 - Joe & Sharlette Watson  
 June 13 - Scott & Judy Flannery

**Wednesday, June 9**

Song Leader .....Jacob Clayton  
 Prayer.....Tim Woods  
 Dismissal.....Sam Garner

**June 13, 2021**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson  
 Opening Prayer .....Ron Garner  
 Scripture.....Jonathan Simmons  
 Prayer.....Jon Neely  
 Announcements.....Rodney Williams  
 Dismissal Prayer.....Darrin Shipman

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams  
 Prayer.....Jerry Burleson  
 Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers  
 Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

**Attendance for May 30: 108**  
**Contribution for May 30: \$3275**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

**Remember:** **Kathy Caudle** has been having a lot of hip pain and will be seeing a surgeon in the near future \* **Louella Akers** has been sick for some time \* **Curtis McClard** is back home and doing some better \* **Pam Claeys** is back home and doing some better \* **Mike Duley** will see his surgeon later this month for additional surgery on his foot \* **Geraldine Sturges** fell Wednesday and needed 11 stitches in her head

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** Louella Akers \* Kristi Altman \* John David Barnett \* David Burleson \* Janie Burleson \* Pam Claeys \* Scott and Judy Flannery \* Sue Flowers \* Patsy (Hardy) Gregg \* Grant Howard \* Don Jackson \* Morris Karnes \* Sonja Mays \* 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 \* Andy Kelley \* 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 Claeys \* Jerry Grimes \* 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 Claeys \* 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 Brent Newton. There is a list of our upcoming speakers on the table in the foyer

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Next Sunday is CRC day. A special box will be placed in the foyer for donations to Crowley's Ridge College

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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)

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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 tentatively scheduled for July 25-29. We will need lots of help (and cookies!) Please make plans to be a part of VBS this year.

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*"Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June."*

Al Bernstein

**SUMMER YOUTH SERIES SCHEDULE**

This year there will be four Summer Youth Series programs:

- July 26 at Shady Acres in Sikeston
- August 2 at Green Forest in Poplar Bluff
- August 9 at Bernie
- August 16 at Dexter

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend!

**IT'S A GIRL!**

Congratulations to Mike and Judy Duley on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Brynlee Mae Douglas, who was born Friday morning. Proud parents are Kalynn and Kolton Douglas; grandparents are Tina and Michael Duly. Mother and baby are doing fine.

**A Note of Thanks:**

Thank you so much for the Bible, slide show presentation and delicious senior luncheon. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

In Christian Love  
 Bronwen Young

**In Sympathy:**

*Sympathy is extended to Loretta Carson in the death of her brother, Bob Burch, who passed away June 2. Bob's memorial service will be held Saturday at Faith Baptist Church in Wappapello.*