



TRUE LIGHT

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

August 1, 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**

WHO ARE YOU?

Who are you?

Please, don't tell me what you do or where you live. Please, don't tell me where you currently live or where you were born. Please, I'm not looking for your mobile number, Twitter ID, Facebook feed, Instagram handle, TikTok posts, or your blog address.

Strip away the surface junk and let's get down to the truth.

Who are you?

That's the real issue behind Jesus' question to the man afflicted with evil spirits: *What is your name?* (Mark 5:9). The power of evil had so captured the man that he could not answer and give his own name. He had lost his identity to the powers of destruction at work in his life. *My name is legion ... for we are many* was the answer given to Jesus' question.

Who are you?

It's a crucial question. How we define ourselves matters intensely to how we live our lives and live out our faith. Don't believe it? Take Legion's word on it. He had lost his identity and lived out his life in the most marginal and self-destructive of circumstances - living in burial caves, shrieking, cutting, and beating himself, uncontrollably wild, isolated, feared and alone (Mark 5:1-5).

Who are you?

But if Legion isn't enough, look at the way the Lord's own temptations are couched, *If you are the Son of God...* (Luke 4:1-13). The devil dangles the question of Jesus' identity before Him trying to get Him to prove who He is - to himself, to others, and to the devil. If you are not sure of your identity, it doesn't take a lot to get you to try to prove your significance through selfishness, shortcuts, and showing off. The devil is not only in the details, but the devil is also in our need to prove ourselves.

Who are you?

It's the question of questions. That's why when we see the flow of grace outlined in Scripture, we see who we were without Christ (Ephesians 2:1-3 - we are saved "from" death by grace), we see how precious we are to God (Ephesians 2:4-10 - gifted with God's riches by grace and re-made as God's glorious handiwork), and we see what our mission is in Christ (Ephesians 2:10 - created in Christ Jesus to do good works). The biggest chunk of this grace equation? Our identity: we are bought by God's love, made alive by God's graciousness, blessed by heaven's glorious riches, and re-created in Christ to be God's incredible masterpiece of divine craftsmanship.

Who are you?

Our hearts are drawn to the tunes of grace and its power to give us back our real identity. We are moved by the story of the man liberated from the legion of demons, remade by Christ, now seated in his right mind and given a mission to do for Jesus (Mark 5:15; Mark 5:19). We are drawn to it in the story of "Beauty and the Beast" as Belle's heart is won by the "Beast" and his sacrifice for her - and as her kiss brings him back to life, not just physically, but in every way. We are fascinated by it as the prince kisses sleeping beauty alive again, as the ugly duckling is transformed into the beautiful swan it has been all along, and as the slipper slides on Cinderella's dainty foot to show who she really is.

Who are you?

God said it to His Son: *You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased* (Luke 3:22).

Paul says it to us powerfully: *Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation...*(Colossians 1:21-22 - emphasis added).
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WILLING TO SERVE

August 1, 2021

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers
Prayer.....Jonathan Simmons
Closing Prayer.....Jerry Burleson

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
Prayer.....Justin Allen
Scripture.....Rodney Williams
Dismissal.....Ron Garner

Wednesday, August 4

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....David Burleson
Dismissal.....Darrin Shipman

August 8, 2021

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Wes Howard
Opening Prayer.....Wayne Reams
Scripture.....Justin Allen
Prayer.....Sam Garner
Closing Prayer.....Rodney Williams

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....David Carson
Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
Scripture.....Jacob Clayton
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

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So who are you?

It's the only question that matters. It's the motivation for our behavior and the power behind our passions. We don't do what we do to get grace, to be approved by God, or to win heaven. Jesus died to bring us back to the real us: the us God made in the womb of our mother to be - God's masterpiece, His prince or princess, His beloved. The devil will do all he can to make us question it, doubt it, and work to prove it. Yet Jesus' sacrifice, the Cross and the Empty Tomb, stand and shout it to us, "You are My Father's Masterpiece! You, dear brother, are God's Prince! You, dear sister, are God's princess! You are the beloved of the holy and awesome God Almighty.

Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

In Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to our sister Pauline Allen, in the death of her husband, Sonny, who passed away Wednesday, July 28. Sonny's funeral will be this afternoon at 2:30 at Bradshaw Funeral Home in Malden.

There will not be an issue of "True Light" next week, August 8. Amy will be out of the office until the afternoon of August 9, and will not be able to send out messages and prayer requests

BIRTHDAYS

- August 2 - Matt Mayberry
- August 6 - Isaiah Collier
- August 9 - Anna Williams
- August 11 - Clayton Flowers
- August 12 - Ida Roberts
Jessica Young
- August 13 - Rita Clayton
Karen Forkum
- August 15 - Hannah Compton
Sonja Mays
Reba Owens



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

- Velveeta Cheese * Disinfectant Spray (i.e. Lysol) * Light Bulbs * Nuts * Toilet Tissue * Spaghetti Sauce
- PICK UP DATE AUGUST 16**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- August 4 - Ronnie and Gloria Moore
- August 5 - Rodney and Lisa Britt
Jon and Leslie Neely
- August 8 - Sam and Nicole Garner
- August 12 - Larry and Kendra Summer
- August 14 - Marty and Phyllis Howard

Attendance for July 25: 113
Contribution for July 25: \$3133

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: **Kristi Altman** remains in Southeast Hospital but it doing better * **Judy Duley** is at home following a hospital stay for Ischemic Gastritis * **Sonja Mays** is improving and back at Winchester Place * **David Carson** will see a pulmonary doctor in St. Louis regarding changes on his last CT scan * **Mike Duley** is improving but having some pain in his hands * **Karla Jacques**, recovering from COVID * **Roxanne Carson** got good results on her recent tests

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 * Jane Smith * Leon Smith * David Terrill * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson * Sharlette Watson

Those dealing with cancer (non congregational) :

- Chastity Beaird * Cathy Bennett * Gina Bogle * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Randy Cravens * Bill Fitzpatrick * Jo Carolyn Flowers * Kim Goins * Ronnie Goins * LeAnn Jacques * Tommy Jacques * Mike James * 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):

- Mark Beaird * 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 * Norma Pyle * 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 * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson * Joy Watson

Looking Ahead

Summer Youth Series tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Green Forest church of Christ

Summer Youth Series August 9 at 7 p.m. at Bernie. A sign up sheet to provide snacks will be on the table in the foyer soon

Summer Youth Series August 16 at 7 p.m. at Dexter.

Ladies Day September 11 at the Mountain Home church of Christ. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

Ladies Day September 11 at the Arnold church of Christ. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

Ladies Lunch Out September 14 at 11:30 at Dexter BBQ.

This morning, the sun endures past dawn. I realize that it is August: the summer's last stand.

-Sara Baume