



# TRUE LIGHT

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

August 29, 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**

## BZRP-CHA-TA-BZRP!

"Bzrp-cha-ta-bzrp. Zip-zip. Spizt. Bzrp-cha-ta."

"Okay, listen to it now."

Years ago, Heartlight began as a two-minute radio spot during drive time in Austin, Texas. This was way before the days of digital editing. Jim, my buddy and reel-to-reel tape editor, was a master with a razor blade. When he did his work, it sounded just like, "Bzrp-cha-ta-bzrp zip-zip splzt bzrp-cha-ta." And it took him less time to do it than it did for you to sound it out!

Jim would find the bad place on the tape by listening for the "bzrp-cha-ta-bzrp" or some similar sound emanating from the speakers as he rolled the recording tape quickly over the pickup head. Then the razor blade would flash, making a "zip zip" sound as Jim cut out the unwanted piece of material. Then Jim would tear off a piece of splicing tape, "splzt," and then readjust the good tape, "bzrp-cha-ta." Then we would listen to the edited portion. All mess ups, "Ughs," verbal goobers, misspoken words, unwanted pauses, and errors were edited out - the bad pieces of tape lying silently on the floor. The finished product was clean, clear, and as near perfect as possible.

Many times since then, I have wished I could still have Jim with me - not just for my recorded pieces, but also for my day-to-day life. While digital editing has made Jim's tape editing skills near obsolete, seems like I need him more than ever for my life - my harsh words, dumb decisions, bad moments, flares of anger, timing blunders, and insensitive comments.

We all suffer from foot-in-mouth disease at one time or another. We all awkwardly blunder in important moments with those we love. In addition are those moments when we stumble, sin, or are just downright mean. We need Jim's razor sharp editing skills and another change to get things "right."

Unfortunately, there are no razor sharp editing skills for life. We can't unsay, undo, or un-sin away our worst moments. We depend upon the good grace and forgiveness of those we hurt, wound, and offend. While it is true that God can and will forgive and cleanse us of our past messes (1 John 1:5 - 2:2), the consequence and impact of our blunders, insensitivities, and rebellions leave scars in the hearts and pain in the lives of others.

So what do we do? How do we recover and repair what we've thrown away and broken?

I'm not sure I can even begin to answer that, but I'm going to offer a few suggestions. Here's my take on a few things I believe that I've got to work on in this regard.

### Forgive Graciously

I need to forgive those who have offended, wounded, and hurt me. I need to give people the benefit of the doubt and offer those who fall another chance at getting things right. Graciousness engenders graciousness. Jesus said that how we forgive will be how we are forgiven (Matthew 6:14-15; Matthew 18:21-35).

### Live Kindly

One of my biggest problems is that I take too many things personally, when most of those things are just the stuff of life. If I would keep my mouth shut more, my ears open longer and more often, then my anger would not be so close to the surface and my behavior more Christ-like (James 1:19-21; Micah 6:8).

### Give Generously

Selfishness clouds my eyes in every area of my life, and this is especially true in regard to forgiveness. Intentional kindness goes a long way in combating selfishness. A generous spirit - generosity with forgiveness, praise, encouragement, support, charity, and empathy - creates an environment for friendships to flourish and wounds to heal (1 Timothy 6:17-18; Psalm 112:5).

Life doesn't come with a razor blade and a skilled editor like Jim. But, we can trust in God's gracious forgiveness and cleansing in our own lives. We can trust in God's eternal kindness. We can depend upon our Father's faithful generosity. So, let's make a commitment to offer that same grace, kindness, and generosity to others.

Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

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**BIRTHDAYS**  
 August 30 - Larry Summers  
 August 31 - Leon Smith  
 September 3 - Jeanie Robinson  
 Jane Smith  
 September 4 - Sonny Ingle  
 (belated birthday wishes to Kristi Altman, who celebrated a "big one" August 28)



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
 August 31 - Wayne & Marietta Reams  
 September 1 - Ron & Julie Garner

**CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS**  
 Olives \* BBQ Sauce \* Bleach \* Country Gravy Mix \* Tortilla Chips \* Brown Gravy Mix  
**PICK UP DATE NOVEMBER 29**

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**FOOD PANTRY**  
 Currently operating on an "as needed" basis. Monetary contributions always welcome.

**WILLING TO SERVE**

**August 29, 2021**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Wes Howard  
 Opening Prayer.....Jess Lacroy  
 Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers  
 Prayer.....Darrin Shipman  
 Closing Prayer.....Jonathan Simmons

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
 Prayer.....David Carson  
 Scripture.....Sam Garner  
 Dismissal.....Justin Allen

**Wednesday, September 1**

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
 Prayer.....David Burleson  
 Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

**September 5, 2021**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Austin Ketchum  
 Opening Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
 Scripture.....Darrin Shipman  
 Prayer.....Joe Watson  
 Closing Prayer.....Wayne Reams

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Austin Ketchum  
 Prayer.....Ron Garner  
 Scripture.....Sam Garner  
 Dismissal.....Jeff Rodgers

**GOOD IMITATION**

“Today we’re going to play a game called *Imitation*,” our children’s minister told the kids gathered around him for the children’s sermon. “I’ll name something and you act out what it does. Ready? *Chicken!*” The kids flapped their arms, cackled, and crowed. Next it was *elephant*, then *football player*, and then *ballerina*. The last one was *Jesus*. While many of the children hesitated, one six-year-old with a big smile on his face immediately threw his arms open wide open in welcome.

How easily we forget that our calling is to be like Jesus in the everyday situations of life. “Follow Christ’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God” (Eph. 5:1-2).

The apostle Paul commended the followers of Jesus in Thessalonica for the outward demonstration of their faith in difficult circumstances. “You became imitators of us and of the Lord,” Paul wrote. “And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia” (1 Thess. 1:6-7).

It is the life of Jesus in us that encourages and enables us to walk through this world as He did - with the good news of God’s love and with arms open wide in welcome to all.

David McCasland

**Attendance for August 22: 119**  
**Contribution for August 22: \$3997**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

**Remember: Morris Karnes** will have a biopsy and ultrasound tomorrow on the right side of his neck \* **Pam Claeys**, diagnosed with state 4 endometrial cancer \* **Brent Burleson** (son of Janie and Jerry) and **his wife** at home with COVID \* **David Billingsley**, **Larry Layton**, and **Brad Carson** at home with COVID \* **Jeff Martin** has been moved to Landmark and is being transitioned off oxygen \* **Charlie Lyles**, Jay Lyles’ father, on a ventilator with COVID and not doing well

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** Louella Akers \* Kristi Altman \* John David Barnett \* David Burleson \* Janie Burleson \* 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 Beard \* 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 \* Jenny Mullins \* Betty Nicholson \* Keagan Owens \* Tammy Telker \* Bobby Thornton \* Paula Walls

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

Mark Beard \* DeeDee Burch \* Mary Burke \* Jodi Claeys \* Jerry Grimes \* TJ Hester \* Lem Hubbard \* Dana Jo Jackson \* Clyde Jacques \* Lola Johnson \* Beckie King \* Nikki Lawrence \* Shug Lee \* 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 \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson \* Joy Watson

**Looking Ahead**

Josh Ketchum will be our guest speaker next Sunday for both the morning and evening service.

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

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

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Randy English will be our guest speaker for the morning service Sept. 12

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Spiritual Growth Seminar with Joe Wells September 12-15 at Green Forest church of Christ. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

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Ladies Lunch Out September 14 at 11:30 at Dexter BBQ. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer

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Crossroads Youth Rally October 23-24 at Shady Acres with keynote speaker Lonnie Jones

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Gospel Meeting October 24-28 at Bernie with guest speaker Brian McAllister.

**In Sympathy**

*Sympathy is extended to Donna Layton and Jeff Martin in the death of their father, Bill Martin, who passed away August 25. Visitation for Bill will be from 9:30 -11 Tuesday with the funeral following at Shady Acres church of Christ in Sikeston.*