



# TRUE LIGHT

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

September 26, 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 GOOD NEWS OF JESUS BEGINS WITH A SERVANT

**Jesus emphasized that the greatest in the Kingdom of God is a servant, and then defined his personal mission as serving those who are lost.**

If you were going to write the good news story of Jesus, where would you begin?

The Gospel of John began before time and emphasized that Jesus is God, the Creator, who existed before time. Nothing has ever existed without the creative work and loving touch of Jesus, the Son of God.

The Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of Luke begin with Jesus' miraculous conception in the womb of a virgin named Mary. They each give us Jesus' genealogy, but make sure we know that Jesus was conceived in Mary through the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of Mark, however, begins in an unusual but imminently practical place:

*The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:*

*"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way - a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"*

*And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Mark 1:1-9).*

Mark's purpose in doing this may elude us, at least at first. After we read his gospel, however, his point appears to be as important as it is simple: The good news about Jesus always begins with a servant who prepares the way in the hearts of others to believe. John prepares people's hearts to mentally accept Jesus and follow him in the way of the cross. John's path prepares the path for Jesus (Mark 1:2-8). John's destiny prepares us for Jesus' ministry and foreshadows Jesus' rejection and murder (Mark 1:14, 6:14-29, 8:28, 9:11-13). John is the ultimate servant who gave his life to prepare people to receive and follow Jesus.

Yet, if we missed Mark's message about the good news of Jesus always beginning with a servant, he drives home the point a few verses into his gospel. He tells a story about four friends trying to get their paralyzed friend to Jesus, but the house is too crowded even to get near the door to get inside to Jesus. So, these friends go up on the roof and dig a big hole through the thatch and mud and lower their paralyzed buddy to the Lord. When Jesus sees THEIR faith, he forgives and heals the paralyzed man (Mark 2:1-12). These four friends were servants to their buddy who needed help from Jesus. They went to great effort and took a considerable risk to do what they did. They were servants who prepared the way and the heart of their buddy to be blessed by the Savior.

Mark's beginning to his gospel is strategic and powerful. Jesus emphasized that the greatest in the Kingdom of God is a servant, and then defined his personal mission as serving those who are lost:

*Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:42-45).*

Mark's principle is great news for us! We can have a ministry like John the Baptizer. We can serve others and prepare their hearts to know and follow Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

So, who are the people you will commit to serving so their hearts can be prepared to know and follow Jesus? Why not choose five people you would like to see come to Jesus and begin to pray for them each day? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you know how best to serve them, then serve them in simple ways. The people God has put around us are not accidents or chance meetings; they are opportunities to serve and prepare their hearts to know and follow the Lord so they can be JesuShaped, too!

Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

## BIRTHDAYS

September 26 - Jacob Clayton  
 September 27 - Pam Collier  
 September 28 - Sue Flowers



## CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Olives \* BBQ Sauce \* Bleach \* Country Gravy Mix \* Tortilla Chips \* Brown Gravy Mix  
**PICK UP DATE NOVEMBER 29**

## FOOD PANTRY

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

## WILLING TO SERVE

### September 26, 2021

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Wes Howard  
 Opening Prayer.....Ron Garner  
 Scripture.....Jason Karnes  
 Prayer.....Jonathan Simmons  
 Closing Prayer.....Jeff Rodgers

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....David Carson  
 Prayer.....David Burleson  
 Scripture.....Sam Garner  
 Dismissal.....Jess LaCroy

### Wednesday, September 29

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

### October 3, 2021

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson  
 Opening Prayer.....David Burleson  
 Scripture.....Zachary Tanner  
 Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
 Closing Prayer.....Sam Garner

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams  
 Prayer.....Darrin Shipman  
 Scripture.....Jerry Burleson  
 Dismissal.....Joe Watson

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## THE WHATEVERS

Every Friday evening, the national news my family views concludes the broadcast by highlighting an uplifting story. In contrast to the rest of the news, it's always a breath of fresh air. A recent "good" Friday story focused on a reporter who had suffered from COVID-19, fully recovered, and then decided to donate plasma to possibly help others in their fight against the virus. At the time, the jury was still out on how effective antibodies would be. But when many of us felt helpless and even in light of the discomfort of donating plasma (via needle), she felt it was a "small price to pay for the potential payoff."

After that Friday broadcast, my family and I felt encouraged - dare I say hope-filled. That's the power of the "whatever's" Paul described in Philippians 4: "whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable" (v.8). Did Paul have in mind plasma donation? Of course not. But did he have in mind sacrificial actions on behalf of someone in need - in other words, Christlike behavior? I've no doubt the answer is yes.

But that hopeful news wouldn't have had its full effect if it hadn't been broadcast. It's our privilege as witnesses to God's goodness to look and listen for the "whatever's" all around us and then share that good news with others that they may be encouraged.

John Blasé

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*Autumn is really the best of the seasons; and I'm not sure that old age isn't the best part of life.*  
 C.S. Lewis

**Attendance for September 19: 108**  
**Contribution for September 19: \$3660**

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

**Remember: Ken Durham** met with the surgeon Friday to schedule a date for open heart surgery in St. Louis \* **Louella Akers'** cancer has returned and she has requested prayers as she makes some difficult decisions \* **Rodney Williams**, at home with COVID and continuing to improve \* **Morris Karnes** as he undergoes a one-year course of immunotherapy treatments \* **Karla Jacques** is still having COVID-related issues \* **Randy English** had jaw reconstruction surgery last week \* **Jeff Martin** had adjustments to his pacemaker and is feeling much better \* **baby Owen**, who was born extremely prematurely \* **Jessica Camp** had gallbladder surgery last week \* **Charlotte Watson's** scans came back clear

**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 \* 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 \* Neal Halford \* LeAnn Jacques \* Tommy Jacques \* Mike James \* Pam Jerald \* Holly Johnson \* Connie Lemmons \* Ponna Mahan \* Paula Mason \* Jenny Mullins \* Betty Nicholson \* Keagan Owens \* Ben Reid \* 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

Wednesday Fellowship Meals are scheduled to resume October 6. If you plan to attend the fellowship meals, there is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer so we will have an idea of how much food to prepare.

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Crossroads Youth Rally October 23-24 at Shady Acres with keynote speaker Lonnie Jones. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

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Gospel Meeting October 24-28 at Bernie with guest speaker Bryan McAlister. The theme will be "Jesus, the Greatest Command, and You." Make plans to attend every lesson, and invite your family and friends.

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