



TRUE LIGHT

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

October 17, 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

PEOPLE OF TRUTH

Christians can fall into a number of satanic traps. Some of us may be deceived into thinking that "intending" to obey Jesus is the same as actually doing what Jesus says. Some of us seek great knowledge about God and his will and are satisfied with this, rather than trusting God and acting on that knowledge. Others of us are busily involved doing religious things based upon human traditions, rather than seeking to live each day in the power of the Lord through his Holy Spirit. Others

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seek a mystical experience without changing their lifestyles to reflect the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus distinguishes between knowing God's will and doing it! Jesus repeatedly reminded his followers that they would be blessed by "doing" God's will, not just believing it (Matthew 7:13-27; John 13:15-17).

Why is it that we are so adamant about hearing what Jesus says, and so slack in doing it - always learning, but never acting? Knowledge is wonderful, but Paul says, *Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up* (1 Corinthians 8:1 NRS).

The only way knowledge about things can become knowledge possessed by a person is for that person to act on that factual knowledge and thereby discover for himself if it is true! Theoretical knowledge becomes experiential - or real knowledge - only through obedience. Faith is the link between the two! For example, from information about the construction of a bridge across a river, one may come to believe intellectually that it will hold his weight. However, only when one walks across the bridge, trusting himself to the bridge, will he truly know it is reliable.

Jesus said to those who began to believe on him intellectually, *If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free* (John 8:31-32). Holding to one truth allows you to reach for another truth. Growing in grace and knowledge is based on trust and obedience to the knowledge of the truth that is confronting us at the time. To fail to act on one aspect of truth about God keeps us from progressing to another aspect.

For too long, the church has been held guilty of Paul's indictment of *always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth* (2 Timothy 3:7 NIV). It is imperative that we never stop learning, but it is only when we use what we learn that we will be people of truth. Joe Bagby, www.Heartlight.com



In sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to Mindy Pruitt in the loss of her mother, Brenda. Brenda passed away October 9. Brenda's memorial service was held Friday in Dexter.

Make plans now to attend our

GOSPEL MEETING With Bryan McAlister October 24 - 27

"Jesus, the Greatest Command, and You"

Fliers are available on the table in the foyer

BIRTHDAYS

October 17 - Darrin Shipman
October 18 - Don Jackson
October 19 - Sam Howard
October 20 - Alyson Mickey
 Karsyn Smith
October 22 - Robin Mays
October 24 - Bronwyn Young



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Olives * BBQ Sauce * Bleach * Coun-
try Gravy Mix * Tortilla Chips *
Brown Gravy Mix
PICK UP DATE NOVEMBER 29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 23 - Johnny & Betty McGowan
October 24 - Glen & Rita Burch

WILLING TO SERVE

October 17, 2021

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Opening Prayer.....Jess Lecroy
Scripture.....Sam Garner
Prayer.....Zack Tanner
Closing Prayer.....Jerry Burleson

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....Wayne Reams
Scripture.....David Carson
Dismissal.....Mike Duley

October 24, 2021

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Wes Howard
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....Jason Karnes
Prayer.....Jonathan Simmons
Closing Prayer.....Jeff Rodgers

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
Prayer.....Ron Garner
Scripture.....David Burleson
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

Wednesday, October 20

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

Attendance for October 10: 110
Contribution for October 10: \$3813

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: Mindy Pruitt spent a few days in the hospital last week but is home now and doing better * **Ken Durham** continuing to improve * **Woody Wood** has some upcoming tests * **Jenny Mullins** (the Jesters' daughter) doing well following a mastectomy Tuesday * **Gene Rowland** (Bonnie Howards' dad) is back in Cypress Point, room 22 for rehab. Visitors are welcome * **Louella Akers**' is improving following a stroke. She is at Poplar Bluff * **Morris Karnes** will be seeing a specialist in St. Louis Tuesday * **Pam Claeys**' appointment with infectious disease was postponed until December * **baby Owen**, who was born extremely prematurely *

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 * Woody Wood

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 * Patricia Greninger * Neal Halford * LeAnn Jacques * Tommy Jacques * Pam Jeralds * 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 * 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

Fern Botsch * Pam Claeys * Travis Cooper * Sue Flowers * Don Jackson * Shirley Johnson * Sonja Mays * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson * Joy Watson

Looking Ahead

The Wednesday Fellowship Meal will be soups, hot dogs and chili.

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.

Gospel Meeting October 24-27 at Bernie with guest speaker Bryan McAlister. The theme will be "Jesus, the Greatest Command, and You." Flyers are now available. the foyer; make plans to attend every lesson, and invite your family and friends.

Sunday evening services will begin at 5 p.m. starting November 7. Don't forget to "fall back."

Ladies Lunch Out November 9 at 11:30 at Main Street Pizza in Bernie.

Ladies, mark your calendars for the following December events: Ladies' Ornament Exchange/Fellowship on the 7th at 6 p.m. at the building; Wednesday Night Ladies class party on the 10th at Trish Baldwin's house; Ladies Lunch Out December 14 at 11:30 at the Hickory Log in Dexter; Ladies' Holiday Brunch on the 16th at 10 a.m. at the home of Amy Thomason.

LIVING WELL

Free funerals for the living. That's the service offered by an establishment in South Korea. Since it opened in 2012, more than 25,000 people - from teenagers to retirees - have participated in mass "living funeral" services, hoping to improve their lives by considering their deaths. Officials say, "the simulated death ceremonies are meant to give the participant a truthful sense of their lives, inspire gratitude, and aid in forgiveness and reconnection among family and friends."

These words echo the wisdom given by the teacher who wrote Ecclesiastes. "Death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart" (Ecc. 7:2). Death reminds us of the brevity of life and that we only have a certain amount of time to live and love well. It loosens our grip on some of God's good gifts - such as money, relationships, and pleasure - and frees us to enjoy them in the here and now as we store up "treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Matthew 6:20).

As we remember that death may come knocking anytime, perhaps it'll compel us to not postpone that visit with our parents, delay our decision to serve God in a particular way, or compromise our time with our children for our work. With God's help, we can learn to live wisely.
Poh Fang Chia

Sympathy is extended to Julie Garner in the death of her brother-in-law, Mike James, who passed away after battling pancreatic cancer. Mike's funeral service was held yesterday in Searcy.