



TRUE LIGHT

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

October 3, 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**

MORE?

And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief (Mark 6:5-6 ESV).

Gather in the implications of these two verses: The people's lack of faith prevented Jesus from doing any great thing among them!

Notice, Mark did not say, "He would not do any mighty work there..." No, Mark was emphatic: *He could not do any mighty work there...*

Hmmm, how is this so? In the previous paragraphs, Jesus had stilled a raging and out-of-control storm, cast a legion of demons out of a man, healed an incurable blood disorder, and raised a dead little girl back to life (Mark 4:25-5:42). In short order, he triumphed over four primordial human fears of the deep, demons, disease and death. In the paragraphs after Jesus' temporary "power outage," he fed five thousand, walked on water to comfort his fearful apostles, and healed multitudes of sick people (Mark 6:30-56).

So, why could he *not do any mighty work there*?

Notice where Jesus is. He is in his home region, in his hometown, among his own people, and where his own family lived (Mark 6:1,4). They thought they knew who Jesus was and had very meager expectations for what Jesus could be able to do, so they stumbled over the possibility that he could do *any mighty work there* (Mark 6:2-3)!

So, let's move from a simple little history lesson to opening our hearts to the Spirit's message for us in this Scripture (2 Timothy 3:14-17). That means asking some hard questions and listening for the Spirit's voice in our hearts.

Who are the people in Jesus' household and family today? Us! People who call themselves disciples, Christians, followers of Jesus, and the church. People who hang up little Bible sayings in our houses or have them as magnets on our fridge, things like:

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).

If we are honest, we are thrilled when Jesus heals a few people among us of their diseases when we pray for them - similar to those among Jesus' disbelieving family, relatives, and friends in his hometown (Mark 6:5). We assume those answered prayers are possible, yet don't expect much more of the Lord, especially not *immeasurably more...*!

We are the people who think they know Jesus. We know who Jesus is; he is the Son of God, Savior, Christ, and Lord. We love him and believe in him, because of the great things he did years ago when he was here on earth. Now, however, we have grown too familiar with the low expectations of Jesus in our churches!

We become anesthetized to great expectations because of the watered-down version of Jesus we heard taught and preached in our churches - a mighty Jesus of long ago and far away, now just a storybook Jesus who never comes our way. We have grown callused to the living Lord that longs to do so much more among us, through us, and with us, because we lost our urgency and expectation for what he longs to do. When we finally do ask for Jesus' help, we ask selfishly for our own self-interest and not to be propelled into his mission (James 4:2-3).

If we long to be JesuShaped disciples, we must take this episode from Jesus' ministry to heart. We need to realize that Jesus DOES LONG TO DO MORE among us, through us, and with us. Yes, even more than we can begin to ask or imagine. Unfortunately our low expectations and our low commitment to the work of Jesus limit the Lord in what he can do among us. Are we not willing to be vessels used by the Lord because we don't believe fully in him?

Ouch! That's too convicting, so let's move on to something less challenging...NOT! When we choose to be JesuShaped, we also choose to believe in Jesus for the more he longs to do among, through, and with us. We choose to expect more! We must not limit Jesus because of the familiarity with him from churchland, and our low commitment to his mission, along with our lower expectations for ourselves.

Why? Because JesuShaped people expectantly believe that Jesus can do more than we ask or imagine, they make themselves available, trusting that their Lord will do more!
Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

Maybe we are too familiar with our modern-day, watered-down, version of Jesus and not in awe of great expectations that the Lord has for us...

BIRTHDAYS

October 4 - Kalee Howard-Foster
 Faye Dockins
 October 6 - McKenzie Beard
 Jordan McGowan
 Judy Snyder
 October 8 - Betty McGowan
 October 9 - Bentley Collier
 October 10 - Judy Duley
 Cason Karnes



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 8 - Ken and Sharon Durham

WILLING TO SERVE

October 3, 2021

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Wes Howard
 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

Wednesday, October 6

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
 Prayer.....Justin Allen
 Dismissal.....Mike Duley

October 10, 2021

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
 Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
 Scripture.....Justin Allen
 Prayer.....Jonathan Simmons
 Closing Prayer.....Jeff Rodgers

Evening Worship:

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

THE DWINDLES

It started with a tickle in my throat. *Uh oh*, I thought. That tickle turned out to be influenza. And that was just the beginning of bronchial affliction. Influenza morphed into whooping cough - yes, *that* whooping cough - and *that* turned into pneumonia.

Eight weeks of torso-wracking coughing - it's not called *whooping cough* for nothing - has left me humbled. I don't think of myself as old. But I'm old enough to start thinking about heading in that direction. A member of my small group at church has a funny name for the health issues that assail us as we age: "the dwindles." But there's nothing funny about dwindling's work "in action."

In 2 Corinthians 4, Paul too wrote - in his own way - about "the dwindles." That chapter chronicles the persecution he and his team endured. Fulfilling his mission had taken a heavy toll: "Outwardly we are wasting away," he admitted. But even as his body failed - from age, persecution, and harsh conditions - Paul held tightly to his sustaining hope: "Inwardly we are being renewed day by day" (v16). These "light and momentary troubles," he insisted, can't compare to what awaits: "an eternal glory that far outweighs them all" (v17).

Even as I write tonight, the dwindles claw insistently at my chest. But I know that in my life and that of anyone who clings to Christ, they'll not have the last word. Adam R Holz

In the entire circle of the year, there are no days so delightful as those of a fine October.

Alexander Smith

Attendance for September 26: 112
Contribution for September 26: \$3276

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: Ken Durham was scheduled to be released from the hospital yesterday following 5-bypass heart surgery and is doing well * **Louella Akers'** cancer has returned and she has requested prayers as she makes some difficult decisions * **Morris Karnes** as he undergoes a one-year course of immunotherapy treatments * **Pam Claey's**, dealing with stage 4 endometrial cancer * **Karla Jacques** is still having COVID-related issues * **baby Owen**, who was born extremely prematurely * **Patricia Greninger**, friend of Lisa Britt, diagnosed with cancer *

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 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 * Mike James * 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 Claey's * 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 Claey's * Travis Cooper * Sue Flowers * Don Jackson * Shirley Johnson * Sonja Mays * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson * Joy Watson

Looking Ahead

The Wednesday Fellowship Meal will be barbecue, coleslaw, baked potatoes, and baked beans. 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.

Ladies Lunch Out October 12 at 11:30 at Las Brisas in Malden. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

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 in the foyer; make plans to attend every lesson, and invite your family and friends.
