



TRUE LIGHT

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

October 31, 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**

TRUTH AND RESTORATION

The need for truth and restoration goes unseen as long as one does not realize or admit brokenness. When something captures my heart other than God, I lose the joy of His salvation. That is only restored by His grace and truth. Psalm 85:4-7 proclaims:

Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your indignation toward us to cease. Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations? Will You not revive us and bring us to life again, that Your people may rejoice in You? Show us Your lovingkindness, O LORD, And grant us Your salvation.

Yes, God brings us to life again and we rejoice, giving Him glory for His unfailing love. But Paul tells us that we also have a responsibility in restoration. In Galatians 6:1, he writes, *Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.*

The word "caught" here means to be overtaken and surprised - or to be caught up in a moment and all of a sudden find yourself entangled in and broken by sin. The spiritually mature have a responsibility to restore gently. The word "restore" means to mend or reset - such as setting a bone that has been broken.

If I have a broken arm, I want someone who knows what they are doing when they work on me, and I want them to be gentle in doing so. Trying to restore those broken by sin without the fruit of the Spirit of gentleness results in adding pain and bitterness, instead of restoration and healing. The truth of God's Word and His available grace cuts the heart of the broken far more effectively than the harsh words of the religious elite.

When broken people appeal to God for forgiveness, He restores not only their heart but their joy. Restoration by God's mercy displays the embrace of truth and faithfulness, the kiss of peace and righteousness, and God's desire to save. Take a look again at Psalm 85, but this time at verses 10-13:

Steadfast love and truth and faithfulness meet together; Righteousness and peace kiss each other. Truth springs from the earth, And righteousness looks down from heaven. Indeed, the LORD will give what is good, And our land will yield its produce. Righteousness will go before Him And will make His footsteps into a way [in which to walk].

May God give us the confidence and humility to trust the truth and restoration of the Good Shepherd. The twenty-third Psalm was not written for funerals - but rather for life. Think about these familiar words from Psalm 23:1-3:

The LORD is my Shepherd [to feed, to guide and to shield me], I shall not want. He lets me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still and quiet waters. He refreshes and restores my soul (life); He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Mike Kellett, www.onekingdom.com

Today is the fifth Sunday of the month. We will enjoy a potluck lunch after morning services followed by an early, 1 p.m. evening service. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to the potluck lunch.

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BIRTHDAYS

October 31 - Grant Howard
 November 1 - Kathy Caudle
 November 2 - Jerry Burleson
 November 3 - Jeff Rodgers
 November 4 - Ted Jacques
 November 5 - Mary Forman
 November 6 - Jennifer Howard



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November 4 - Ted and Karla Jacques
 November 7 - Darrin and Lana Shipman

WILLING TO SERVE

October 31, 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

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
 Prayer.....Cameron Traw
 Dismissal.....Sam Garner

November 7, 2021

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Wes Howard
 Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
 Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers
 Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
 Closing Prayer.....Rodney Williams

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
 Prayer.....Ron Garner
 Scripture.....Jerry Burleson
 Dismissal.....Jerel Jester

RING THE BELL

After an astounding thirty rounds of radiation treatments, Darla was finally pronounced cancer-free. As part of hospital tradition, she was eager to ring the "cancer-free bell" that marked the end of her treatment and celebrated her clean bill of health. Darla was so enthusiastic and vigorous in her celebratory ringing that the rope actually detached from the bell! Peals of joyous laughter ensued.

Darla's story brings a smile to my face and gives me a sense of what the psalmist might have envisioned when he invited the Israelites to celebrate God's work in their lives. The writer encouraged them to "clap [their] hands," "shout to God," and "sing praises" because God had routed their enemies and chosen the Israelites as His beloved people (Psalm 47:1,6).

God doesn't always grant our victory over our struggles in this life, whether health-related or financial or relational. He's worthy of our worship and praise in even those circumstances because we can trust that He's still "seated on his holy throne" (v8). When He does bring us to a place of healing - at least in a way we recognize in this earthly life - it's cause for great celebration. We may not have a physical bell to ring, but we can joyfully celebrate His goodness to us with the same kind of exuberance Darla showed. Kirsten Holmberg

In Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to Jonathan Simmons in the death of his step-father, Tony Hicks, who passed away October 22. A private service was held for him October 25

Attendance for October 24: 110
Contribution for October 24: \$2405

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: Morris Karnes is not doing well. Hospice has been called in * **Gayle Rodgers** remains in St. Francis Hospital with breathing issues and is not doing well * **Bettie Thurston** has been moved to Cypress Point following a hospital stay for a foot injury * **Jerel Jester** had his gall bladder out last Sunday and is doing well * **Woody Wood** has some upcoming tests * **Gene Rowland** (Bonnie Howards' dad) remains in Cypress Point, room 22 for rehab * **Louella Akers'** latest scans showed a couple more spots * **Pam Claeys** hasn't been feeling well; she made the decision to have hospice come in * **Jerry and Pam Collier** are both at home with COVID

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 * 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 * Baby Owen * 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

Today is our fifth Sunday, "church-eat-church" service. We will have a potluck meal following morning worship and an early, 1 p.m. evening service.

The Wednesday Fellowship Meal will be baked spaghetti, garden salad and garlic bread. Desserts will be needed.

Sunday evening services will begin at 5 p.m. starting next week. Don't forget to "fall back" an hour before bed Saturday evening.

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

Mike Napier from Gospel Chariot Missions will be our guest speaker for morning services November 14, and Nathan Ferguson, our Chimala missionary, will be our guest speaker for morning services November 21.

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.