



# TRUE LIGHT

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

November 14, 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**

## WHAT DO YOU LEARN FROM THE DARKNESS?

He must have had something different in mind when he announced to the church, "We are going deeper this year. This will be our year to tackle the deep end." He wanted everyone to pray for this step into study and devotion.

Sounds good, doesn't it? Does make you wonder, however, what was happening last year?

It has been my real-life experience that the deep end is not about more serious Bible study, or more doctrinal clarity, or more classes or conferences. In my life, the deep end is crisis time. The deep takes us in over our head.

The deep is not the study; it's the test, the struggle, the roadblock, the challenge. The deep rocks our world, rattles our cage, and exposes our heart.

When the Hebrew people were about to go into the Promised Land, Moses reminded them: *Remember every road that God led you on for those forty years in the wilderness, pushing you to your limits, testing you so that he would know what you were made of, whether you would keep his commandments or not. He put you through hard times. He made you go hungry. Then he fed you with manna, something neither you nor your parents knew anything about, so you would learn that men and women don't live by bread only; we live by every word that comes from God's mouth. Your clothes didn't wear out and your feet didn't blister those forty years. You learned deep in your heart that God disciplines you in the same ways a father disciplines his child* (Deut. 8:2-5 MSG).

After Job's experience in the deep, he said, *I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes* (Job 42:5 NLT). Job found God in the deep.

Jesus expanded the deep and promised His presence, always. God doesn't provide answers for the struggles in the deep, but He does provide power for facing the pain of the present with courage and hope rather than bitterness and despair.

Amy confided, "I just thought that once she came home from the NICU things were going to be so much better and Ella would start eating, we wouldn't need a feeding tube, and she would just develop like any other child. Ummmm, yeah, so that's not how it went down. Things with Ella were much harder and more complicated than we knew or expected."

Ella was born with *omphaloceles* (pronounced om-fal-o-seel). With her arrival came an unexpected load of helplessness. "I didn't know how to help her eat or stop throwing up," Amy said. "I dreaded going to new doctors' appointments and undressing her to show her deformity. 'So, do you have any concerns?' 'Do I have any concerns,' I wanted to say, 'Well, besides the fact that she was born with numerous organs outside of her body, a major deformity, can barely use her left arm or turn her head to that side, is vomiting multiple times a day and night, and will not eat unless she is in a dark, quiet room and is almost asleep, just to name the major ones.... Ummm, other than that, no, nope, no concerns to speak of.'" But I didn't. I would just say, "Yes."

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2009 was unimaginable for this young family. Amy explained, "Those were some really hard, hard days and nights. Days that brought me to my knees. Days that were filled with exhaustion, frustration, sadness and little hope. Days with moments where I was so low I didn't know how I was literally going to pull myself off the floor and stop crying. Most nights I was up almost every hour until we were blessed to received night help three nights a week. Rick (her husband) was going to bed early and getting up early so he could take over monitoring Ella before he left for work and so I could get at least a few hours of uninterrupted sleep. For several months I would have nightmares from time to time or wake up and just cry because it hurts so badly when you have a child that struggles so much. Those were nights I had a hard time catching my breath... even out of a dead sleep. I don't know that the word hard even comes close to being able to describe what every day and night was like."

New faith perspective: "A word that does describe my feelings," offered Amy, "is thankful. I'm at the point now where I can look back and honestly say that I'm thankful for 2009 even though it was by far the worst year of our life. I'm thankful for some of those dark times. The Lord gives us treasures than can only be found when you're in the dark."

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## **BIRTHDAYS**

November 15 - Jase Foster  
November 17 - Mason Beard  
November 19 - Zack Tanner



## **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/as available" basis. Monetary donations are always appreciated.

## **WILLING TO SERVE**

### **November 14, 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 17, 2021**

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw  
Prayer.....Jeff Rodgers  
Dismissal.....Jon Neely

### **November 21, 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.....David Carson

### **Continued from front:**

They can be very simple things, sometimes big things and sometimes not even tangible things. Sometimes the treasure was in the moment I was curled up in a ball on the floor crying, unable to stand and finally I would hear His soft voice saying, 'I'm here, I love you, I know it's hard but it's going to be okay. You will see.'"

God's presence has given Amy and Rick courage for the journey and a contagious appreciation for life and light. And, Ella? A few weeks ago, Ella looked up at me and in a polite soft voice said, "Thank you for letting us swim in your pool," and ran back outside.

And, the darkness was gone!

What has been your experience with darkness? Did it humble you? Is God testing you? Has He provided manna at just the right time? Did He show up when you felt most alone? Has He provided power just in time?

Thank HIM! Take the baton from Amy, share your story, the real story. Oh, and keep looking for hidden treasures along the way.

Ron Rose, [www.heartlight.com](http://www.heartlight.com)

Some of the days in November carry the whole memory of summer as a fire opal carries the color of moonrise.  
Gladys Taber

**Attendance for November 7: 117**  
**Contribution for November 7: \$5227**

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

**Remember:** Donna McQuin had a biopsy Thursday and is waiting for results \* Woody Wood has some upcoming tests \* Helen McGowan has been released from the hospital following a kidney infection and was able to attend Bible study Wednesday \* Louella Akers' hasn't been doing too well \* Pam Claeys hasn't been feeling well \* Pam Collier been released from the hospital following a COVID related blood clot in her arm \* Linda Morgan had a biopsy Wednesday of a large mass on her kidney. She will meet with her oncologist tomorrow

**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 \* 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 Jerald \* Holly Johnson \* Connie Lemmons \* Ponna Mahan \* Linda Morgan \* 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**

The Wednesday Fellowship Meal will be turkey, dressing and sides. Desserts will be needed. There will be no fellowship meal November 24.  
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Mike Napier from Gospel Chariot Missions will be our guest speaker for morning services today, and Nathan Ferguson, our Chimala missionary, will be our guest speaker for morning services next Sunday.  
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Bernie Christmas Tree Lighting December 4 beginning at 4 p.m. We will be passing out candy bags with an inspirational message. If you would like to be part of this, please see Amy Thomason.  
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Grinch Party for the teens December 4 at 5 p.m. at the home of Cameron and Reeda Traw. Bring a \$5-\$10 white elephant/silly gift and a green snack to share. More information is posted on our holiday happening page.  
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Holiday Youth party for ages 4-12 December 5 from 3:30 until 5 in the fellowship room. More information is posted on our holiday happenings page.  
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Jackson church of Christ Youth Rally January 15 & 16, 2022. The theme is "Ignite Your Purpose" with keynote speaker Spencer Furby.