



TRUE LIGHT

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

November 21, 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**

DEALING WITH STRESS AT THANKSGIVING, WITH THANKSGIVING

In this time of incredible stress, pressure, and anxiety, let's hear the simple words of encouragement from the apostle Paul:

Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done. (Colossians 2:7 NLT)

Years ago, my husband and I were going through financial problems. I was distraught with worry. Then I read Paul's clear words of truth written to the Christians in Philippi:

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7 NRSV)

When I started giving thanks to God, faith filled me. I received *the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding!*

Can we find reasons to thank God even during difficult times like we are facing today? Absolutely!

There are many reasons to give thanks, even in times of despair and difficulty. Let me list a few to get you started thinking about the blessings in your life. Once you get started, I'm sure you can think of many other reasons to give thanks.

Salvation:

When we come to know Jesus Christ as our Savior, we are blessed with forgiveness, everlasting life, constant communion with Jesus, divine guidance, and God's faithful provision, answers to prayer, hope for the future, and a host of other good things. When it comes to salvation, we can join Paul in saying, *Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!* (2 Corinthians 9:15 NRSV)

The Beautiful Creation of God

Sometimes when I feel down, I go for a walk and praise God for the beauties of His world. Jesus said:

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these (Luke 7:27 NRSV).

God's beautiful creation is such a great blessing!

The Fellowship of the Saints:

Our Lord has given us our brothers and sisters in Christ for our enrichment and encouragement.

Take care, brothers and sisters, that none of you may have an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," so that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin (Hebrews 3:12-13 NRSV).

The gift of Christian fellowship should never be taken for granted!

God's Wonderful Promises:

When troubles assail, I open my Bible and find a promise that gives me comfort and reminds me of God's faithfulness:

For God is not unfair. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other Christians, as you still do (Hebrews 6:10 NRS).

We can, and should, deal with the stress of this troubled Thanksgiving season by giving thanks!

God's promises are faithful and true. The Scriptures remind us of God's great faithfulness! Thanksgiving does drive away anxiety! But, we don't have to go through hard times to appreciate God's blessings. If we look, we will find that His blessings are new every day. Our hearts can awaken to these when we choose to give thanks!

Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart (Colossians 4:2 NLT).

Muriel Larson, www.heartlight.com

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

November 23 - David Terrill
November 25 - Karla Jacques
Bud McQuin
November 26 - Waynetta Rodgers
November 27 - Lisa Britt
Jane Terrill
November 28 - Brian & Amy Thomason (A)



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 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

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw
Prayer.....David Burleson
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

November 28, 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

A THANKFUL HEART

Seneca, the great philosopher of ancient Rome (4 BC-AD 65), was once accused by the empress Messalina of adultery. After the Senate sentenced Seneca to death, the emperor Claudius instead exiled him to Corsica, perhaps because he suspected the charge was false. This reprieve may have shaped Seneca's view of thankfulness when he wrote, "homicides, tyrants, thieves, adulterers, robbers, sacrilegious men, and traitors there always will be, but worse than all these is the crime of ingratitude."

A contemporary of Seneca's, the apostle Paul, may have agreed. In Romans 1:32, he wrote that one of the triggers for the downward collapse of humankind was that they refused to give thanks to God. Writing to the church at Colossae, three times Paul challenged his fellow believers in Christ to gratitude. He said we should be *overflowing with thankfulness* (Colossians 2:7). As we let God's peace *rule in [our] hearts*, we're to respond with thankfulness (3:15). In fact, gratitude ought to characterize our prayers (4:2).

God's great kindnesses to us remind us of one of life's greatest realities. He not only deserves our love and worship, He also deserves our thankful hearts. Everything that's good in life comes from Him (James 1:17).

With all we've been given in Christ, gratitude should be as natural as breathing. May we respond to God's gracious gifts by expressing our gratitude to Him. Bill Crowder

Attendance for November 14: 110
Contribution for November 14: \$3065

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Remember: Donna McQuin's biopsy came back negative * Woody Wood has some upcoming tests * Louella Akers' cancer is not active at this time. This is especially good as she can work on increasing her strength * Pam Claeys hasn't been feeling well * Collier Family is improving but still dealing with COVID and quarantine issues * Linda Morgan's biopsy was not good. She will be having surgery in Columbia to remove the kidney in the near future * Ellie Sullivan, 17-month-old-great-niece of Stan and Millie, is improving and was released from the hospital Wednesday * Noah, Pam Claeys' great-grandson is in Children's Hospital in St. Louis with a high fever and other issues *

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 Jerals * 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

There will be no Wednesday Fellowship Meal this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. ***

Nathan Ferguson, our Chimala missionary, will be our guest speaker for morning services today ***

Bernie Christmas Tree Lighting Dec 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. ***

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. ***

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. ***

Gospel Meeting December 5-8 at Dexter with Bryan McAlister. ***

Ladies Ornament Exchange December 7 at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room. More information is posted on our holiday happenings page.