



# TRUE LIGHT

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

**November 7, 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**

## STOOPING TO SERVE, NOT TO SHAME

*Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it (Proverbs 22:6).*

*For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves (Luke 22:27 ESV).*

This morning I found myself on my knees, picking up a spray of scattered and freshly peeled crayons. I knew which child had created the spill and I knew which child had followed her and removed the curly papers.

I also knew this didn't have to be my job. After all, voices all around me shriek that I am "qualified" to do bigger, better things with my time.

While you could argue that I really should go get that child and dutifully instruct her in the way she should go, God has also been brooding over the attitudes of my own heart.

Would it do any good if I drag her to a mess I was secretly sulking about?

Can I teach my children about true serving if I am never seen cheerfully scrubbing up a mess I didn't make?

We ARE to train our children in diligence and dependability. But we are also to press into the grit and grime of our own hearts and let God show us where our own self-righteousness and arrogance are keeping us grimy.

On one hand, God is asking me to press into training and guiding my children with renewed consistency. However, I cannot ignore the other hand, where God brings me to my knees, both in honesty and in choosing joy, as I pick up a careless mess made by the precious, but oblivious little stampede that lives within my walls.

I want to do big things in life, but to be honest, sometimes the menial tasks at hand seem to mock those elusive dreams. The definition of "Great" morphs and dissipates in the sweat of daily life.

But here, on the worn living room rug, where little bodies sprawl daily in comfort, this is my biggest platform. My home, my children, my own kitchen sink and tub that need to be scrubbed, are holy places. This is my platform to do hard things with a heart learning to find joy in all things.

If you want to change the world, go home and love your family \* If you want to change your heart, go home and love your family with all that you are \* For these little moments, and hidden places are the big ones, the real thing \* This is our place of truest worship!

### *In Sympathy:*

*Sympathy is extended to the family of Morris Karnes, who passed away October 28 after a long battle with cancer. Morris' funeral was held Tuesday in Bernie.*

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.*  
Psalm 116:15

*I cannot ignore the other hand, where God brings me to my knees, both in honesty and in choosing joy, as I pick up a careless mess made by the precious, but oblivious little stampede that lives within my walls.*

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will (Romans 12:1-2).*

## **BIRTHDAYS**

November 10 - Michael Moore  
James (Woody) Wood  
November 13 - Loretta Carson  
Karlie McKuin



## **CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS**

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

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

November 7 - Darrin and Lana Shipman

## **WILLING TO SERVE**

### **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.....David Carson

### **Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....Cameron Traw  
Dismissal.....Jon Neely

### **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

### **FINDING JOY IN THE MEANINGLESS**

In 2010, James Ward, the creator of the blog "I Like the Boring Things," launched a conference called the "Boring Conference." It's a one-day celebration of the mundane, the ordinary, and the overlooked. In the past, speakers have addressed seemingly meaningless topics like sneezing, sounds that vending machines make, and inkjet printers of 1999. Ward knows the topics may be boring, but the speakers can take a mundane subject and make it interesting, meaningful, and even joyful.

Several million years ago, Solomon, the wisest of kings, launched his own search for joy in the meaningless and mundane. He pursued work, bought flocks, built wealth, acquired singers, and constructed buildings (Ecc. 2:4-9). Some of these pursuits were honorable and some were not. Ultimately, in his pursuit of meaning, the king found nothing but boredom (v11). Solomon maintained a worldview that didn't press beyond the limits of human experience to include God. Ultimately, however, he realized that he'd find joy in the mundane only when he remembered and worshiped God (12:1-7).

When we find ourselves in the whirlwind of tedium, let's launch our own daily mini-conference as we "remember [our] Creator" (v1) - the God who fills the mundane with meaning. As we remember and worship Him, we'll find wonder in the ordinary, gratitude in the mundane, and joy in the seemingly meaningless things of life. Marvin Williams

### **In Sympathy:**

*Sympathy is extended to the family of Robert Summers, who passed away November 4. A graveside service will be held for Robert tomorrow in Bernie.*

**Attendance for October 31: 105**  
**Contribution for October 31: \$3848**

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

**Remember: Jodie (McGowan) Buckner** continues to have health issues and was readmitted to the hospital last week \* **Gayle Rodgers** is home \* **Bettie Thurston** has been moved to Winchester Place \* **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 and improving \* **Linda Morgan** will have a biopsy Wednesday of a large mass on her kidney

**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 Beaird \* 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 \* Linda Morgan \* Paula Mason \* Jenny Mullins \* Betty Nicholson \* Keagan Owens \* Tammy Telker \* Bobby Thornton \* Paula Walls

## **Other health issues (non-congregational):**

Mark Beaird \* 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**

Sunday evening services will begin at 5 p.m. starting tonight.  
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The Wednesday Fellowship Meal will be lasagna and sides. Desserts will be needed.  
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Ladies Lunch Out Tuesday at 11:30 at Main Street Pizza in Bernie. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.  
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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.  
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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.  
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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.