



TRUE LIGHT

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

December 12, 2021

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Sunday School :

9:30 a.m.

Worship:

10:15 a.m.

5:00 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 THAN GOD'S WHISPER

How could God help us understand his faithful love for us, yet demonstrate his desire for us to live in our world with his righteous character and gracious compassion?

How are we to understand God? After all, God is the great mystery, the vast unknown, and the great debate of modern human existence. For those of us who call upon him as our *Abba* Father, biblical poetry helps us glimpse God's glory and catches us up in wonder at his infinite grace.

Job, as he wrestled with the problems of evil afflicting suffering on good people, recounted many of God's glories and mysteries, then spoke his great truth when he said: *Behold, these are but the outskirts of his ways, and how small a whisper do we hear of him! But the thunder of his power who can understand?* (Job 26:14 ESV)

The apostle Paul, as he concluded his great treatise on God's grace and plan for salvation, was left with only words of insufficient praise as he contemplated God's greatness, glory and incomparable grace: *Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.* (Romans 11:33-36 ESV)

How could God help us understand his faithful love for us yet call us to embody his righteous character and gracious compassion? After all, Israel overlooked God's call to be His servant to all the nations and ignored His Scriptures and powerful words spoken through the prophets.

How could God communicate His grace and mercy while still insisting that His people live righteous lives and practice justice? How does the eternal God who exists beyond space and time reveal himself to place-focused and time-bound people? How does the great "I AM" get people's attention focused only on the now? How does a multi-dimensional God reveal himself to flatlanders?

Jesus!

God communicates his multi-dimensional reality, his gracious and tender love, through Jesus!

Jesus is God's greatest Word and ultimate Message: *Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...* (Hebrews 1:1-3 NRSV).

Jesus is the one who had made God known by living as one of us (John 1:1-19).

Jesus is the plan God had for reconciling the world back to himself and absorbing all the damage that human rebellion had brought upon creation (Colossians 1:15-22).

Jesus is the great example we are to follow as we live with each other and strive for the greatness and glory that He created us to share.

Notice how Paul uses Jesus as the template for our lives as Jesus' followers: *You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.*

Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:5-11).

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God known by living as one of
us.**

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

December 13 - Jennifer Hampton
December 17 - Zack & Beckie Tanner (A)
December 18 - Bud & Donna McKuin (A)



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Chocolate Chips * Instant Potatoes *
Mushrooms * Powdered Sugar * Snack
Crackers * Rotel
Pick-up date: March 14, 2022

FOOD PANTRY

Currently operating on an "as needed/
as available" basis. Monetary donations
are always appreciated.

WILLING TO SERVE

December 12, 2021

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Opening Prayer.....Jess Lecroy
Scripture.....Jonathan Simmons
Prayer.....Zack Tanner
Closing Prayer.....Jerel Jester

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....Wayne Reams
Scripture.....David Carson
Dismissal.....Mike Duley

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....David Burleson
Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

December 19, 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

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We cannot know everything about God, but Jesus came so we could know God - so that we can experience the Father's presence, love, and grace. Even though we are flatlanders trying to understand the nature of God's multi-dimensional glory, Jesus' incarnation helps us know the heart of God and the kind of God we seek. God loved us so much that he sent the Son who willingly *gave up his divine privileges* to share God's greatness, glory, and grace with us!

As we journey through the Christmas season, let's not forget that in a world of flatlanders, we've been privileged to glimpse the glory of God in his multi-dimensional love, mercy, vulnerability, and grace. Because of Jesus, we know more than just the outskirts of God's ways. We know his heart, and we know that his heart beats to share his greatness, glory and grace with us, FOREVER!

James Nored and Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

*Call December brings the sleet,
Blazing fire, and Christmas treat.*

Sara Coleridge

*To appreciate the beauty of a
snowflake, it is necessary to
stand out in the cold.*

Aristotle

Attendance for December 5: 122
Contribution for December 5: \$4954

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Remember: Helen McGowan is dealing with another infection * **Gayle Rodgers** is home following a stay at St Francis Hospital * **Gunner Townsend** is having issues with high tachycardia and will be seeing a specialist * **Sharlette Watson** will have a 3 month check-up December 21 * **Linda Morgan** will be undergoing major surgery Tuesday in Columbia to remove a kidney * **Katie Hicks** (Jonathan Simmons' mother) was recently re-hospitalized with blood counts in the dangerous range. This is her third hospitalization in two weeks * **Marty Thompson** (friend of Trish Baldwin)

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 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 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 * Beth Schwendemann and family * 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: Congregational meal following morning services provided by Stan and Milie! Ribs and sides are on the menu. Please plan to stay.

Ladies Lunch Out Tuesday at 11:30 at Hickory Log in Dexter. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer; PLEASE sign up if you plan to attend and PLEASE let Amy know if you signed up and will be unable to attend as we have to have reservations for this.

Ladies Holiday Brunch Thursday at 10 a.m. at the home of Amy Thomason. Please bring a wrapped gift valued at approximately \$10 for a gift exchange (optional) and your favorite dish to share. If you'd like to be entered into a drawing for a door prize, bring non perishable foods for the pantry/children's home

There will be Christmas Day dinner at noon in the fellowship room. If you'd like to attend, there is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer

New Years Eve get-together at 7 p.m. in the fellowship room. Bring games and snacks or finger foods as we ring in 2022 together

Friends and Family Day with Brent Newton January 2. We will have a special youth emphasis night Sunday evening. Make plans to start 2022 off right!