



TRUE LIGHT

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

December 5, 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

STRATEGY FOR THE END TIMES

I may never untangle every nuance of Jesus' prophecies about the destruction of Jerusalem and HIS coming at the end of time but I can be ready.

During a recent quiet time Bible study, I focused on Jesus' warnings that Jerusalem would be destroyed and that HE, the glorious Son of Man, would return in glory to claim those who belong to HIM. Jesus emphasized that his disciples always need to be ready, but not fearful, of his imminent return in glory. (See Matthew 24:1-51; Mark 13:1-137; and Luke 21:5-36 for Jesus' teaching.)

Those passages are some of the most studied and debated teachings of Jesus. Scholars have tried for centuries to discern which part of them make up the Lord's prophecies of the end of the age and which prophecies speak only about the destruction of Jerusalem. As convincing, and confusing, the different points of view about interpreting Jesus' promises can be, I believe the Holy Spirit led me to some rock-solid convictions about what I need to do and who I needed to be as we live in these *last days* that actually began on the first Pentecost after the Lord's resurrection (Acts 2:14-21; Hebrews 1:1-3).

Despite the mess the world appears to have made of itself, I must remember that because of Jesus, I have both a destiny and a destination.

When I consider Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi (Matthew 16:13-18) and add it to Jesus' warnings about the destruction of the Temple and teachings about the end of the world, I get a well-rounded view of what discipleship should be like in the hostile world of the end times.

My discipleship involves six stages of intersection with our world in anticipation of the dawning of the day when: *The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah* (Revelation 11:15).

I hope these observations are a blessing to you as you seek to be a JesuShaped disciple in our world, today.

Confessions

I place my hope in Jesus as the Son of God, the Messiah of Israel, as I declare my faith in Jesus as the source of my hope before others. My hope, my future, and my journey forward are tied to Jesus, His identity, and HIS plans. My future does not pivot on whether I have the insight or abilities to correctly parse the difficult teachings about the last days and the destruction of Jerusalem. I put my trust in the Crucified One, Jesus, who as the Christ of Israel, Lord of the universe, and Savior of the world, defeated death and brought immortality and life to light through HIS life, death, and life after death!

Crisis

Satan will not let my faith, or the work of God's people, go unopposed. I most certainly will face, and my world will face, many ongoing crises, and then one day, an ultimate crisis. However, these crises don't control my life or my future. I am part of a broken world, but I am also part of God's family awaiting our Healer, the King of glory, the victorious Son of Man who is coming for us in victory.

Calm

As in every storm, Jesus will come to calm the storms. I need, and we need, to be calm and hold onto our faith, refusing to give up or give in to fear. We need to be ready for the Lord's coming, always, staying awake in faith to HIS promises and trusting in HIS deliverance.

Cry

In times of both crisis and celebration, we do need to cry out for help and call on the Lord Jesus to return. We cry out for HIM to come to us to bring us help, healing and hope through the Holy Spirit, WHO gives us the words to say as we face our times of trial. We also cry out to Jesus, praying for HIS ultimate return and our deliverance.

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

December 5 - Curtis McClard
December 8 - Stan & Sue Flowers (A)
December 9 - Sharlette Watson
December 10 - Lana Shipman
Ryleigh Foster



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 5, 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, December 8, 2021

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw
Prayer.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

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

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Call

During each of the previous stages, I need to be sharing my faith. Jesus' ultimate return will not occur until we have declared the Good News to all the people of the world. My work of sharing my faith is a part of Jesus' coming in victory and hastening the day of HIS return.

Coronation

Jesus will come as the glorious Son of Man and be crowned King of all things and all people. Every knee will bow before the Lord and recognize HIM in HIS glory. Jesus' people will share in HIS glory and delight in our reunion with the LORD's people, the saved from all times as God's children in the presence of their LORD, forever.

I may never untangle every nuance of Jesus' prophecies about the destruction of Jerusalem and HIS coming at the end of time. However, I can look at what is going on in my life and in my world, then use these six markers to know what my responsibility is, and what assured hope I have, for that time in my life and in my world.

Despite the mess the world appears to have made of itself, I must remember that because of Jesus, I have both a destiny and a destination. I am on a journey of hope that is moving toward Jesus' ultimate victory. I will have different challenges and responsibilities for varying stages of this journey. I can, however, remember that my journey has a destination and I have a destiny that is tied to Jesus' glorious victory that lies ahead.

Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

Attendance for November 28: 114
Contribution for November 28: 3834

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Remember: **Gayle Rodgers** was admitted to St Francis Hospital at Cape with a UTI and elevated white blood count * **Gunner Townsend** is having issues with high tachycardia and will be seeing a specialist * **Joy Watson** is improving following a touch of pneumonia * **Linda Morgan** will be underdoing major surgery December 14 in Columbia to remove a kidney * **Jenny Mullins** (daughter of Jerel and Sue Jester) was recently hospitalized with cellulitis at the site of her mastectomy * **Jodie (McGowan) Buckner** is home and some improved * **Beth Schwendemann** (friend of Amy Thomason) has requested prayer on her behalf and her family as she struggles with addiction 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 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

TODAY: Holiday Youth party for ages 4-12 from 3:30 until 5 in the fellowship room. We will have snacks, crafts and play reindeer games!

Gospel Meeting today through December 8 at Dexter with Bryan McAlister. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

Ladies Ornament Exchange Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room. Bring a dish to share and a wrapped ornament valued at \$10 or less.

Ladies Wednesday Night Class party Friday at the home of Trish Baldwin. More information can be found on the holiday happenings page on the table in the foyer.

December 12: Congregational meal following morning services provided by Stan and Millie. Ribs and sides are on the menu. Please make plans to stay.

December 14: Ladies Lunch Out 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.

December 16: Ladies Holiday Brunch at 10 a.m. at the home of Amy Thomason.