



TRUE LIGHT

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

January 2, 2022

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*

NEW YEARS AND NEW LIVES

In Cordoba, Argentina, where I used to live, there's a food court in the lowest level of the Nuevocentro mall. There you can find a small cake shop, with slices of cake ready to be sold to shoppers. On some days, they have a cake with a great name, "Empiezo El Lunes," which means, "I start on Monday."



There's something about Monday that makes it special for beginning a diet. It's the start of the work week, a chance to try and do all the things we didn't get done the week before.

Yet Mondays can't hold a candle to New Year's Day. That's the time that we really feel like we have a clean slate. Turning the calendar page to a new week feels like it has meaning; beginning afresh with a whole new calendar seems even more significant.

We like the idea of starting over, of being able to face life unencumbered by past mistakes and old bad habits. The possibilities for change seem endless.

Of course, tossing the calendar doesn't really achieve that. The person we are in January is pretty much the same person we were in December.

Only God can make us new. Only God can wipe out our past. Only God can let us start over.

The apostle Paul wrote: *We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life* (Romans 6:4). It's what Jesus called being *born again* (John 3:3), where our old self gets left behind and we start a new life.

Whereas Mondays and Januarys don't really change things, the new beginning that God gives cleans off all of our past mistakes and allows us to begin a new life. We aren't the same people that we used to be. We've been reborn, born into God's Kingdom, born into God's family.

I'm so glad that God gave me a new start. What about you? If you are living God's new life, I hope that you are living it the way God wants. If you haven't started over yet, this new year is a perfect time to begin a new life.

Tim Archer, Hope for Life, via www.heartlight.com

Today is

Friends and Family Day with Brent Newton

"God Looks at the Heart."

- Potluck Following Morning Services
- Special Youth Emphasis this evening, with a light meal following. Please make plans to join us!



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

January 2 - David Carson
January 4 - Brenda Wheeler
Janet Wood
January 7 - Matt & Katie Mayberry (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

January 2, 2022

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Wes Howard
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers
Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
Closing Prayer.....Rodney Williams

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....n/a
Prayer.....n/a
Scripture.....n/a
Dismissal.....n/a

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

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

January 9, 2022

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw
Opening Prayer.....Ron Garner
Scripture.....Darrin Shipman
Prayer.....Jess Lecroy
Closing Prayer.....Jerel Jester

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Prayer.....David Burleson
Scripture.....Justin Allen
Dismissal.....Sam Garner

Attendance for December 26: 106
Contribution for December 26: \$4178

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

** this bulletin was printed in advance due to the holidays.*

*Please listen to announcements for updates to our prayer list **

Remember: **Marty Watson** is in Crowley Ridge Care Center for rehab following a fall * **Joy Greer** had an MRI on her neck and back Monday * **David Carson** will see a specialist January 10 for his continuing sinus/congestion issues * **Woody Wood** has some upcoming tests * **Jerry Murray**, David Terrill's nephew, is waiting on a heart transplant * **Carol Buckley**, Robin Mays' mother, is on a ventilator (not COVID-related) and has not been able to be weaned off it * **Kent and Juanita Tomah** (Cindy Williams' brother and his wife) currently battling COVID *

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Louella Akers * Kristi Altman * John David Barnett * David Burleson * Janie Burleson * Pam Claeyes * 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 * Gunner Townsend * 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-Noe (not doing well) * 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 Claeyes * Jerry Grimes * Katie Hicks * 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 Claeyes * Travis Cooper * Sue Flowers * Don Jackson * Shirley Johnson * Sonja Mays * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson * Joy Watson

Looking Ahead

Friends and Family Day with Brent Newton is today! We will have a potluck meal following morning services, and a special youth emphasis night this evening with a light meal to follow. We need help providing snacks and drinks for the evening meal. Please make plans to attend and start 2022 off right!

The Wednesday Fellowship Meal will resume this week. Menu to be announced.

Ladies Lunch Out January 11 at 11:30 at La Cascada in Bernie. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you wish to attend.

"Ignite" Youth Rally at Jackson January 15-16 with keynote speaker Spencer Furby. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

In Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to Jon Neely in the passing of his father, Lundy Neely, December 21. Lundy's funeral was held Wednesday in Vandalia, Ohio.

WHEN LOVE NEVER ENDS

"Whenever my grandfather took me to the beach," Sandra reminisced, "he always took off his watch and put it away. One day I asked him why."

"He smiled and replied, 'Because I want you to know how important my moments with you are to me. I just want to be with you and let time go by.'"

I heard Sandra share that recollection at her grandfather's funeral. It was one of her favorite memories of their life together. As I reflected on how valued it makes us feel when others take time for us, it brought to mind Scripture's words on God's loving care.

God always makes time for us. David prayed in Psalm 145, *You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The LORD is near* (vv 16-18).

God's goodness and thoughtful attention sustain our lives each moment, providing us with air to breathe and food to eat. Because He is rich in love, the Creator of all things mercifully crafts even the most intricate details of our existence.

God's love is so deep and unending that in His kindness and mercy He's even opened the way to eternal life and joy in His presence, as if to say, "I love you so much, I just want to be with you forever, and let time go by."

James Banks