



# TRUE LIGHT

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

**January 23, 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**

## HARD WORK AND HOLY LISTENING

*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us") (Matthew 1:22-23).*

I tucked my sleepy toddler in bed and pushed aside his treasures - a stick and a "Biscuit" book. Boys are such shocking and addicting creatures. I want a two-year-old boy always.

But mothering was hard today. I messed up, and even though my long-term goal was good and right, my words were impatient and ungracious.

I've been listening to the Bible out loud - as I drive, wash dishes, and mix bread. God's story on earth is told through such messy, needy people. The glorious gospel smashed hard up against fighting and deception. It's staggering. Perplexing.

How an immortal God dares to pause and press His fingerprint into the brittle clay of humankind is enough to leave me gasping. In one hand, we have the Holiest of Holies. In the other, we have a person bent on his own stubborn way. How can these two tell one story?

It's not the perfection of the man, Jesus, that makes the gospel of His beautiful, but the miracle of it. The restoration, the breath of heaven rushing into a dead body, the impossible putting on mortal flesh by the eternal and holy.

I'm jotting down goals for this year, but I'm eyeing them warily. Instead of a well-manicured life, and perfectly organized and aesthetic home, my heart is yearning for more connection with love ... His love... and, to be part of His loving presence.

To know His voice, in my most crumbling moments.

To speak His words, instead of my hasty ones, to my children. Being fully present where God has me, and honest to goodness, letting everything else go.

I'm pushing it all aside. I'm listening. Yes, even listening to the sticks and books in the toddler's crib and looking for Him.

It's holy work. It's beautiful breaking.

Heaven and earth clasp hands and kiss.

Immanuel, God with us.

Among us.

Within us.

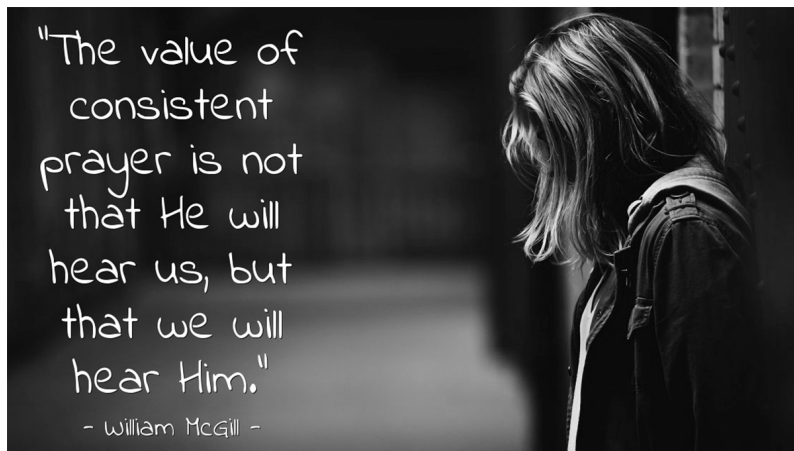
Here.

He is here.

And I am listening!

*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).*

Melissa Troyer, www.heartlight.com



**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

January 27 - Cameron Traw  
January 28 - Melissa Shelton  
January 29 - Tim Flowers  
January 30 - Ginger Beaird



**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 23, 2022**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson  
Opening Prayer.....Ron Garner  
Scripture.....Jason Karnes  
Prayer.....Cameron Traw  
Closing Prayer.....Jerry Burleson

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams  
Prayer.....David Burleson  
Scripture.....Sam Garner  
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

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

**January 16, 2022**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw  
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers  
Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
Closing Prayer.....Wayne Reams

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....Darrin Shipman  
Scripture.....Justin Allen  
Dismissal.....Joe Watson

**The Potter's Wheel**

In 1952, in an effort to prevent clumsy or care-  
less people from breaking items in a shop, a  
Miami Beach storeowner posted a sign that  
read, "You break it, you buy it." The catchy  
phrase served as a warning to shoppers. This  
type of sign can now be seen in many bou-  
tiques.

Ironically, a different sign might be placed in a  
real potter's shop. It would say, "If you break it,  
we'll make it into something better." And that's  
exactly what's revealed in Jeremiah 18.

Jeremiah visits a potter's house and sees the  
potter shaping the "marred" clay with his  
hands, carefully handling the material and  
forming "it into another pot" (v. 4). The  
prophet reminds us that God is indeed a skill-  
ful potter, and we are the clay. He is sovereign  
and can use what He creates to both destroy  
evil and create beauty in us.

God can shape us even when we're marred or  
broke. He, the masterful potter, can and is will-  
ing to create new and precious pottery from  
our shattered pieces. God doesn't look at our  
broken lives, mistakes, and past sins as unus-  
able material. Instead, He picks up our pieces  
and reshapes them as He sees best.

Even in our brokenness, we have immense  
value to our Master Potter. In His hands, the  
broken pieces of our lives can be reshaped into  
beautiful vessels that can be used by Him (v.4).  
Katara Patton

**Attendance for January 16: 59**  
**Contribution for January 16: \$3895**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Remember:** Sonny Ingle, struggling with Parkinson's and dementia. Please no visits  
at this time \* David Carson will undergo esophageal surgery in late February or early  
March \* Reba Owens has been transferred to Cypress Point \* Marty Watson has  
been moved back to Central Gardens \* Pam Claeys would still like to receive meals  
once or twice a week. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you can  
help fill this need

**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 \* Gunner Townsend \* Marty Watson \* Sharlette Watson \* Woody  
Wood

**Those dealing with cancer (non congregational) :**

Chastity Beaird \* Cathy Bennett \* Gina Bogle \* Roxanne Carson \* Sherry Cham-  
bers \* 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 Beaird \* DeeDee Burch \* Mary Burke \* Jodi Claeys \* Jerry Grimes \* Katie  
Hicks \* Lem Hubbard \* Dana Jo Jackson \* Clyde Jacques \* Lola Johnson \* Beckie  
King \* Nikki Lawrence \* Shug Lee \* Jerry Don McGowan \* Paul Maddox \* Linda  
Morgan \* 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**

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There will be no Wednesday Fellowship Meal this week, but we plan to resume with  
them February 2..

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Ladies Lunch Out February 8 at 11:30 at La Cascada in Bernie. There is a sign up  
sheet on the table in the foyer if you would like to attend.

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Inspiration 2022 March 11 and 12 at the Dexter church of Christ with guest speaker  
Joe Wells.

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Make plans now to attend our Gospel Meeting with Jim Faughn March 13-16.



*Valentine's Day Social Sunday, February 13, following  
evening worship service. Please see Amy Thomason if  
you'd like to help plan this event.*