



TRUE LIGHT

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

February 27, 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***

Crucible: A situation of severe trial, or in which different elements interact, leading to the creation of something new.

WILLING 2-B-CRUCIBLED

Ever notice that the most challenging madness happens right on the border of the Promised Land?

While the following passage is a comforting word, it is also a crucible reminder: we are being conformed to Jesus, the betrayed, bullied and battered Savior. Seems God is able to do his best work in his children who are willing 2-B-Crucibled!

Not all stories of faith have buttoned-down endings; have you noticed?

Believers don't always have life experiences that get wrapped up with a bow. Some testimonies seem to meander through distractions - the story gets lost in time. Sometimes, it feels God gets lost.

Truth is, we will suffer, feel the pain, and question God. We will live through one crucible after another. Hopefully, we will face the music and learn to dance.

Brokenness, betrayal, bitterness, bullied, and battered, are just the beginning of the "B" crucibles. And, never forget there is always something going on behind what's going on in each of them. So, life IS complicated, and not all the pieces fit.

Faith, strong faith, is born in these crucibles - out of adversity and challenge and crisis ... At first glance, everything seems hopeless and unfair. "How can this be?"

Without the crucibles, however, faith is just a concept.

It's as though faith needs darkness and chaos to exist. Ever notice that the most challenging madness happens right on the border of the Promised Land? Ummmmmm!

It's a mystery, a God thing. In every crucible, God works for us to see Him, to trust Him, to lean in on Him. And, sometimes it takes a while for us to learn that. But, he never stops working.

Consider this story, true or not, to be a parable our hearts need to hear.

A crowd was gathered at the exit doors waiting for the downpour to end. A little red-haired girl was trying to convince her mother that they needed to run in the rain. Finally, the mom says, "No, we'll get soaked."

"No, we won't, Mom, remember what you said this morning?" the young girl begged as she tugged at her mom's arm. "This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?"

"Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, He can get you through anything!'"

Some will hurry through past moments like this and miss the faith point. But this mom didn't. She saw Abba in the parking lot.

"Honey, you are absolutely right, let's run through the rain. If God lets us get wet, well maybe we just needed washing."

Maybe we all need a little washing!

Thank you, Abba, help me see you in every crucible, even when life is the darkest.

Ron Rose, www.heartlight.com

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

February 27 - Titus Dauck
Beverly Pruitt
March 2 - Mark Clayton



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

February 27, 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.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
Scripture.....Justin Allen
Dismissal.....Joe Watson

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Cameron Traw
Dismissal.....Sam Garner

March 6, 2022

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Opening Prayer.....Ron Garner
Scripture.....Jason Karnes
Prayer.....Jonathan Simmons
Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

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

CHOOSING CELEBRATION

Writer Marilyn McEntyre shares the story of learning from a friend that "the opposite of envy is celebration." Despite this friend's physical disability and chronic pain, which limited her ability to develop her talents in the ways she'd hoped, she was somehow able to uniquely embody joy and to celebrate with others, bringing "appreciation into every encounter" before she passed away.

That insight - "the opposite of envy is celebration" - lingers with me, reminding me of friends in my own life who seem to live out this kind of comparison-free, deep, and genuine joy for others.

Envy is an easy trap to fall into. It feeds on our deepest vulnerabilities, wounds, and fears, whispering that if we were only more like so-and-so, we wouldn't be struggling, and we wouldn't be feeling bad.

As Peter reminded new believers in 1 Peter 2, the only way to *rid [ourselves]* of the lies that envy tells us is to be deeply rooted in the truth, to *have tasted* - deeply experienced - *that the Lord is good* (vv 1-3). We can *love one another deeply, from the heart* (1:22) when we know the true source of our joy - *the living and enduring word of God* (v 23).

We can surrender comparison when we remember who we really are - beloved members of *a chosen people, ... God's special possession*. We're called *out of darkness into his wonderful light*.
Monica LaRose

Attendance for February 20: 96

Contribution for February 20: \$4454

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Remember: David Carson had surgery Tuesday and everything went well * Mike Duley continues to have issues from a foot injury several months ago * Louella Akers may be slightly improved * Trish Baldwin improving at home from hip surgery * Pam Claeys continues to decline but still appreciates visits and meals once or twice a week

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 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 Claeys * Ruth Dauck * Jerry Grimes * Katie Hicks * Lem Hubbard * Dana Jo Jackson * Clyde Jacques * Lola Johnson * Beckie King * Nikki Lawrence * Shug Lee * Jerry Don McGowan * Linda Morgan * Baby Owen * Brenda Robinson * Gene Rowland * Beth Schwendemann and family * Kevin Steed * Traci Suiter * Paige Tanner * Marilyn Tucker * 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

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal will be taco salad. Desserts will be needed.

Ladies Lunch Out **March 7** (note, due to schedule conflicts Ladies Lunch Out will be on a Monday this month) at 11:30 at Golden Corral in Cape. We may take the van if there is enough interest.

Inspiration 2022 March 11 and 12 at the Dexter church of Christ with guest speaker Joe Wells. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

Make plans now to attend our Gospel Meeting with Jim Faughn March 13-16. There are some fliers available on the table in the foyer.

Ladies Day at Shady Acres March 19 with guest speaker Tish Clarke. The theme is "Hope - Helping Ourselves and Others Prepare for Eternity." More details to follow.

"Ignite" Youth Rally March 26-27 at Jackson with guest speaker Spencer Furby. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

Ladies day at Green Forest April 2, beginning at 9 a.m. The theme is, "Removing the Mask."