



# TRUE LIGHT

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

**March 13, 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**

## A LITTLE PAIN IS EXPECTED

This past Tuesday, I had the privilege of going to the endodontic's office. If you don't know what an endodontic is, that is OK because I didn't either until a few weeks ago. An endodontic is a dentist who specializes in performing root canals. Sounds like fun, right? It really wasn't bad at all. I had a knowledgeable endodontic, he had a great sense of humor, and he was very good at explaining everything he was doing so that I would know what to expect. At the end of the visit, while explaining the after-care procedures, he said, "after the numbness wears off, expect to feel a little pain."

In Matthew 5:10-12, Jesus tells all those who would choose to live righteously that a little pain is to be expected. *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

Notice Jesus doesn't say if you are persecuted, if you are reviled, or if they say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake; He says **when** these things happen. Paul says, *Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution (2 Timothy 3:12)*. Notice Paul didn't say if Christians suffer; he says Christians **will** suffer. Sounds like fun, right? Of course not. So what's the point? The suffering, reviling, persecution, and ugly words are not the focus; these things will happen, but they are not the focus of a Christian striving to live righteously.

The focus is the end result of enduring these things. *Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.* Paul says, *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Romans 8:18).*

Peter says, *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith - the salvation of your souls (1 Peter 1:3-9).*

A little pain is to be expected, but joy, love, glory, peace, comfort, and the endless presence of God in heaven will follow.  
Christ Moran, via Mars Hill Messenger



**Don't Miss a Single Night of our Gospel Meeting with  
Jim Faughn**

**"Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?"**

**Today(9:30, 10:15, 5 p.m.) through Wednesday (7 p.m.)**

**Potluck Following Sunday Morning Worship**

**Fish Fry Wednesday Evening at 6.**

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

March 14 - David Billingsley  
March 14 - Kim Flowers  
March 15 - Marc Forman  
March 15 - Beckie Tanner  
March 17 - Brian Thomason



**Attendance for March 6: 96**  
**Contribution for March 6: \$5011**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Remember: Pam Claeys** is in her final days \* **Luke Tanner's** broken arm is mending without surgery \* **Don Jackson** is having soreness and weakness in his leg, and hopeful a new brace for his knee will help \* **David Carson** recovering from surgery \* **Mike Duley** continues to have issues from a foot injury several months ago \* **Louella Akers** may be slightly improved \*

**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 \* Sonja Mays \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson \* Joy Watson

**Looking Ahead**

Our Gospel Meeting with Jim Faughn begins today and runs through Wednesday. There are some fliers available on the table in the foyer. Make plans now to attend every service.

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Potluck this morning following worship. Please make plans to stay, eat and fellowship with us!

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Children's Home grocery run is tomorrow. Let's overflow the cart!

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Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal will be fried catfish, chicken and the fixins. Desserts will be needed.

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Ladies Day at Shady Acres Saturday with guest speaker Tish Clarke. The theme is "Hope - Helping Ourselves and Others Prepare for Eternity."

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

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Ladies Day April 2 at Green Forest church of Christ. The theme is "Removing the Mask" with guest speaker Rosemary McKnight. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

**CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS**

Chocolate Chips \* Instant Potatoes \*  
Mushrooms \* Powdered Sugar \* Snack  
Crackers \* Rotel

**Pick-up date: TOMORROW**

**FOOD PANTRY**

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

**WILLING TO SERVE**

**March 13, 2022**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Austin Ketchum  
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers  
Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
Closing Prayer.....Wayne Reams

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Austin Ketchum  
Prayer.....Darrin Shipman  
Scripture.....Justin Allen  
Dismissal.....Joe Watson

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

Song Leader..... Cameron Traw  
Prayer.....David Burleson  
Dismissal.....Jacob Clayton

**March 20, 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.....Rodney Williams  
Prayer.....David Carson  
Scripture.....Sam Garner  
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

**REVELATION AND REASSURANCE**

Baby-gender reveals in 2019 were dramatic. In July, a video showed a car emitting blue smoke to indicate, "It's a boy!" In September, a crop duster plane in Texas dumped hundreds of gallons of pink water to announce, "It's a girl!" There was another "reveal," though, that uncovered significant things about the world these children will grow up in. At the conclusion of 2019, YouVersion revealed that the most shared, highlighted, and bookmarked verse of the year on its online and mobile Bible app was Philippians 4:6, *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

That's quite the revelation. People are anxious about many things these days - from the needs of our sons and daughters, to the myriad ways family and friends are divided, to natural catastrophes and wars. But in the middle of all these worries, the good news is that many people cling to a verse that says "Do not be anxious about anything." Furthermore, those same people encourage others as well as themselves to present every request to God "in every situation." The mindset that doesn't ignore but faces life's anxieties is one of "thanksgiving."

The verse that didn't make "verse of the year" but follows it is *And the peace of God...will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus* (v 7). That's quite a reassurance!

John Blasé

