



TRUE LIGHT

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

April 3, 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**

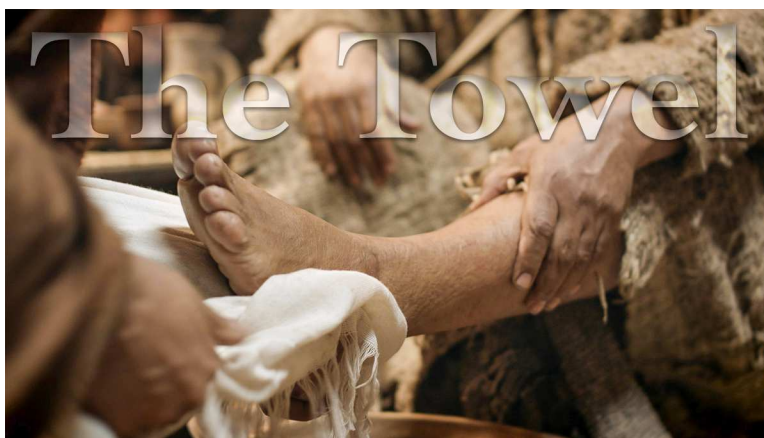
SEED, TOWEL, PROMISE, AND TORCHLIGHT: The Towel

The four items of our focus - The Seed, the Towel, the promise, and The Torchlight - seem so ordinary, so simple. These four items were part of the day-to-day world of Jesus. He often used the example of a seed in his teaching. A towel was part of the mandatory washing before meals in Jewish society. God's promise was the currency of the Jewish faith. Torchlight was all they had to drive the darkness away. Four common things from Jesus' world become four key witnesses to Jesus and his glory. This week, we look at The Towel!

Why Jesus Came: [Jesus said,] *For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many* (Mark 10:45).

Jesus said that earlier to his disciples on the way to Jerusalem. Now, he is about to demonstrate it in the heart-rending moments he spends with his closest friends before his death. Jesus did not come to earth to be served, but to serve. One simple object, a towel, demonstrated that truth and etches it into our hearts. One menial act, washing his disciples' feet, says so much about his love in this moment of absolute grace.

The journey to Jerusalem had led Jesus to repeatedly warn his disciples that he would be rejected and reviled before being resurrected (Mark 8: 9, 10). His time had come, and glory now awaited him in Jerusalem. He would be lifted up - not on a throne but a cross.



The Lord's disciples, however, could only entertain one possibility of glory for Jesus. He would be the powerful leader who would restore honor to Israel like King David. Jesus' triumphal entry had only increased their anticipation of Jesus entering his glory. He would rule as the all-powerful king he deserved to be as the Son of David. They would not hear his warning about rejection, humiliation and death. The Jesus they had some to know was too powerful for any force on earth or from hell to defeat him or hold him captive. He had cast out demons, fed hungry crowds, stilled storms, healed diseases, and raised the dead. Who could stop a Messiah who was like Jesus?

They Could Not Understand: The hands that held God's miraculous power were also connected to the heart of Jesus, the LORD's suffering servant, long ago proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah and now fully embodied in Jesus. The Lord had repeatedly refused to use his power to benefit himself. He had resisted the calls of his skeptics to prove his power and authority through some new miraculous display. Jesus, however, would not do miracles simply to show off to prove anything to his skeptics or to gain bigger crowds for his personal glory. Instead, the hands that would soon be nailed to a cross now reached for a towel to serve those that would abandon him while he hung on that cross, alone.

Jesus had been sent into the world by the Father's love. While in our world, he chose to minister, being motivated by that same love. He chose not to use his power to save his life. He would demonstrate a love stronger than hate, death, and hell by going to the cross.

Even though his closest friends would not understand this before the cross, one simple item, a towel, would forever etch the Savior's love for them in their mind. When they looked back on this night for years to come, they would remember that he got up from the meal, wrapped a towel around his waist, and did the work of a household slave to demonstrate his love for them.

He was the one facing death. He was the one with absolute power. He was the one facing ridicule and abuse. He was the one worthy of honor, adoration, and praise. He knew the agony that was ahead of him. They were the clueless ones.

He would be faithful to the end. They were the ones who would run away and hide in fear. He would display the Father's love in the fullest way. They were the ones who would betray and deny him. He was hung on a cross in full view of the mocking crowds. They were the ones who would lock themselves away in this same room because they were confused, spineless and weak. He was the one who would face the mobs, the madness of those who hated him. They would cower in fear and abandon him.

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

April 3 - Ron & Gaye Miller (A)



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Dried Onions * Dishwashing Detergent * Trail Mix * Freezer Bags (2 Gallon) * Tissues (ie Kleenex) * Toilet Paper
Pick-up date: June 13

WILLING TO SERVE

April 3, 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

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Prayer.....David Burleson
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

April 10, 2022

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw
Opening Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
Scripture.....Justin Allen
Prayer.....Zack Tanner
Closing Prayer.....Jeff Rodgers

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....Wayne Reams
Scripture.....David Carson
Dismissal.....Jess Lecroy

Attendance for March 27: 108
Contribution for March 27: \$4084

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Remember: Judy Snyder at home recovering from heart and lung issues * **Kristi Altman's** cancer has spread to her brain, and she is not doing well * **Woody Wood** has a spot on his lung and is scheduled for a biopsy tomorrow * **Jerel Jester** will have a stress test tomorrow * **Mike Duley** will have a stress test Tuesday, and continues to have issues from a foot injury several months ago * **Darrin Shipman** will be having knee replacement surgery May 2* **Trish Baldwin** was sick several days last week * **Roxanne Carson** recently suffered more seizures and was taken to MD Anderson Thursday for more tests * **Louella Akers** has been unable to have her treatments recently, but is feeling better and hopes to continue them soon*

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Louella Akers * Kristi Altman * John David Barnett * David Burleson * Janie Burleson * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * 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 * Chris Daley * 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 * Betty Nicholson * Keagan Owens * Tammy Telker * Bobby Thornton * Paula Walls

Other health issues (non-congregational):

DeeDee Burch * Mary Burke * Jodi Claeys * Ruth Dauck * Jerry Grimes * Katie Hicks * Grant Howard * Lem Hubbard * Clyde Jacques * Lola Johnson * Beckie King * Nikki Lawrence * Shug Lee * Jerry Don McGowan * 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

Louella Akers * Fern Botsch * Travis Cooper * Sue Flowers * Don Jackson * Sonja Mays * Reba Owens * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson * Joy Watson

Looking Ahead

Gospel Meeting at Arnold today through Wednesday with speaker Jacob Rutledge. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal will be hot dogs, soups and chili. Desserts will be needed.

We will have potluck-style Easter dinner April 17 following morning worship. If you would like to attend, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer.

Senior Recognition Sunday will be May 15, following evening worship. Our seniors this year are Avery Caroline Neely and Maura Thomason.

PARKING LOT QUARREL

The scene in the parking lot might have been funny if it wasn't so tragic. Two drivers were arguing loudly over one of their cars that was blocking the passage of the other, and harsh words were being exchanged. What made it especially painful to watch was that this quarrel was taking place in the parking lot of a church. The two men had possibly just heard a sermon about love, patience, or forgiveness, but it was all forgotten in the heat of the moment.

Passing by, I shook my head - then quickly realized I was no better. How many times had I read the Bible, only to fall into sin moments later with an uncharitable thought? How many times had I behaved like the person who *looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like* (James 1:23-24)?

James was calling on his readers not only to read and reflect on God's instruction, but also to do what it says (v 22). A complete faith, he noted, means both knowing Scripture and putting it into action.

Life's circumstances can make it hard to apply what Scripture reveals. But if we ask the Father, He'll surely help us obey His words and please Him with our actions. Leslie Koh

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The Towel: When Jesus got up and wrapped the towel around his waist and began to wash their feet, he made clear one central truth: What he was about to do, what he was about to suffer, would not distract him from his mission nor dilute his love for that handful of people he had called to follow him. He would love them completely... to the end of his life ... and beyond. He would worry more about them, not himself, as he approached his agony. For most of the evening, he would focus on their need, their uncertainty, their fear, their loss, their future, their faith... Only toward the end of the evening, in the garden, would he spend time with the Father focused on his needs.

The towel around Jesus' waist forever symbolizes that night of selfless love and the cross that would soon follow. The towel spoke the truth of Jesus' love for them, and for us. One simple item, a towel, reminds us of our Savior's love for us!

Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him (John 13:1-4 NLT).

Why did Jesus choose the towel? Because in big ways - the cross - and in small ways - the towel - he came not to be served by us, but to serve and give his life for us to ransom us from our selfish and short-sighted ways of living. No wonder we call him Lord, Savior, Redeemer, and Friend! Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com