



# TRUE LIGHT

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

**May 22, 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**

## CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH JESUS

"What am I supposed to do with my life?" "I don't feel like what I do matters very much ... that my life makes much of a difference. How do I make my life count?" "I'm nothing special. I'm shy. I don't know a lot of people. I don't make friends easily. So how in the world am I supposed to make a difference for Jesus?" "As a new follower of Jesus, what am I supposed to do now?"

These are real questions I've been asked by real people. Some of these people were depressed and discouraged. Others were excited to begin their new lives in Christ. Others were simply frustrated because they didn't feel like their lives were making a God-difference in the world.

So what do I tell them? What would you tell them?

Even more to the point is this question: Is there an example in Scripture that we can give them to follow so that they can find an answer to their life-longing to make a difference in the world for Jesus?

Enter Andrew!

Andrew was one of Jesus' apostles. He was Peter's brother. He wasn't known for making a big splash or drawing attention to himself. However, his life made a lasting difference for Jesus!

The Gospel of John introduces us to Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptizer. He had made himself ready for the coming Messiah as proclaimed by John. So when the Baptizer pointed to Jesus and declared him to be *the Lamb of God*, Andrew and another of John's disciples followed Jesus. John's gospel continues the story:

*Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon (John 1:38-39).*

From this mention through the end of John's gospel, Andrew is specifically mentioned three additional times. Each time, Andrew is found connecting people with Jesus:

- Taking his brother, Simon Peter, to meet Jesus as the Messiah (John 1:40-41).
- Taking the boy with five barley loaves and two small fish with Jesus to feed the multitude (John 6:8-9).
- Taking Gentile seekers hoping to meet Jesus at the feast on Jesus' last trip to Jerusalem before his crucifixion (John 12:20-22).

Those four glimpses of Andrew in the Gospel of John give us our four pillars of what I love to call, "The Andrew Effect":

1. Connecting with Jesus personally.
2. Connecting those we know with Jesus.
3. Connecting those who want to help with Jesus.
4. Connecting people of other cultures with Jesus.

God made each of us personally in our mother's womb. God knew each of us intimately before anyone could see our unformed body. God had a plan for our life before each of us was born (Psalm 139:13-16).

God continues to work in our lives through all of our experiences to develop us and use us for his good purposes (Romans 8:28-29). God - as Father, Son, and Spirit - gives spiritual gifts to us to bless the body of believers with whom we live and share fellowship (1 Peter 4:10-11; Romans 12:1-8). We are not put where we are and when we live by accident. Each of us is where we are by God's design, and he continues to work in our lives for his good purposes (Philippians 2:13).

God has equipped, gifted, and called us to do some very specific things with our lives. However, we usually discover these specific things within the context of living our lives on mission for Jesus. The doors of opportunity and understanding for our specific calling arise out of fulfilling our life's mission of connecting with people with Jesus. These results are "The Andrew Effect": as each of us lives these four principles, each of us begins to discover the unique purposes for each of our lives!

Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

May 22 - Jerry & Rosemary McCoy (A)  
 May 23 - Cooper Karnes  
 Marietta Reams  
 May 25 - Logan Northern  
 Mary Burke  
 May 26 - David and LaRhonda Billingsley  
 May 29 - Kayli Lawrence



## **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**

### **May 22, 2022**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw  
 Opening Prayer.....Jonathan Simmons  
 Scripture.....Justin Allen  
 Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
 Closing Prayer.....Jeff Rodgers

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
 Prayer.....Wayne Reams  
 Scripture.....David Carson  
 Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

### **Wednesday, May 25, 2022**

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
 Prayer.....Darrin Shipman  
 Dismissal.....Cameron Traw

### **May 29, 2022**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson  
 Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
 Scripture.....Jason Karnes  
 Prayer.....Jeff Rodgers  
 Closing Prayer.....Darrin Shipman

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
 Prayer.....David Carson  
 Scripture.....Sam Garner  
 Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

**Attendance for May 15: 99**  
**Contribution for May 15: \$4309**

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Remember: Rodney Williams** has been sick \* **Kathy Caudle** recovering at home from hip replacement surgery \* **Kristi Altman's** cancer has spread to her brain, and she is not doing well \* **Woody Wood's** procedure went well, and he is home recovering \* **Jerel Jester** got good news from his scan \* **Janet Wood** at home, waiting for knee replacement surgery \* **Marty Watson** is at Crowley's Ridge, waiting to be transferred to the Veteran's Home in Jackson \* **June Mothersbaugh** (Linda Jones' mother) is improving \* **Mike Duley** is improving \*

**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 \* Nolan Hollowell \* LeAnn Jacques \* Tommy Jacques \* Pam Jeralds \* Holly Johnson \* Kristin Meadows \* Connie Lemmons \* Ponna Mahan \* Linda Morgan \* Paula Mason \* Betty Nicholson \* Keagan Owens \* Nikki Reif \* 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 \* Clyde Jacques \* Lola Johnson \* Beckie King \* Eva Latham \* Nikki Lawrence \* Shug Lee \* Jerry Don McGowan \* Lyndsey Neeley \* Brenda Robinson \* Gene Rowland \* Kevin Steed \* Traci Suiter \* Paige Tanner \* Heather Whitehead \*

### **Our Shut Ins**

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

### **Looking Ahead**

May 29 is the fifth Sunday of the month. We will have a potluck following morning services and an early, 1 p.m. evening service.  
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Our Summer Speaker Series begins June 1 with Steve Cloer. There is a schedule of speakers on the table in the foyer.  
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Children's Homes Fish Fry June 6 at the Dexter church of Christ, beginning at 6 p.m. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.  
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CRC day June 12. There will be a collection box on the table in the foyer for donations to Crowley's Ridge College  
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Children's Home grocery run June 13. Let's get the cart filled up.  
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Ladies Lunch Out June 14 at 11:30 at Mongolian Grill, Sikeston. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.  
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Session 3 of Bootheel Youth Camp July 10-15. Applications will be available soon.



## **SOMETHING DEEP AND BINDING**

Amina, an Iraqi immigrant, and Joseph, an American from birth, attended a political protest on opposite sides. We've been taught to believe that those who are separated by ethnicity and politics carry unbridled animosity toward each other. However, when a small mob accosted Joseph, trying to set his shirt on fire, Amina rushed to his defense. "I don't think we could be any further apart as people," Joseph told a reporter, "and yet, it was just kinda like this common 'that's not OK' moment." Something deeper than politics knit Amina and Joseph together.

Though we often have genuine disagreements with one another - substantial differences we often can't ignore - there are far deeper realities that bind us together. We're all created by God and bound together in one beloved human family. God has created each of us - regardless of gender, social class, ethnic identity or political persuasion - *in his own image* (Genesis 1:27). Whatever else might be true, God is reflected in both you and me. Further, He's given us a shared purpose to "fill" and "rule" God's world with wisdom and care (v 28).

When we forget how we're bound together in God, we do damage to ourselves and others. But whenever we come together in His grace and truth, we participate in His desire to make a good and flourishing world. Winn Collier