



TRUE LIGHT

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

May 8, 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**

THE HUG THAT WAS YEARS IN THE MAKING

It happened three years ago now, but I don't think I'll ever forget it.

For many years, because I was preaching, I was not able to be with my mom on Mother's Day (or my dad on Father's Day). She was with my dad, worshiping while he preached and I was preaching elsewhere.

I did my best to call on Mother's Day and it was always a joy to hear her be happy to hear from her son, but there was just something different about not seeing her on that special day, and knowing that I couldn't see her.

Then, as you likely know, we moved to where my parents live and I preach where they worship. So, finally, after all those years, on Mother's Day 2019, I was able to hug my own mother on Mother's Day. While it may not have been a huge deal to anyone else, it was to us, because it was a hug that was years in the making.

Since that special moment, though, I have done quite a bit of thinking. Those years of not being able to see or hug Mom on Mother's Day were hard, but that one moment when we could hug was nothing but joyful.

While I know that we are not married nor given in marriage in heaven, I still think we will know who each other is. Maybe you have a mom that you have not been able to hug for a few weeks, months, or years as we come to this Mother's Day. And maybe it is not because of distance or travel difficulties. Maybe it is because that mom has passed from this life.

You wish you could call her on Mother's Day, but you can't. You can't even text or email. And, certainly, there will be no hugs.

But ... if we do know one another in heaven and she is there and you, by God's grace, are also there ... what a joyful hug that will be! Can you imagine the joy that will flow, not because it is Mother's Day, but because you both made it to your eternal home, where separations are no more.

That will be a hug a lifetime in the making.

Adam Faughn, via Legacy of Faith

Love Like Mom

Juanita told her nephew about growing up during the Great Depression. Her poor family had only apples to eat, plus whatever wild game her dad might provide. Whenever he bagged a squirrel, her mom would say, "Give me that squirrel head. That's all I want to eat. It's the best piece of meat." Years later Juanita realized there wasn't any meat on a squirrel's head. Her mom didn't eat it. She only pretended it was a delicacy "so us kids could get more to eat and we wouldn't worry about her."

As we celebrate Mother's Day, may we also recount stories of our mothers' devotion. We thank God for them and strive to love more like them.

Paul served the Thessalonian church *as a nursing mother cares for her children* (1 Thessalonians 2:7). He loved fiercely, fighting through *strong opposition* to tell them about Jesus and to share his own life with them (vv 2,8). He *worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while [he] preached the gospel of God to [them]* (v 9). Just like Mom.

Few can resist a mother's love, and Paul modestly said his efforts were *not without results* (v 1). We can't control how others respond, but we can choose to show up, day after day, to serve them in a sacrificial way. Mom would be proud, and so will our heavenly Father.

Mike Wittmer



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

May 8 - Jerel Jester
 May 11 - Ryan Young
 May 13 - BJ Thomason
 May 14 - Lestant Forman
 May 15 - Brian McGowan



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 8, 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 11, 2022

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
 Prayer.....David Burleson
 Dismissal.....Jess Lecroy

May 15, 2022

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
 Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
 Scripture.....Jason Karnes
 Prayer.....Jeff Rodgers
 Closing Prayer.....Cameron Traw

Evening Worship:

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

Attendance for May 1: 102
Contribution for May 1: \$4870

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Remember: Cathy Caudle will have hip replacement surgery tomorrow at Southeast in Cape * **Sue Flowers** is in Dexter Hospital with a UTI * **David Terrill** has been dealing with a bout of pneumonia * **Jodie Buckner** has been released from St. Luke's Hospital and is recovering at home * **Kristi Altman's** cancer has spread to her brain, and she is not doing well * **Woody Wood** will start his treatments May 16 * **Ronnie Underwood** (Gloria Moore's brother) has been in St. Francis Hospital undergoing tests * **Janet Wood** at home, waiting for knee replacement surgery * **Dar-rin Shipman** recovering at home from knee replacement surgery * **Marty Watson** is at Crowley's Ridge, waiting to be transferred to the Veteran's Home in Jackson * **Billy Pat Wright** is at Cypress Pointe for rehab following a fall * **Jane Terrill** has had facial cellulitis * **Jenny Mullins** (the Jesters' daughter) will have reconstructive surgery Wednesday * **June Mothersbaugh** (Linda Jones' mother) hasn't been doing well and is undergoing tests * **Nikki Reif** (great niece to Max Snyder) diagnosed with breast cancer that has spread to her lymph nodes * **Kristin Meadows** (Friend of Trish Baldwin) suffering from kidney failure

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 Baird * 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 * 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 * Clyde Jacques * Lola Johnson * Beckie King * Nikki Lawrence * Shug Lee * Jerry Don McGowan * Lyndsey Neeley * Brenda Robinson * Gene Rowland * Beth Schwendemann and family * Kevin Steed * Traci Suiter * Paige Tanner * 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

Ladies Lunch Out Tuesday at 11:30 at the Airways Café in Dexter. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

Senior Recognition Sunday will be May 15, following morning worship. We will enjoy a potluck meal, and then have an early evening service. Our seniors this year are Avery Caroline Neely and Maura Thomason.

Dexter High School Graduation May 20 at 6:30. Our Dexter graduate is Avery Caroline Neely.

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.

*A mother is your first friend, your best friend, your forever friend (unknown) * When you are looking at your mother, you are looking at the purest love you will ever know (Charley Benetto) * Mother is the heartbeat in the home; and without her, there seems to be no hearthrob (Leroy Brownlow) * My mother: She is beautiful, softened at the edges and tempered with a spine of steel. I want to grow old and be like her (Jodi Picoult) * Motherhood is the exquisite inconvenience of being another person's everything (unknown)*

THE SUNFLOWER BATTLE

The deer in our neighborhood and I have two different opinions about sunflowers. When I plant sunflowers each spring, I'm looking forward to the beauty of their blooms. My deer friends, however, don't care about the finished product. They simply want to chew the stems and leaves until there's nothing left. It's an annual summertime battle as I try to see the sunflowers to maturity before my four-hoofed neighbors devour them. Sometimes I win; sometimes they win.

When we think about our lives as believers in Jesus, it's easy to see a similar battle being waged between us and our enemy - Satan. Our goal is continual growth leading to spiritual maturity that helps our lives stand out for God's honor. The devil wants to devour our faith and keep us from growing. But Jesus has dominion over *every power* and can bring us *to fullness* (Colossians 2:10), which means He makes us *complete*. Christ's victory on the cross allows us to stand out in the world like those beautiful sunflowers.

When Jesus nailed the *record of charges against us* (the penalty for our sins) to the cross (v 14 NLT), He destroyed the powers that controlled us. We became *rooted and built up* (v 7) and made *alive with Christ* (v 13). In Him we have the power (v 10) to resist the enemy's spiritual attacks and to flourish in Jesus - displaying a life of true beauty.

Dave Branon