



TRUE LIGHT

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

June 19, 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**

OUR HOLY MUNDANE

All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through the prophet:
"Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us'" (Matthew 1:23).

I hit snooze three times - not because I wanted to sleep in, but because I had set multiple alarms. My night was spotty at best, with a chunk of four hours in the dead of night spent awake because someone needed me. And this morning, I had to get my two oldest to their ride for their day at Bible School. I knew I must not oversleep, regardless of how choppy my night was.

I woke them and dropped them off in good time for their ride. I grabbed lettuce for the church fellowship meal in the early morning hush that laid heavily on the grocery store's sleepy first shift. I carefully figured out where the cheapest gas was on my route to fill our trusty but hungry minivan. I looked the other way as the numbers skyrocketed at the pump.

*Pressure is where beauty is created.
Tension is where music is made.
Sweat happens when muscles are being built.*

Complaining only makes the world heavier.

But I prayed. For better gas prices, the courage to repent as a nation, and God's continued provision over our family.

Courage, dear Lord, to face uncertain times with our hearts resting deeply in Your presence, knowing you are here with us.

I stopped at a yard sale on the way home and carefully perused the piles of oversize clothes and random holiday dishes. I left empty-handed.

Wisdom, dear Lord, to make wise choices for food, clothing, for school curriculum for our children.

Back home, the rest of my family was stirring. I ground coffee and poured the steaming water. Daniel and I sat on the porch, the little ones chattering a bit too loudly around us, squishing so close that I gasped and held my coffee aloft a couple of times. My little guy wanted me to pause my book to fold and refold him a paper airplane - and refold it a dozen times after he tossed it on unsuccessful flights.

Patience, dear Lord, to respond with gentleness when my toddler reveals the selfishness of my heart.

Inside, the kitchen floor hides in shame as the crumbs tell the story of a busy yesterday and lots of little feet running through. The work never ends. The responsibilities only grow. And so do the opportunities for discovering God's grace and strength when we need it most.

Just like the stunning walnut slabs Daniel picked up yesterday for the tiny house, the grain is most stunning at a place of friction, where a new branch pressed against the way the wood wanted to go.

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Lord, teach us to embrace the pressure as a path toward Your fresh infilling.

Children, chores, and never-ending responsibilities bring opportunities to turn our selfish hearts back to God. What better way to raise our children in the way of the Lord than by showing them exactly how it's done? One dirty kitchen floor and sticky slobbery toddler kids at a time.

Finding Him to be who He promised to be - Immanuel, God with US. Melissa Troyer, www.heartlight.com

Happy Fathers Day



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

June 21 - Marty Howard
 June 22 - Houston Neely
 Brian & Valerie McGowan (A)
 June 23 - Tansy Shelton
 June 24 - Maleah Clayton
 Josh & Jessica Young (A)
 June 25 - Jack McGowan
 Gloria Moore

CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Lasagna Noodles * Sweetened Condensed Milk * Sugar * Deodorant (non-aerosol) * Hair Gel/Mousse * Salad Dressings (Ranch, French etc)
 Pick-up date: October 3, 2022

Attendance for June 12: 93
Contribution for June 12: \$2918

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

David Carson scheduled for cataract surgery tomorrow * **Marty Howard** is having back issues and will be seeing his surgeon soon * **Jack McGowan** will meet with his surgeon tomorrow regarding hip replacement * **Kathy Caudle** recovering at home from hip replacement surgery * **Woody Wood**, being treated for lung cancer * **Janet Wood** at home, waiting for knee replacement surgery * **Rodney Williams** recovering at home from COVID * **Linda Jones**, recovering from cataract surgery * **Gloria Moore** experiencing a lot of pain * **Maura Thomason** having a lot of pain from having all four impacted wisdom teeth removed Thursday

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Louella Akers * 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 * 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

Our Summer Speaker Series speaker this week will be Kevin Lawrence. There is a schedule of speakers on the table in the foyer.

Micah Brinkley from the Children's Home will be our guest speaker for evening services June 26.

Session 3 of Bootheel Youth Camp July 10-15. Applications are available on the table in the foyer.

Mark your calendar now for VBS July 24-27. We will need lots of help.

WE ARE IN NEED OF A TEACHER FOR THE CRADLE ROLL CLASS FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS AND A 2s AND 3s TEACHER FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. IF YOU CAN HELP FILL THIS NEED, PLEASE SEE GINGER

In Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Pat and the family of our brother, Sonny Ingle, who passed away June 13. Sonny's services were held Thursday in Bernie.

Sympathy is also extended to Sharlette Watson in the passing of her brother-in-law, Randy Sillman. Randy's funeral was held Friday in Dexter.

Rejoicing with June Mothersbaugh who made the decision to put on Christ in baptism June 14. Welcome to the family, June!

WILLING TO SERVE

June 19, 2022

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw
 Opening Prayer.....David Burleson
 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, June 22, 2022

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
 Prayer.....David Carson
 Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

June 26, 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

ONE TWO-STEP TO BEING A BETTER FATHER

[Today is] Father's Day. For a long time now, it has (thankfully) been noted that, far too often, we celebrate mom on Mother's Day and then blast dads on Father's Day. It seems to be that the tide has finally turned, though, as more people are seeking to truly honor dads on this special day.

Any Dad who is striving to do things right knows that he falls short. He understands that he cannot do everything and that there are shortcomings that must be worked on. A real man is willing to work on those things.

But where does a dad start? Thankfully, if he is a Christian dad, the biggest step has already been taken, because he is following the Lord.

Practically, though, I want to suggest that there is one step that any dad can take that will make him a better dad. It is a step that, well ... it actually comes in TWO steps that are worded in the same way.

What is it? What is this magical two-step?

Be there. That's it. Be there!

But, as I said, those two words stand for two related steps, each of which emphasizes a different one of those two words.

The first way is by simply being present. In other words, be with your kids. BE there. They need to see you around. Too many guys want to be workaholics or want to hang out with their buddies during all their free time and their kids rarely see them. You only have a few years with those kids at home. Let them see you around.

But the second way is by being involved. When you are there ... be THERE. Play the games with them. Read to them. Talk with them. Listen to them. Watch their games or performances. Compliment their strengths. Discipline them. Teach them the Bible. Get into their world so that you can know their heart.

It's a two-word step, but it'll make every dad just a little better. Dads, be there.

Adam Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog