



TRUE LIGHT

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

June 26, 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**

You Got Graced, Man!

Carl and Kathy are on my mind, again - lifelong friends. Carl is facing significant health challenges. Lyn and I are praying for them daily.

I remember sitting in their family room listening to Carl's story when Carl said, "I looked like a carrot, I was orange, sick, and jaundiced. It was bad and I knew it, but we were poor, broke, in college - NO money. I couldn't get sick!

"Dr. Payne - that was his real name - seemed to have a diagnosis from the moment I walked in. After a few minutes, he said, 'Carl, you've got Infectious Hepatitis. You will need an extended stay at the hospital - 18 weeks of isolation and treatment.'

"No way,' I said. 'I can't pay for a hospital, I have to do this at home, in our apartment.' After I explained our finances, he reluctantly agreed to treatment in our home, beginning with 8 weeks of quarantine. 'You can't leave your apartment and no one will be allowed to come into your apartment for at least 8 weeks,' Dr. Payne insisted.

"Friends helped with food, and Kathy took on three jobs. I dropped all my classes, but one, and the Doc made home visits. I took my meds, felt miserable, and stayed inside that prison for what seemed like an eternity. It was overwhelming for both of us. Kathy worked the jobs, cared for me, and kept the looky-loos away - you know, the classmates who wanted to see the carrot man.

"I gradually got better and my color slowly returned, and, finally, I could get OUT! Life returned. But, I was really dreading settling up with Dr. Payne. He had visited every week, brought meds, did lab work, and provided what I needed medically. But, the settle up day came. I sat down in his office and told him I was good for the bill, that I couldn't pay now, but had a job and I had two more years before I graduate. I told him, 'I'll work out a payment plan, and before I graduate, I'll have your bill paid. I just don't have it now.'

"Did you get a bill from me?' Dr. Payne asked. 'No, but I still owe you!' This gentle, soft-spoken man said, 'Carl, your bill has been paid.'

"What do you mean, paid? Did my parents pay it?' I asked. 'No, the donor asked to remain anonymous. But, the bill is paid in full ... you owe nothing!' I argued with Doc a bit: I wanted to pay the debt, I wanted to be responsible, but Doc stood up and shook my hand. 'Your bill is paid, Carl. When you graduate and get out on your own and you see someone who needs help, then you help them like you've been helped. And, keep it a secret!'"

"You got GRACED," I said."Yes, and it changed our lives! I had heard of grace before, but on that day I was in the middle of it. I still carry damaged kidneys from my hepatitis event, but I am so thankful for what I learned through it all."

Carl is on dialysis every day now, but the secret of grace oozes freely from the Collins house, And, I've got to visit there soon. They recharge my batteries!

Oh, Abba, you do it best ... doing stuff behind the scenes, while other stuff is happening around us.

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. (Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT).
Ron Rose, www.heartlight.com

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

June 26 - David & Jane Terrill (A)
 June 27 - Jason & Celia McGowan (A)
 June 28 - David Burleson
 Jack & Helen McGowan (A)
 June 29 - Gayle Rodgers
 July 1 - Rodney & Cindy Williams (A)
 July 3 - Jeff Martin



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 19: 105
Contribution for June 19: \$4108

WILLING TO SERVE

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

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
 Prayer.....Ron Garner
 Dismissal.....Jess Lecroy

July 3, 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

WALKING WITH OTHERS

Billy, a loving and loyal dog, became an internet star in 2020. His owner, Russell, had broken his ankle and was using crutches to walk. Soon the dog also began to hobble when walking with his owner. Concerned, Russell took Billy to the vet, who said there was nothing wrong with him! He ran freely when he was by himself. It turned out that the dog faked a limp when he walked with his owner. That's what you call truly trying to identify with someone's pain!

Coming alongside others is forefront in the apostle Paul's instructions to the church in Rome. He summed up the last five of the Ten Commandments in this way, *Love your neighbor as yourself* (Romans 13:9). We can see the importance of walking with others in verse 8 as well: *Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another.*

Author Jenny Albers advises, "When someone is broken, don't try to fix them. (You can't.) When someone is hurting, don't attempt to take away their pain. (You can't.) Instead, love them by walking beside them in the hurt. (You can.) Because sometimes what people need is simply to know they aren't alone."

Because Jesus, our Savior, walks alongside us through all our hurt and pain, we know what it means to walk with others. Ann Cetas

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mindy Pruitt spent some time in the hospital following a seizure Wednesday * **Ruth Dauck** (Stan's mom) recovering from hip surgery following a fall * **Ronnie Goins**, his daughter, **Kayla**, and **Ed Storey** all sick with COVID * **David Carson's** cataract surgery went well * **Marty Howard** is having back issues and will be seeing his surgeon soon * **Jack McGowan** will have a CT scan Monday * **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 *

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 Beaird * 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 Don 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

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

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

We will begin having an early evening service/potluck the first Sunday of every month, starting with next Sunday, July 3.

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

Our 10 pies and 5 cobblers are due at camp July 13, and we will need someone to deliver them. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you can help.

Ladies Lunch Out will be July 19 at 11:30 at the Lunch Box in Dexter. Note this is the third Tuesday of the month, due to conflicting schedules with camp.

Mark your calendar now for VBS July 24-27. Our theme is, "A Royal Adventure." 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