



TRUE LIGHT

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

July 17, 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**

BEHIND THE WELL-KNOWN STORY, THERE'S MORE

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. (Philippians 2:13, 1:6 NLT)

I've grown up around Bible stories. Every Sunday school, morning devotional, and church service were connected to the Bible. I knew my mom's faded and worn Bible nearly as well as I did her comforting and familiar hands. Hands that made me breakfast, washed my hair and tucked me into bed. Her Bible and hands were always there. And the stories from within those pages are painted on the walls of my childhood memories.

But I'm still discovering stories in new contexts, and stumbling over a detail I'd somehow missed, and some of those details change the scenario completely from the story my child's mind had painted.

It is the easiest thing in the world to let my mind slip into auto-drive as I read the Bible - to cruise along admiring the old familiar landmarks and overlooking the hidden gems along the way.

God places value in our journey and the discovery of age-old truths that are vibrant and life-changing for us here in our specific new season - of [parent] hood, of marriage, of unsettled times in the world.

You know the story where the disciples had fished all night and caught nothing, don't you? I always imagined the disciples' exhaustion and disappointment. But this morning, I read this story in the context of the previous chapter. Jesus had just been crucified, buried, and then raised. He had appeared to some of them, but not all of them.

Imagine the defeat pulsing their weary veins.

Their Master gone, these battle-worn men went back to the old life they knew - fishing. Back to feeding bodies, not souls.

Had it all been a waste?

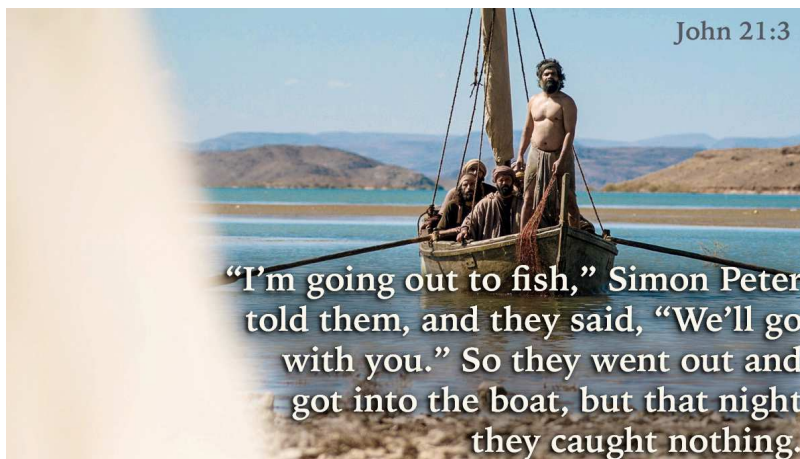
Where had their following Jesus led them - here, to an endless and worthless night of failed fishing? Were they good at anything anymore?

The exhaustion was deeper than one night of missed sleep. It was the deep pain of having watched their beloved leader going through the unthinkable, and his story ending so completely, so differently, than they had expected. It was the bitterness of failure.

We all go through times like this, where life deals us a horrific blow and we feel all the wind sucked from our lungs. Where, by all appearances, it seems we have been forgotten by the very one we've sold out to.

Are you in the endless night of no fish? Are you exhausted as the sun comes up over the water, mocking your fruitless night with nothing to show for your work? It's real, I know.

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

July 17 - Kevin Mays
 July 19 - Walker Boyt
 July 20 - Cindy Williams
 July 21 - Jonathan & Lara Simmons
 July 23 - Sharon Durham
 Johnny McGowan
 June Mothersbaugh
 Cameron Shipman
 July 24 - Cathy Provance



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 July 10: 100
Contribution for July 10: \$3725

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bud McQuin had a biopsy Friday for a mass on his lung * **John David Barnett** is back in the hospital at Poplar Bluff with pancreatitis * **Maura Thomason** waiting on a second opinion from a biopsy * **Marty Howard** is waiting on tests before back surgery can be scheduled * **Jack McGowan** scheduled for hip replacement surgery August 9 * **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 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 * 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):

Dixie Billingsley * 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

Summer Youth Series tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Green Forest church of Christ. Pizza will be served afterward.

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

Birthday celebration for June Mothersbaugh Wednesday at 6 p.m. Please bring sandwiches and finger foods and help us celebrate our newest sister in Christ on the happy occasion of her 91st birthday.

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

Mark your calendar now for VBS July 24-27. Our theme is, "A Royal Adventure." We will need lots of help. A refreshments sign up sheet is on the table in the foyer.

Gospel Meeting at the Caruthersville church of Christ July 31-August 2. The theme is "Making a Difference for our Lord." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

First Sunday potluck lunch/1 pm service August 7. Make plans to stay for the potluck.

Ladies Day at Mountain Home church of Christ September 10. The theme is "Let it Go."

Ladies Day at Arnold church of Christ September 10. The theme is "Recipe for Life" with guest speaker Julie Orr.

WILLING TO SERVE

July 17, 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, July 20, 2022

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw
 Prayer.....Ron Garner
 Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

July 24, 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.....VBS N/A
 Prayer.....VBS N/A
 Scripture.....VBS N/A
 Dismissal.....VBS N/A

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But Jesus shows up. Perhaps you don't even recognize Him at first. He tells you to cast your net on the other side, but are you willing? Are you brave enough to try again and to take another step of faith, even after you've been beaten and worn all night long?

The miracle of the massive load of fish too big to haul in came AFTER the crucifixion, AFTER the deepest heartache these men had ever known, and AFTER a fruitless night of fishing their one familiar Sea of Galilee!

At the place of utter defeat came the sunrise of God's miracle unfolding. In the moment of utter brokenness, Jesus appeared.

When we think the story is over, it's just the beginning.

Remember, HE is holding the pen. HE is still writing the final part of the stories of our lives. He who has begun a good work in us, and also planted the deep desire for good and truth and freedom, is not done with us (Philippians 2:13). The pages he is writing in us aren't filled yet. His pen is still poised, ready and full of hope. He will be faithful to complete the story of hope He began in us (Philippians 1:6).

Have courage. The story isn't over yet.
 Melissa Troyer, www.heartlight.com



We have a new brother in Christ. Ryan Young was baptized at BYC Wednesday. Welcome to the family, Ryan!