



# TRUE LIGHT

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

July 31, 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 MICK" AND "THE MAN"

He had a number of nicknames, but his most well-known nickname was simply "The Mick." All that a fan of baseball has to hear is "The Mick" and we know that the person being discussed is Mickey Mantle.

Likewise, those same baseball fans know immediately who is being discussed when somebody says "The Man." Stan "The Man" Musial was my first sports hero. I can't see any possibility of anybody ever taking his place in my mind.

Recently I watched a clip of an interview with Bob Costas. He was discussing an evening during which he, Mickey Mantle, and Stan Musial were together at Mr. Costas' house.

Bob Costas had invited Mickey Mantle to St. Louis for some sort of charity event. He and his wife invited Mantle over to their house for dinner. They had also decided to invite Stan Musial and his wife.

After the meal and after the Musials had left, Bob Costas and Mickey Mantle stayed up past midnight talking. In the interview I watched, Costas related something from that conversation that I found interesting.

While I don't have the exact words that were said, the gist of the comments is that Mantle told Costas that nobody could hit a ball as hard as he could during his career and, until he got hurt, nobody could run as fast. However, in his estimation, Stan Musial was a better player than he was because he was a better *man* than he was. "The Mick" said that "The Man" made the best use of what he saw as God-given talents. Mickey Mantle added that, for that reason, Stan



Musial was not having to live with the regrets that continued to haunt him.

There is a much better than average chance that nobody reading this will wind up in any sort of Hall of Fame. I know that that's certainly true for the one writing this. At the same time, a short clip of an interview helped me with something. Maybe it will help you, too. That might be especially true for those who try to "live by the rules." It may seem at times that successful people have little or no regard for such things as honesty, morality, integrity, etc.

When and if those kinds of thoughts arise, there is a real possibility that people who are trying to live right could begin to think that those "successful" people see them as losers. The "dirty little secret" that I learned in the interview is that at least some people who seemingly have it all actually realize who the real winners are.

Jim Faughn, A Legacy of Faith blog

## PUDDLES OF SUNSHINE

It was a warm summer day and my four-year-old granddaughter Mollie and I were taking a break from playing ball. As we sat on the porch with our glasses of water, Mollie looked out at the yard and said, "Look at the puddles of sunshine." The sunlight was filtering through the thick foliage to create a pattern of light amid the dark shadows.

Puddles of sunshine. Isn't this a beautiful image for finding hope in dark days? In the midst of what can often be challenging times - when good news seems in short supply - instead of concentrating on the shadows, we can focus on the light.

The Light has a name - Jesus. Matthew quoted Isaiah to describe the brightness that came into the world when Jesus arrived: *The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned* (Matthew 4:16; see also Isaiah 9:2). The effects of sin are all around us as we live in the *land of the shadow of death*. But shining through that shadow is Jesus, the grand and glorious light of the world (John 1:4-5).

The sunshine of Jesus' love and compassion beaks through the shadow - giving us "puddles of sunshine" to illuminate our day and brighten our hearts with hope.

Dave Brannon

## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

August 2 - Matt Mayberry	August 9 - Anna Williams
August 4 - Ronnie & Gloria Moore (A)	August 12 - Ida Roberts
August 5 - Rodney & Lisa Britt (A)	Jessica Young
Jon & Leslie Neely (A)	Larry & Kendra Summers (A)
August 6 - Isaiah Collier	August 13 - Rita Clayton
August 8 - Jess Lecroy	Karen Forkum
Sam & Nicole Garner (A)	August 14 - Marty & Phyllis Howard (A)

**Attendance for July 24: 110**

**Contribution for July 24: \$4241**

\*there will not be a bulletin printed for August 7. Please listen to announcements for updates

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Bud McKuin's** cancer is believed to be stage 3. He will see his doctor Tuesday to set up a treatment plan \* **David Terrill** is home from the hospital following some heart issues \* **Bill Pruitt** recovering at home following hernia surgery \* **Jodie Buckner** remains in St. Louis following extensive surgery to remove a portion of her lung, spleen and stomach \* **Maura Thomason** got good results back from her biopsy! \* **Judy Flannery** dealing with a recent knee injury \* **Marty Howard** has tests scheduled for August 9 regarding his back pain \* **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 \* **Louella Akers** hasn't been doing well

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** David Bureson \* Janie Bureson \* 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 \* 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 \* 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**

Gospel Meeting at the Caruthersville church of Christ today through August 2. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

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

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VBS at Dexter church of Christ begins August 7.

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Summer Youth Series at Sikeston August 8 at 7 p.m.

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Ladies Lunch Out August 9 at Huddle House in Dexter. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

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Summer Youth Series hosted by the Bernie Congregation August 15 at 7 p.m. A sign up sheet to help with refreshments is on the table in the foyer.

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Ladies Supper and Devotional August 23 at 6 p.m. at the home of Amy Thomason.

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

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

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Children's Homes Homecoming September 24 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Let's get our change for children cans filled up!

## **WILLING TO SERVE**

### **July 31, 2022**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw  
Opening Prayer.....David Bureson  
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, August 3, 2022**

Song Leader.....David Carson  
Prayer.....Ron Garner  
Dismissal.....Sam Garner

### **August 7, 2022**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson  
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
Scripture.....Jason Karnes  
Prayer.....Jeff Rodgers  
Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
Prayer.....David Carson  
Scripture.....Cameron Traw  
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

## **CELEBRATION IN HIS PRESENCE**

Many years ago, 100 high-pressured deodorant guns were installed at a large city dump, one of several hundred smelly landfill sites that had become the focus of growing public concern. To saturate the mounds of putrefying garbage, the cannons sprayed several gallons of fragrance per minute at a distance of more than 160 feet. But no matter how much deodorant was sprayed, the fragrance couldn't completely mask the problem.

Similar to the use of deodorant guns, King David attempted to mask the odor of his sin. After his adultery with Bathsheba and complicity in the murder of her husband (2 Samuel 11:1-17), David used the "deodorant" of silence, deceit, and outward piety to cover up his actions. But unable to withstand the guilt of his sin and the sting of God's conviction, David eventually cried out to Him for mercy and spiritual cleansing. He prayed, *Have mercy on me, O God ... Against you, you only, have I sinned* (Psalm 51:1, 4).

David uncovered his sins before God, and acknowledged, confessed, and repented of them (32:5). God forgave the king's disobedience and restored his joy (vv 5, 7; 51:12-15). David, like a shaken bottle of carbonated water, burst forth with praise to teach others about God's forgiveness. Celebration followed the king's confession and repentance.

When we sin, it's futile to try and cover it up. The odor of our disobedience can't be contained. But when we confess our sin and repent of it, He'll remove it and leave the fragrance of His grace and forgiveness. He'll restore the joy of our salvation, allowing us to once again celebrate in His presence.

Marvin Williams