



TRUE LIGHT

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

August 21, 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**

ABOUT IS EASIER THAN TO

From what I understand, it appears to me that the main item on the menu for some people is roast. I'm not talking about roast beef or roast pork. I'm talking about *people* being roasted or sometimes skewered.

Sadly, this seems to happen right after people have been to worship on Sunday. The topic of conversation all too often consists of roasting/skewering the preacher, the elders, the song leader, the Bible class teacher, or some other brother or sister. The subject may or may not have anything to do with what just happened at the worship service. It could have to do with something else.

...I would hope that somebody would care enough about me to lovingly, but firmly, reach out to help me get back on track.

The "something else" subjects many times have to do with what somebody has seen or heard about a person's life-style, wardrobe, choices of friends or entertainment, etc. It could even be about something that is assumed about a particular person, family, or group of people.

The truth of the matter is that some who wear the name "Christian" do not wear it well. Not everybody who claims to be a Christian dresses like one, talks like one, lives like one, acts like one, or conducts himself/herself in any way that would please Jesus. Since nobody can legitimately claim to be sinless (cf. Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8-10, etc.), all of us waiver in our Christian walk. Some of us waiver more than others, but we all waiver.

When I am that person who is headed in the wrong direction, I pray that I am not the "main course" at Sunday dinner (or any other time). Rather, I would hope that somebody would care enough about me to lovingly, but firmly, reach out to help me get back on track.

Since the Lord instructs me to treat others like I want to be treated (cf. Matt. 7:12), I should be doing that for those who need somebody to help them. While I fully realize that my efforts may be in vain or possibly even unappreciated, that does not relieve me of my responsibility.

Why doesn't this happen more often? Why would shortcomings of people be the subject of a conversation instead of an attempt to help? Why would it seem like there is more gossip than concern?

As I'm certain we all know, gossip is condemned and concern is commanded in God's Word. Why then would people who claim to love Him and His people engage in the one that is condemned and ignore the one that is commanded?

I think that at least one answer to all of that is suggested in what I had in mind as I chose the title for this post. My complete thought was...

It is easier to talk about people than it is to talk to people.

Jim Faughn, via A Legacy Of Faith blog

Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.
Galatians 6:1

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

August 24 - Donna McQuin

August 25 - Justin Beard
Bettie Thurston

August 26 - Pat Ingle
Leon & Jane Smith (A)

August 27 - Charlie Garner
Karen McGowan



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

WILLING TO SERVE

August 21, 2022

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....Jason Karnes
Prayer.....Jeff Rodgers
Closing Prayer.....Jerry Burleson

Evening Worship:

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

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Justin Allen
Dismissal.....Mike Duley

August 28, 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
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CRUSHED AND BEAUTIFUL

At first glance I dismissed the painting "Consider the Lilies" by Makoto Fujimura as a simple, monochromatic painting featuring a lily seemingly hiding in the background. However, the painting came alive when I learned it was actually painted with more than *eighty layers* of finely crushed minerals in a style of Japanese art known as Nihonga, a style Fujimura calls "slow art." Looking closely reveals layers of complexity and beauty. Fujimura explains that he sees the gospel echoed in the technique of making "beauty through brokenness," just as Jesus' suffering brought the world wholeness and hope.

God loves to take aspects of our lives where we've been crushed and broken and create something new and beautiful. King David needed God's help to repair the brokenness in his life caused by his own devastating actions. In Psalm 51, written after admitting to abusing his kingly power to take another man's wife and arrange the murder of her husband, David offered God his *broken and contrite heart* (v 17) and pleaded for mercy. The Hebrew word translated "contrite" is *nidkeh*, meaning "crushed."

For God to refashion his heart (v 10), David had to first offer Him the broken pieces. It was both an admission of sorrow and trust. David entrusted his heart to a faithful and forgiving God, who lovingly takes what's been crushed and transforms it into something beautiful.

Lisa M. Samra

Attendance for August 14: 110

Contribution for August 7: \$4057

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Gayle Rodgers has been transferred to Winchester Place for rehab * **Don Jackson** has been transferred to Cypress Point for rehab * **John David Barnett** remains at St. Louis University hospital and will be having an additional procedure * **David Carson** waiting on bone marrow test results * **Marty Howard** will begin therapy and shots for his back * **Jack McGowan** doing well following hip replacement surgery * **Woody Wood**, being treated for lung cancer * **Janet Wood** at home, waiting for knee replacement surgery * **Tommy Jacques** is a little improved * **Zack Tanner** had a procedure last week to break up a kidney stone *

Continue praying for these members of our church family: 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 * 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

Ladies Supper and Devotional Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the home of Amy Thomason. Bring your Bible and a pen or pencil.

Summer Speaker Series speaker this week will be Jeremy Pierce.

First Sunday potluck and early evening worship September 4. Please plan to stay for the potluck followed by a 1 p.m. evening worship service.

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.

Spiritual Growth Seminar at Green Forest church of Christ September 11-14 with guest speaker Spencer Furby. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

Ladies Lunch Out September 13 at Main Street Pizza in Bernie.

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

In Sympathy: Sympathy is extended to Matt Mayberry in the recent loss of his grandmother, Effie Conner, who passed away August 13. Sympathy is also extended to Ron Garner in the loss of his uncle, Marvin Garner, who passed away August 15.