



TRUE LIGHT

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

September 4, 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**

REST FROM YOUR LABOR!

Work. Labor. Endurance.

These are not wimpy words. They remind us of the grit and determination to make life happen in a fallen world. They are not particularly spiritual words. They apply equally well for the folks on the assembly line, the crew running fiber optic line for high-speed communication, or those managing the hurting and nervous folks in the emergency room line. Life lived productively requires effort; it often requires strenuous effort. The apostle Peter even suggested that we had to make the effort to see the spiritual growth in our lives (2 Peter 1:5-8). Life involves work, labor, and endurance. As Christians, we believe our faith, hope, and love inspired by the Holy Spirit help us produce such needed effort.

On the other hand, we must also recognize that we cannot bootstrap our way through life. More effort isn't going to fix, repair, or even improve some things in our lives. Even our best efforts are not going to be enough to pull us through some binds in which we find ourselves. That's why God built into our world a rhythm requiring rest. In fact, if you listen to the rhythm of God's creation, it was rest first, then creativity and productivity - notice in Genesis 1 there was evening then morning as part of each day.

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 NIV).

So often in our busy culture, we feel that resting is a waste of time. We could be getting something done instead of wasting time resting. We could be advancing our cause instead of laying low and burning daylight on resting. We could be wringing out an ounce or two more productivity out of the day if we could only get by with a little less rest. Rest is for down the road when we're older ... or when we go to heaven and don't have to worry about pleasing our manager ... or for when we don't have to try to keep our family afloat financially ... or for those days when we've actually gotten our "to do" lists finished. Our modern mindset is that rest is for when we're weary or sick or have time to rest.

God didn't make our world this way. God rested on the seventh day. He called it Sabbath. He built that rhythm into our world. Surely the almighty, sovereign, and all-powerful God didn't NEED to rest. So why did he rest on the seventh day? Why did he put this imprint into our busy world of work, labor, and endurance?

Simple! We needed to see God rest! We needed to know that God made rest a priority. We needed to know that our rest is crucial to us, to our lives, and to those around us.

Jesus practiced the rest principle in his busy ministry. He taught the disciples the importance of rest. Jesus clearly had much to do and very little time in which to do it. Yet with all the pressures of the people and their needs, with all the things he needed to teach his disciples before his departure, he could say to them, *Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest* (Mark 6:31).

Why is our rest so important to us? I can't pretend to know all the reasons, but there are several that are very clear.

First, we need to acknowledge that God is God and we are not. *Be still and know that I am God* (Psalm 46:10). God said this to the busy nations, and especially Israel, wrangling and striving for superiority and preservation. God wanted the nations to know that he was at work while they rested. He would accomplish his will and keep his promises if they would rest in his will and trust in his providence. This kind of resting is not passivity: it is trust. We acknowledge that we cannot do everything needed and so we rest, trusting that God is at work doing only what he can do in our lives.

Second, we need to rest to allow those around us to rest. When God called on Israel to keep his Sabbath, he reminded them that they were to let all their livestock and all their servants and workers, Israelite or not, rest as well. In other words, God's rest was not a time for his people to take off from work so others could work for them, but a time for them to rest and let those around them to share in this blessing from God. God would take care of the land. God would take care of the harvest. God would bless his people and the people among them if they would rest in his care (Exodus 20:10).

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

September 6 - Katie Paige Williams
 September 7 - Stan Flowers
 September 8 - Betty McGowan
 September 9 - Alex Garner
 September 10 - Steve Jones



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

September 4, 2022

Morning Worship:

Song LeaderJoe 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, September 7, 2022

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
 Prayer.....Cameron Traw
 Dismissal.....Mike Duley

September 12, 2022

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Dylan Seabaugh
 Opening Prayer.....David Burleson
 Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers
 Prayer.....Zack Tanner
 Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
 Prayer.....Wayne Reams
 Scripture.....David Carson
 Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

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As God's people, we never want to be lazy. On the other hand, we need to hear God calling us to a time of rest so we can receive his blessing, so others can share in that blessing, and so we can learn to trust God to work on things that we cannot do. In our busy world with all its demands, let's not let our first experience of genuine spiritual rest be the day we go home to God to rest from our labors. God wants to meet us, bless us, restore us, and bless others through us in our times of rest!

Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." (Revelation 14:13 NIV)

Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

In Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to Donna McKuIn in the loss of her cousin, Kim + Goins, who passed away August 27; and in the loss of Bud's cousin, Ferrell Austin, Jr, who passed away, August 19. A gravesite service for Ferrell will be held September 10 at 10:30 at the Malden Cemetery.

That old September feeling, left over from school days, of summer passing, vacation nearly done, obligations gathering, books and football in the air ... another fall, another turned page: there was something of jubilee in that annual autumnal beginning, as if last year's mistakes had been wiped clean by summer.
 -Wallace Stegner

Attendance for August 28: 91 Contribution for August 28: \$3157

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Joy Greer is in Cypress Point following a fall that fractured two ribs* **Gloria Moore** has been experiencing some health issues * **Gayle Rodgers** was in Dexter Hospital but has been transferred back to Winchester Place for rehab * **Don Jackson** remains in Cypress Point for rehab * **John David Barnett** was scheduled to be released from the hospital Thursday * **David Carson** waiting on bone marrow test results * **Marty Howard** has begun therapy and shots for his back * **Woody Wood**, being treated for lung cancer * **Janet Wood** at home, waiting for knee replacement surgery * **Meg Simmons** (unspecified)

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) * 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

The fall teaching quarter begins today, and students should go to their new classes.

First Sunday potluck and early evening worship today. 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.

BYC Cookout and Auction September 10 from 11-1 in the cafeteria at camp.

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. There's a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

Gospel Meeting at Gideon September 18-21 at Gideon with guest speaker Brent Newton.

Gospel Meeting at Arnold September 23-25 with guest speaker Doug Burleson. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

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

Mike Napier from Gospel Chariot Missions will be our guest speaker September 25.