



# TRUE LIGHT

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

September 11, 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**

## WHEN YOU CAN'T "SHAKE THE DUST"

It's happened to me several times, and I would guess it has happened to you also.

How do you handle it when you have tried and tried to reach someone with the Gospel or to win someone back to the Lord, but there just seems to be no change - no movement - on their part?

When I have struggled with that, people will just say, "You've just got to shake the dust off your feet and move on." I know what they mean. There is just a time to move on and try to reach someone else. I get it. (It's possible I've even given that advice at some point, although I can't remember a specific incident at the moment.)

But ... what about if you just can't?

What about if you are truly tied to this person with your heart and your emotions and you just cannot seem to stop reaching out? What if you just know that there is another angle, another tactic, another way of communicating that you have not tried, so you just have to keep trying?

*Sometimes, we think we have to save people. That's the work of Jesus ... not you. None of us is going to reach everyone, but sometimes we have an issue with ego and think we can.*

Sounding familiar to anyone reading this? It does to me. I have done it more than I can even remember. I just don't want to give up on anyone and "shaking the dust off my feet" feels like giving up.

From past experience (and a current one or two also), may I just share my heart? These are not meant to be "solutions," because I am not sure there is a perfect solution. But these are just observations that may encourage you and let you know that you are not the only one who struggles with this.

1. DON'T PLAY "MESSIAH." Sometimes, we think we have to save people. That's the work of Jesus ... not you! None of us is going to reach everyone, but sometimes we have an issue with ego and think we can. (Don't ask me how I know that.)
2. NEVER STOP PRAYING. Even if you slow or cease trying to reach out to the person, never stop bringing their name before the throne of God. Never stop praying that somehow, in His providence, He might yet open a door for you to walk through that will help.
3. HOPE SOMEONE ELSE CAN REACH THEM. Christianity is, in one sense, personal, but it is also community. We must be faithful ourselves, but we have others who are to help us. That is also true in trying to reach and win the lost. Pray that someone else will be able to say or do something that will touch the heart of that lost person.
4. TAKE OPPORTUNITIES IF/WHEN THEY ARISE. It might be weeks, months, or even years after you stopped trying to reach someone that a door opens. Do not be so upset or jaded that you fail to see it and take it!
5. REALIZE THAT WE ARE JUDGED BY OUR FAITHFULNESS; NOT "RESULTS." While we want to win souls and we want to save people from the fire, we can only teach and encourage. We cannot do it for them. God is pleased if we can honestly say we have put forward effort and sought to be faithful to Him. Remember that even such amazing Christian leaders as Paul and Apollos could only plant and water; the increase was up to God.

This is a difficult thing, because it is so personal. We love people. We want people to be faithful. We long for them to be in heaven. So it tugs at our heartstrings when we have tried to reach someone and it just does not seem as if anything works.

Never stop having that heart! While it can be frustrating and your heart will hurt sometimes, it will also draw you closer to the Lord because you will realize your reliance on Him and you will be more grateful that you are going home with Him.

Adam Faughn, via Legacy of Faith blogspot

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

September 12 - Jack Simmons  
September 14 - Gaye Miller  
Mindy Pruitt



## 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 11, 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

### Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw  
Prayer.....Justin Allen  
Dismissal.....Jacob Clayton

### September 18, 2022

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson  
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
Scripture.....Jason Karnes  
Prayer.....Sam Garner  
Closing Prayer.....Jerry Burleson

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
Prayer.....David Carson  
Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers  
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

## COMPASSION OVER BITTERNESS

When the World Trade Center towers fell on September 11, 2001, Greg Rodriguez was one of the victims who died in the wreckage. As his mother, Phyllis, and his father grieved, they also carefully considered their response to such a horrific attack. In 2002, Phyllis met Aicha el-Wafe, the mother of one of the men accused of helping the terrorists. Phyllis said she "approached her and opened my arms. We embraced and cried ... For Aicha and me, there was an immediate bonding ... We both suffered on account of our sons."

Phyllis met Aicha amid shared pain and sorrow. Phyllis believed that fury over her son's death, appropriate as it was, could not heal her anguish. Listening to Aicha's family story, Phyllis felt compassion, resisting the temptation to view them merely as enemies. She desired justice, but believed we must release the temptation to seek revenge that often grips us when we've been wronged.

The apostle Paul shared this conviction, admonishing us to *get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger ... along with every form of malice* (Ephesians 4:31). As we relinquish these destructive powers, God's Spirit fills us with new perspective. *Be kind and compassionate to one another*, Paul says (v 32). It's possible to work for wrongs to be made right while also refusing rageful vengeance. May the Spirit help us show compassion that overcomes bitterness.

Winn Collier

Attendance for September 4: n/a

Contribution for September 4: \$5482

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Linda Jones** at home recovering from COVID \* **Joy Greer** remains in Cypress Point following a fall that fractured two ribs\* Louella Akers' daughter, **Melinda**, diagnosed with stage 3 kidney failure \* **Don Jackson** remains in Cypress Point for rehab \* **John David Barnett** remains in the hospital in St. Louis \* **David Carson** waiting on bone marrow test results \* **Marty Howard** has begun therapy and shots for his back \* **Woody Wood** got good reports from his doctor \* **Janet Wood** will schedule knee replacement surgery after seeing her heart doctor \* **Rick Beard** has been having trouble with his blood sugar levels \*

**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 \* Gloria Moore \* 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 Jerald \* 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

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

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Ladies Lunch Out Tuesday at 11:30 at LaCascada in Bernie. There's a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

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Wednesday night fellowship meals begin this week. Menu to be announced.

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

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

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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!

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

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Ladies Day at Central church of Christ October 1. The theme is "Pearls from Proverbs." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

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BYC Cookout and Auction has been rescheduled to October 15 from 11-1 in the cafeteria at camp.

