



TRUE LIGHT

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

September 18, 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**

STOP "ADULTING" AND START FINDING JOY

I'll come right out and get myself in trouble: I simply cannot stand the word "adulthood." Or, more accurately, I cannot stand what it often represents.

We live in a time when people post on social media and have conversations about "adulthood." They talk about how they had to pay bills with their savings, so [they say] "I guess I'm adulthooding." They purchase something on sale and brag about their savings because they are "adulthooding." They joke about how they actually fixed something themselves because they decided to start "adulthooding."

It's actually sad.

The reason is simple: we don't want to grow up.

But we should want to grow up. We should want to mature. We should want the responsibility that comes with being an adult, a spouse, a parent, an employee, and so on. And it does not make us something special just because we start doing those "adult" things.

As people of God, we should see each phase of life as a gift, not as some kind of torture. The phrase is out of context, but the principle is needed by a lot of people in our culture, and that is that when we become men (or women), we should put away childish things (1 Corinthians 13:11). Too many of us want to hold on to those childish things instead of putting them away and growing up!

Beyond that, though, it is not torture to face adulthood. It should be seen as both a challenge and a joy. Bearing responsibility is a good thing and something that can be done to the glory of God.

That doesn't mean it is always fun. When you've saved up for a nice vacation, but then the car breaks down and will wipe out those savings; that's not fun. When your marriage hits its first rocky period and you don't like each other all that much for a time; that's not fun. When tax season rolls around; that's not fun.

But it is a joy. Huh? How is that possible? It is a joy because you have new opportunities to support your family. You are growing and maturing. You are doing harder things, and working through those things gives you more opportunities to walk through them with the Lord. And, when you have come out on the other side, you are stronger, not because you have "adulthooded," but because you have been faithful to Him.

Let's quit "adulthooding." Let's simply grow up. Put away childish things and be grateful for the season of life you find yourself in now. After all, do you really want to be a child forever?

Adam Faughn, via Legacy of Faith blog post



GOD KNOWS YOU

It seems my mother can sense trouble from a mile away. Once, after a rough day at school, I tried to mask my frustration hoping that no one would notice. "What's the matter?" she asked, then she added, "Before you tell me it's nothing, remember I'm your mother. I gave birth to you, and I know you better than you know yourself." My mom has consistently reminded me that her deep awareness of who I am helps her be there for me in the moments I need her most.

As believers in Jesus, we're cared for by a God who knows us intimately. The psalmist David praised Him for His attentiveness to the lives of His children saying, *You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar* (Psalm 139:1-2). Because God knows who we are - our every thought, desire, and action - there's nowhere we can go where we're outside the bounds of His abundant love and care (vv 7-12). As David wrote, *If I settle on the far side of the sea even there your hand will guide me* (vv 9-10). We can find comfort knowing that no matter where we are in life, when we call out to God in prayer, He'll offer us the love, wisdom, and guidance we need.

Kimya Loder

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

September 19 - Pat Cooper
Rodney Williams

September 20 - Katie Mayberry

September 23 - Curtis & Vickie McClard (A)



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 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

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Song Leader.....David Carson
Prayer.....Cameron Traw
Dismissal.....Alex Garner

September 25, 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

LEARNING AND LOVING

At a primary school in Greenock, Scotland, three teachers on maternity leave brought their babies to school every two weeks to interact with schoolchildren. Playtime with babies teaches children empathy, or care and feeling for others. Often, the most receptive are the students who are "a little challenging," one teacher put it. "It's often [those schoolchildren] who interact more on a one-to-one level." They learn "how much hard work it is to take care of a child," and "more about each other's feelings as well."

Learning from an infant to care about others isn't a new idea to believers in Jesus. We know the One who came as the baby Jesus. His birth changed everything we understand about caring relationships. The first to learn of Christ's birth were shepherds, a humble profession involving care of weak and vulnerable sheep. Later, when children were brought to Jesus, He corrected disciples who thought children unworthy. *Let the little children come to me, He said, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these* (Mark 10:14).

Jesus *took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them* (v 16). In our own lives, as His sometimes "challenging" children, we could be considered unworthy too. Instead, as the One who came as a child, Christ accepts us with His love - thereby teaching us the caring power of loving babies and all people.

Patricia Raybon

Attendance for September 11: 123 Contribution for September 11: \$4671

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Gayle Rodgers is in the hospital at Poplar Bluff with high CO2 levels * John David Barnett was released from the hospital in St. Louis Thursday * Linda Jones is doing better but still having side effects 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 * David Carson got good news on his test results * Marty Howard has been doing a little better * 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 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

Wednesday night fellowship this week will be BBQ, coleslaw, baked potatoes, and baked beans. Desserts will be needed.

Gospel meeting at Qulin September 25-27 with guest speaker Art Smith. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

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.

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

The Children's Homes grocery run is October 3. Let's get the cart filled up.

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

In Sympathy: Sympathy is extended to Jane Terrill in the passing of her brother September 12.