



TRUE LIGHT

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

September 25, 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**

ON THE LIFE AND PASSING OF ANTHONY BOURDAIN

covet:

1. to wish for earnestly, as in to covet an award.
2. To desire (what belongs to another) inordinately or culpably. The king's brother coveted the throne

When was the last time you were accused of covetousness? The Old Testament admonition to avoid this particular no-no feels so archaic as to be easily dismissed.

*Don't covet your neighbor's wife, his house or land, or anything else he owns.**

There was a time ten years or so ago that I wanted - coveted even - the oh-so-sweet life of travel writer and media celebrity Anthony Bourdain. He jetted around the world, dashing off bestsellers about his grand adventures, all while being trailed by a camera crew, his exploits followed by legions of devoted fans.

I was recently reminded of Bourdain's life and legacy as I devoured the 2021 documentary, *Roadrunner*. The film traces the journey of a high-living, smooth-talking Joe Cool - a lithe, urbane everyman who mingles with locals from Alaska to Antarctica, from Asia to Abilene, biting into the world like a perfectly ripened peach.

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The viewer is shown how, beneath Bourdain's surface fame, a rot eats at him in ways we couldn't begin to see. Ever alone in a crowd, he pushes away those who love him most. He finally hangs himself one night in a fancy French hotel suite while colleagues wait for him to come down for dinner.

Hearing the news of Bourdain's suicide four years ago was a gut punch, but watching the record of his life unspool in my living room not long ago delivered a far greater letdown. My sleep was troubled for two nights; a cloud hung over me for a few days beyond that. Even the act of writing this essay awakens memories of the viewing experience that I'd just as soon leave behind.

But there is, I believe, a takeaway worth sharing; while I once desired Bourdain's outsized life for my own - I wanted to be him - I now count the dream denied as a gift.

As Bourdain's career took off, no walk down a city sidewalk went undisturbed with strangers greeting him by name ("Hey, Anthony!") and reaching out for a handshake. Late in the documentary, he walks the same streets and we, the viewer, see how fame has turned his life inside out, distorting the environments he hoped to experience in their natural state. He eventually takes refuge in the loneliest of places - a desert or stretch of gray ocean shoreline - the rich life he chased now repellent.

I am most sad for Bourdain because, in experiencing virtually all the planet has to offer, he was warped, weakened, and fatally wounded in the process. Bourdain had the love of at least two women and threw it away; he had a daughter he couldn't make time to be with; he had the ultimate career and allowed his ego to ruin it; he had life by the tail, and it wasn't enough.

I, meanwhile, am more grateful than ever for my comparably simple station, which allows me both quiet time at home and the opportunity to travel - to enjoy friends and strangers. It's a life that gives far more than it takes. I'm thankful, too, that I've learned to ... stop ... after enduring a period when running and rushing reinforced a false sense of my worth. There is peace and contentment in a life that flows not from abundance and adulation but from the simple, the straightforward, and the true.

Grant Rampy, www.heartlight.com

*This is the authors' abbreviated summary of Exodus 20:12 NLT. *You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or make or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.*

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

September 26 - Jacob Clayton
September 27 - Pam Collier
September 28 - Sue Flowers



*belated birthday wishes to Gunner Townsend, who celebrated September 19

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 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

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw
Prayer.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

October 2, 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

Attendance for September 18: 99 Contribution for September 18: \$3500

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Gayle Rodgers is at home and has been placed on hospice care * **Joy Greer** remains in Cypress Point and is improving * **Louella Akers'** daughter, **Melinda**, diagnosed with stage 3 kidney failure * **Don Jackson** remains in Cypress Point for rehab * **Marty Howard** has been doing a little better * **Janet Wood** will schedule knee replacement surgery after seeing her heart doctor *

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

Gospel meeting at Qulin today through Wednesday with guest speaker Art Smith. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

Wednesday night fellowship this week will be baked spaghetti, garden salad and garlic bread. Desserts will be needed.

Ladies Day at Central church of Christ Saturday. 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.

First Sunday potluck and early evening service is next week. Please make plans to join us for the potluck following morning services.

Men's Retreat at Bootheel Youth Camp October 7 & 8. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

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

Ladies Lunch Out October 18 at Malden Country Club. Note this is one week late due to scheduling conflicts.

CHOOSE WISELY

Astronaut Chris Ferguson made a difficult decision as the commander of the flight crew scheduled for a journey to the International Space Station. But that decision didn't have anything to do with the mechanics of flight or the safety of his fellow astronauts. Instead, it pertained to what he considers his most important work: his family. Ferguson opted to keep his feet planted firmly on Earth so he could be present for his daughter's wedding.

We all face difficult decisions at times - decisions that cause us to evaluate what matters most to us in life, because one option comes at the expense of the other. Jesus aimed to communicate this truth to His disciples and a crowd of onlookers regarding life's most important decision - to follow Him. To be a disciple, He said, would require them to *deny themselves* in order to walk with Him (Mark 8:34). They might have been tempted to spare themselves the sacrifices required of following Christ and instead seek their own desires, but He reminded them it would come at the price of that which matters much more.

We're often tempted to pursue things that seem of great value, yet they distract us from following Jesus. Let's ask God to guide us in the choices we face each day so we'll choose wisely and honor Him.

Kirsten Holmberg

In Sympathy: Sympathy is extended to Linda Jones in the passing of her aunt, Barbara Jones, who passed away September 16.

Sympathy is also extended to Ken Durham in the loss of his brother, Donald, who passed away September 17. His funeral was Wednesday in Dexter.