



TRUE LIGHT

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

October 30, 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**

STANDING ALONE

Jim and I went over into southern Illinois to do some visiting the other day. It was a road I hadn't been on in a long time and I enjoyed the beautiful trees just beginning to change to their Autumn colors and the huge fields full of grain that was ready to be harvested.

As we rode along I noticed one particular field of soybeans and standing in clear sight in the middle of that field was a lone stalk of corn that had somehow survived the summer in that field of another crop. It looked almost comical standing there two feet higher than the soybean crop. It looked out of place.

My mind began to think of lessons we could learn from that lone stalk of corn. If we apply that image to our lives, there are some practical lessons:

- There are times when we have to stand alone when everyone else around us disagrees with us. You see, corn is not soybeans and soybeans are not corn. If you've ever had your faith tested by everyone around you - perhaps at your job, or our Christian young people at school - you can feel very alone.
- There may be times when you stick out like a sore thumb because everybody else is doing the same things - they dress the same way, they talk the same way, they follow the world in many of the same ways, and because you don't, you become the one stalk of corn in that field of soybeans. You're different and sometimes people just don't like to be different.
- My mind thought about the prophet Elijah (1Kings 19) when he had fled from Jezebel and hidden himself in a cave. Even after God had done so many wonderful works through him, he weakened and fled from the enemy. Verse 10 of 1 Kings 19 is a proof text of what I am talking about: *...I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, **even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away*** (emphasis added). Even though God had done wonderful things through the prophet Elijah, he felt alone.
- The young man Daniel is another example of one who had to stand alone. He could either obey the law of the land and only bow to the King, or he could bow before God and be sent to the lion's den. Daniel stood alone and followed God, not man.

I could keep giving you examples of those who had to stand alone, but I'm sure you get the point. There are times when we simply must stand against what the world would have us to do, so we would fit in. But, even when we stick out like that stalk of corn in a soybean field, we really aren't alone because our God is always with us.

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil (Eph. 6:11).

Donna Faughn, via Legacy of Faith blog post



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

October 31 - Grant Howard
 November 1 - Kathy Caudle
 November 2 - Jerry Burleson
 November 3 - Ted Jacques
 Jeff Rodgers
 November 5 - Mary Forman
 Ted & Karla Jacques
 November 6 - Jennifer Howard



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Sugar * Ravioli * Toothbrushes * Snack Size
 Ziploc Bags * Tea Bags (Decaf) *
 Corn Chips
 Pick-up date: January 16, 2023

WILLING TO SERVE

October 30, 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, November 2, 2022

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw
 Prayer.....Joe Watson
 Dismissal.....Jacob Clayton

November 6, 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.....Jacob Clayton
 Prayer.....Wayne Reams
 Scripture.....David Carson
 Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

HOPE IN GOD

As the holiday season approached, package shipments were delayed due to an unprecedented influx of online orders. I can remember a time when my family preferred to simply go to the store and purchase items because we knew we had very little control over the speed of mail delivery. However, when my mother signed up for an account that included expedited shipping, this expectation changed. Now with a two-day guaranteed delivery, we're accustomed to receiving things quickly, and we become frustrated by delays.

We live in a world accustomed to instant gratification, and waiting can be difficult. But in the spiritual realm, patience is still rewarded. When the book of Lamentations was written, the Israelites were mourning the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonian army, and they faced a series of challenges. However, in the midst of chaos, the writer boldly affirmed that because he was confident that God would meet his needs, he would wait on Him (Lamentations 3:24). God knows we're inclined to become anxious when answers to our prayers are delayed. Scripture encourages us by reminding us to wait on God. We don't have to be consumed or worried because *his compassions never fail* (v 22). Instead, with God's help we can *be still ... and wait patiently for him* (Psalm 37:7). May we wait on God, trusting in His love and faithfulness even as we wrestle with longings and unanswered prayers.

Kimya Loder



Attendance for October 23: 115

Contribution for October 23: \$4572

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

John David Barnett remains in St. Louis University Hospital and may be released Monday * **Mike Duley** will be having additional foot surgery and will have a CT scan of his foot November 15 * **Jerel Jester** had a small bout of pneumonia and is doing much better * **Tim Lecroy** (Jess' son) underwent surgery for lower paralysis last week * **Jo Carolyn Flowers-Noe** (Friend of Beth Williams) is not doing well * **Patsy Hardy** recently had surgery and is doing well * **Amy (Townsend) Vincent** recently requested prayers for medical issues * **Don Jackson** remains in Cypress Point for rehab * **Janet Wood** waiting for knee surgery*

Continue praying for these members of our church family: David Burleson * Janie Burleson * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * Marty Howard * Don Jackson * Sonja Mays * Curtis McClard * Darlene McGowan * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Kevin Mickey * Gloria Moore * Reba Owens * Ida Roberts * Waynetta Rodgers * Jane Smith * Leon Smith * David Terrill * Bettie Thurston * Gunner Townsend * Marty Watson * Sharlette Watson * Woody Wood

Those dealing with cancer (non congregational) :

Melinda Akers * Chastity Beaird * Cathy Bennett * Gina Bogle * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Randy Cravens * Chris Daley * Bill Fitzpatrick * Jo Carolyn Flowers-Noe * 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 * Mary Provance * 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

Fifth Sunday singing at Marble Hill today beginning at 1:30

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

Daylight Saving Time ends November 6. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before bed Saturday night.

First Sunday potluck and early evening service next Sunday. Austin Ketchum will be our guest speaker for both services! Make plans to stay and fellowship with us at the potluck.

Gospel Meeting November 6-9 at Fruitland with guest speaker Spencer Furby. Monday-Wednesday meeting times are at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Lunch Out November 8 at 11:30 at Dexter BBQ. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer.

It's Coming...

We are switching up our ladies ornament exchange a bit. This year, you can choose to bring an ornament OR a pair of fun socks (Christmas or otherwise) filled with little, inexpensive treats. Ornaments and socks should be wrapped.



The exchange will be held Tuesday, December 6, at 6 p.m. All teenage girls and ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Mark your calendars now!