



TRUE LIGHT

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

October 9, 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 THE PREACHER RESPONDS

I remember it very well. I was preaching a sermon on the subject of being a Christian husband and, as the sermon went on, I realized that I had not been the type of husband that I was preaching about. So, at the conclusion of the invitation song, I motioned for people to be seated even though no one had walked down the aisle.

After that, I walked back up to the pulpit and publicly repented of not being the type of husband I needed to be, asking God and my wife for forgiveness, and seeking prayers of encouragement. It was the only time I had ever responded in that way to my own sermon.

Anyway, it is very rare for a preacher to be the one sitting on that front pew, or seeking prayers at the end of a sermon. As I said, I have done it once, and I have seen in maybe three or four other times.

We have this treasure in earthen vessels...

2 Corinthians 4:7

So, are preachers just perfect and not in need of any change?

No, preachers are very human. And what you may not know is how often your preacher "responds" as he prepares and reflects on a sermon.

It may be why he is preaching on a particular text or topic. While he does not need to just preach his "needs" all the time, it is very possible that, every so often, he selects something to study and preach because he knows he needs to improve. As he does that, he is responding through his study and consideration of God's Word.

It may occur as he is studying for a Bible class, a sermon, or even a bulletin article. He will read a text he has read hundreds of times and something will strike him that is amiss in his own life. Right there at his computer or with several books open, he will pray that God will forgive him and give him strength to be better.

It may occur as he makes final preparations for a sermon. A lot of preachers (me included) take some time on Saturday to read back through their notes or do other "routines" that help them get the lesson in their heads. It is amazing how often those times just reading back through seem almost as if you are preaching to yourself, and cause some times of repentance and prayer.

And yes, it may occur while he is preaching the sermon, or as he reflects back on it when worship services are over. Something may strike him just like it may strike you. He may go home and apologize to his wife or children. He may text the elders and ask for prayers about something. He may contact someone privately and seek forgiveness because he realizes that what he was preaching, he was in most need of.

You may hear preachers sometimes say something like, "I'm preaching this for me," or "The guy standing up here needs this as much as anyone else." If your preacher is a man of integrity, those are not just words. He means them. And he means them because the Word of God has touched his heart so deeply as he has prayed, studying, prepared, and is now delivering some truth found in it.

You can hear that and think that he shouldn't be like that; that, because he is a preacher, he should be perfect and should not have to repent.

Or you can hear that and remember that, while he tries to be good, he is still a man, very much in need of your prayers.

But just know, if he is a man of integrity, he is responding often ... even if he is not walking the aisle.

Adam Faughn, via Legacy of Faith blog post

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

October 9 - Bentley Collier
October 10 - Judy Duley
Cason Karnes
October 12 - Darlene McGowan
October 14 - Molly Simmons
October 15 - Beth Williams
October 17 - Darrin Shipman
October 18 - Don Jackson
October 19 - Sam Howard
October 20 - Alyson Mickey
Marcus Suiter
October 23 - Johnny & Betty McGowan (A)



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

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

Attendance for October 2: 104
Contribution for October 2: \$3992

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Trish Baldwin is waiting on test results * **Mary Provance** (Cathy's sister in law) was injured in a four wheeler accident and airlifted to St. Louis * **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 better * **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 * 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 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 * 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 today through Wednesday at Dexter with guest speaker Joe Wells. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

Widow/widowers luncheon Tuesday at noon at the home of David and Loretta Carson. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer. If you need a ride, please let one of them know.

Wednesday night fellowship this week will be breakfast for supper. Desserts will be needed.

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

Ladies Lunch Out October 18 at 11:30 at Malden Country Club. .

Gospel Meeting at Bernie with Brent Newton October 23-26. Make plans now to attend every day!

In Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to the family of our sister Gayle Rodgers, who went to be with the Lord September 30. Her funeral was held Tuesday at the church building.

Sympathy is extended to Sue Jester in the loss of her brother, Dan Reed, who passed away last week.

WILLING TO SERVE

October 9, 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

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Song Leader.....David Carson
Prayer.....Joe Watson
Dismissal.....Ron Garner

October 16, 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

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

Stephen was an up-and-coming-comedian, and a prodigal. Raised in a Christian family, he struggled with doubt after his dad and two brothers died in a plane crash. By his early twenties, he'd lost his faith. But he found it one night on the frigid streets of Chicago. A stranger gave him a pocket New Testament, and Stephen cracked open the pages. An index said those struggling with anxiety should read Matthew 6: 27-34, from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

Stephen turned there, and the words kindled a fire in his heart. He recalls, "I was absolutely, immediately lightened. I stood on the street corner in the cold and read the sermon, and my life has never been the same."

Such is the power of Scripture. The Bible is unlike any other book, for it's alive. We don't just read the Bible. The Bible reads us. *Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit ...; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart* (Hebrews 4:12).

Scripture presents the most powerful force on the planet, a force that transforms and leads us toward spiritual maturity. Let's open it and read it out loud, asking God to ignite our hearts. He promises that the words He's spoken *will not return to [Him] empty, but will accomplish what [He desires] and achieve the purpose for which [He] sent it* (Isaiah 55:11). Our lives will never be the same.

Mike Whitmer