



# TRUE LIGHT

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

**October 23, 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**

At the End of Ourselves

**Why do we limit ourselves to the mundane of only what we can see? Why, oh why, do we cling to safety over being truly alive?**

*"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."*

*"Come," he said.*

*Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" (Matthew 14:28-30).*

Why are we so terrified of coming to the end of ourselves when that's the place when God rushes in?

Why are we so scared of throwing a leg over the side of the boat and stepping into the water to follow Him into the unknown when that's where we find Him holding out a hand?

***We need to let go of  
comfort and ease.***

Why are we so desperately opposed to jumping off the cliff, doing something radical, and living in faith?

Why are we so terrified of getting it wrong, making a mistake, and having doors slam shut in our faces?

Why do we limit our lives to the mundane of only what we can see?

Why, oh why, do we cling to safety over being truly alive?

Why? Because God knew we needed the cross:

*\*He knew the only way to be alive fully was to die \* Die to ownership of our lives \* Die to control and the right to be normal \* Die to the right to script our lives the way we think they should be.*

We NEED to let go of comfort and ease.

The biggest miracles can only happen when the stage is set with desperation.

Yesterday, I asked two specific prayer requests of the LORD and within hours, God answered directly, bluntly, in a way I couldn't miss. I had almost felt demanding in my prayer, but it was a desperate cry from my heart, and God smiled and nodded, "Yes!"

My heart is warmed and calmed. It's not an insult to ask for specific needs to be met. This is the muscle of faith, working when the results aren't seen.

Sometimes God seems silent or aloof. Sometimes our prayers take years to be answered, and we forget that the lessons we learn under that tension are far better than just an immediate response.

A guitar can only create music when its strings are under extreme pressure from both sides. The best music comes from a place of tension. So, it seems, does the most vigorous faith.

*Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong (2 Corinthians 12:8-10).*

Melissa Troyer, www.heartlight.com

## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

October 23 - Johnny & Betty McGowan (A)  
 October 24 - Bronwen Young  
 October 26 - Millie Dauck  
 October 27 - Mark McKuin  
 October 28 - Reeda Traw



## **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 23, 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 23, 2022**

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw  
 Prayer.....Joe Watson  
 Dismissal.....Ron Garner

### **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

## **CHOOSING COMPASSION**

A five-minute montage of snow-related mishaps was the central piece to one episode of a TV show. Home videos of people skiing off rooftops, crashing into objects while tubing, and slipping on ice brought laughter and applause from the studio audience and people watching at home. The laughter seemed to be loudest when it appeared that the people who wiped out deserved it because of their own foolish behavior.

Funny home videos aren't a bad thing, but they can reveal something about ourselves: we can be prone to laugh at or take advantage of the hardships of others. One such story is recorded in Obadiah about two rival nations, Israel and Edom. When God saw fit to punish Israel for their sin, Edom rejoiced. They took advantage of the Israelites, looted their cities, thwarted their escape, and supported their enemies (Obadiah 1: 13-14). A word of warning came through the prophet Obadiah to Edom: *You should not gloat over your brother in the day of his misfortune, for the day of the LORD is near for all nations* (vv 12, 15).

When we see the challenges or sufferings of others, even if it seems they've brought it upon themselves, we must choose compassion over pride. We're not in a position to judge others. Only God can do that. The kingdom of this world belongs to Him (v 21) - He alone holds the power of justice and mercy.

Karen Pimpo

**Attendance for October 16: 102**

**Contribution for October 16: \$4125**

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**John David Barnett** remains in St. Louis University Hospital and was scheduled for a scan of his gallbladder Friday \* **Mike Duley** will be having additional foot surgery and will have a CT scan of his foot November 15 \* **Roxanne Carson** had gamma knife procedure Thursday and did well \* **Marty Watson** has been in Southeast Hospital with a blockage \* **Mary Provance** (Cathy's sister in law) is improving and was moved to rehab \* Louella Akers' daughter, **Melinda**, diagnosed with stage 3 kidney failure \* **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) :**

Chastity Beard \* 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**

Our Gospel Meeting with Brent Newton begins today and runs through Wednesday. Make plans now to attend every day! We will have a potluck following morning services.

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Wednesday night fellowship this week will be catfish, chicken strips, French fries and hushpuppies. Desserts will be needed.

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

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

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Ladies Lunch Out November 8 at 11:30 at Dexter BBQ.

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If you are planning a December event, please get your information to Amy as soon as possible so that she can include it on our schedule of activities for the month.

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!