



TRUE LIGHT

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

November 13, 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."*

Psalm 118:24

**We Welcome You
To All Of Our
Services**

STILL HERE, BUT FORGOTTEN

We see it on tombstones, accompanying pictures of loved ones, on cards expressing sympathy, etc.: *Gone, but not forgotten.*

Most of us can relate to this. In fact, I think that it would be difficult to find very many people who have lost somebody close to them, but who don't continue to have memories of them. I am one of those fortunate ones for whom those memories are pleasant. The pain of losing family members and friends is tempered by the good times we were able to share.

Since there is apparently not as much fear of personal interaction due to various strains of Covid, I've been trying to get back to doing more visiting of some of the members of the church where I serve as an elder. Along with this, all of the elders and our preachers are attempting to make sure that we visit each of our members. We realize we cannot get this done overnight, but we plan to get it done over time.

So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 7:12 ESV)

Since I have tried to "step up" by visiting, I am experiencing something that breaks my heart. What truly breaks my heart is the fact that what I'm running into is not unique to the fairly recent pandemic, nor is it unique to the congregation where I presently serve as an elder.

I have worked in some capacity with four different congregations during my lifetime. I was a member in one, the preacher in two, and both a preacher and an elder in the congregation where I presently serve. Sadly, I've had the same (or at least similar) experience in all of them. I fear that I'm not the only one who could say something like this.

To be honest, it is fairly depressing to try to count the number of times I've been in somebody's house and have discovered that they at least feel like they are... *still here, but forgotten.*

At times, that is almost exactly what they will say. Usually, it is expressed as, "I thought that maybe you all had forgotten about me." Recently, I heard one of our members tell me some names of people who used to visit, call, send a note, etc., but haven't done so in quite some time.

Some of these people who feel like they've been forgotten were formerly very active in the local congregation. They may have been (and some I've visited have been over the years) former elders, deacons, Bible class teachers, preachers, etc. and feeling as though they've been "put on a shelf" and forgotten.

I know that we are all busy. I jokingly tell people that I haven't figured out what this "retirement thing" is yet. Part of the reason for that is that I'm using some of the time I used to use for sermon and class preparation to spend a little time with those who, because of health, age, and/or other circumstances can no longer be with the rest of the congregation when we worship and study together.

At my age, I realize that some health issues or other challenges caused by the aging process could put me in that category of "shut-ins." I also realize that an accident, a major health event, change in family dynamics, or a host of other things could keep me from being as active and involved as I would like to be. I would like to think that I would not be forgotten. Nobody really wants people to forget them.

Jim Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

November 13 - Loretta Carson
 Karlie McQuin
 November 15 - Jase Foster
 November 17 - Mason Beard
 November 19 - Zack Tanner



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

November 13, 2022

Morning Worship:

Song LeaderCameron Traw
 Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
 Scripture.....Jason Karnes
 Prayer.....Sam Garner
 Closing Prayer.....Jerry Burleson

Evening Worship:

Song LeaderRodney Williams
 Prayer.....David Carson
 Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers
 Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Song LeaderJacob Clayton
 Prayer.....David Burleson
 Dismissal.....Mike Duley

November 20, 2022

Morning Worship:

Song LeaderDylan Seabaugh
 Opening Prayer.....David Carson
 Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers
 Prayer.....Zack Tanner
 Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song LeaderJoe Watson
 Prayer.....Wayne Reams
 Scripture.....David Burleson
 Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

SMALL KINDNESSES

Amanda works as a visiting nurse who rotates among several nursing homes - often bringing her eleven-year-old daughter Ruby to work. For something to do, Ruby began asking residents, "If you could have any three things, what would you want?" and recording their answers in her notebook. Surprisingly, many of their wishes were for little things - Vienna sausages, chocolate pie, cheese, avocados. So Ruby set up a GoFundMe to help her provide for their simple wishes. And when she delivers the goodies, she doles out hugs. She says, "It lifts you. It really does."

When we show compassion and kindness like Ruby's, we reflect our God who *is gracious and compassionate ... and rich in love* (Psalm 145:8). That's why the apostle Paul urged us, as God's people, to *clothe [our]selves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience* (Colossians 3:12). Because God has shown great compassion to us, we naturally long to share His compassion with others. And as we do so intentionally, we "clothe" ourselves in it.

Paul goes on to tell us, *over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity* (v 14). And he reminds us that we are to *do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus* (v 17), remembering that all good things come from God. When we're kind to others, our spirits are lifted.

Alyson Kieda

Attendance for November 6: 103
Contribution for November 6: \$4286

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pat Ingle is currently at home and feeling better and in the process of developing a treatment plan with Siteman Cancer Center * **John David Barnett** remains in St. Louis University Hospital * **Mike Duley** will be having additional foot surgery and will have a CT scan of his foot November 15 * **Marty Howard** is continuing to experience back pain * **Reba Owens** fell Tuesday and broke her arm. She is currently at Cypress Point * **Jo Carolyn Flowers-Noe** (Friend of Beth Williams) is not doing well * **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 * 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 * Tim Lecroy * 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

Wednesday night fellowship meal this week will be baked spaghetti, garlic bread ad garden salad. Desserts will be needed. There will be no meal next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mike Napier from Gospel Chariot Missions will be our guest speaker for morning services November 20.

We will be participating in the Bernie tree lighting event at the park December 3. A list of items needed is on the table in the foyer. We will need help assembling our "smores" bags Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. in the fellowship room, as well as at the event. Please see Amy if you can help with either.

Ladies Ornament/Sock exchange Tuesday, December 6, at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room for all ladies and teenage girls. Bring something yummy to eat and your wrapped ornament/socks and plan for a night of fun and fellowship!

Ladies Christmas brunch Thursday, December 15, at 10 a.m. at the home of Amy Thomason. Please bring your favorite dish to share (ham will be provided) and an optional, wrapped gift valued at \$20 or less. Check our Children's Home list and bring an item or two from it to be entered into a raffle for a door prize.

