



TRUE LIGHT

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

November 20, 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**

THE TINY CRUTCHES

When I was four years old, I was playing with some other children outside on a snowy day. What fun it was to play "follow the leader." I was pretty small but thought I was as big as all of the other kids. When they jumped over an obstacle, I did the same thing. When they circled a tree, I did the same thing. When they climbed up on an old tree stump with a huge crack in the middle of it, I did the same thing ... well, almost the same thing. They all jumped off on the other side of the stump, but I had on rubber boots, and when I jumped, my little boot was stuck in that crack. All of me jumped, but my leg didn't. The pain was terrible and I screamed like the baby I was.

Of course, my mother (who was a nurse) came running and immediately knew that my leg was badly broken. She took me to the hospital, which was actually a big two story house where the only doctor in town saw patients. He set my leg in a cast that covered my entire leg. I couldn't walk on that leg for several weeks, but the day came when he said I could put weight on it if I could get a pair of crutches.

Crutches for a four year old were just not an available item in those days. There were no medical equipment stores for little ones. However, there was a very kind neighbor who was a woodworker. He measured me from my armpit down to the ground and carefully made me a little pair of wooden crutches. I still have them to this day. They sit out in our home office as a reminder of the kindness that was shown to me as a very young child.

I picked them up the other day and my mind went back to the days of having to use those crutches, and the kindness of the one who made them. You see, my leg in that cast did not heal straight, and the cast was replaced by a brace. The crutches were necessary equipment for several more months.

Why would I tell you that whole story? After all, that was so long ago. I tell it so that you will realize that the kind things you do for others may not seem like much to you, but your heart will remember a kindness shown possibly even years from now. Just like I still remember the name Mr. Harm Relmeyer all these years later, possibly you will remember someone from your past who helped you along the way.

Hearts are shaped all along our path of life. Sometimes they are shaped by the bad things that happened to us, but the opposite of that can also be true. I hope you will take some time to think back on your life, maybe even get out some old photographs that will help you remember those who have shaped your heart. My prayer is that goodness and kindness has shaped all of your hearts, and that these examples have shown you how important it is for you to follow in those steps.

Donna Faughn, via Legacy of Faith blog post



So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them.

(Matthew 7:12)

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

November 23 - David Terrill
November 25 - Karla Jacques
November 26 - Waynetta Rodgers
November 27 - Lisa Britt
Jane Terrill



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 20, 2022

Morning Worship:

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

Evening Worship:

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

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Cameron Traw
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

November 27, 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 SOCRATIC CLUB

In 1941, the Socratic Club was established at England's Oxford University. It was formed to encourage debate between believers in Jesus and atheists or agnostics.

Religious debate at a secular university isn't unusual, but what *is surprising* is who chaired the Socratic Club for fifteen years - the great Christian scholar C.S. Lewis. Willing to have his thinking tested, Lewis believed that faith in Christ could stand up to great scrutiny. He knew there was credible, rational evidence for believing in Jesus.

In a sense, Lewis was practicing Peter's advice to believers scattered by persecution when he reminded them, *in your heart revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect* (1 Peter 3:15). Peter makes two key points: we have good reasons for our hope in Christ and we're to present our reasoning with *gentleness and respect*.

Trusting Christ isn't religious escapism or wishful thinking. Our faith is grounded in facts of history, including the resurrection of Jesus and the evidence of the creation bearing witness to its Creator. As we rest in God's wisdom and the strength of the Spirit, may we be ready to share the reasons we have for trusting our great God. Bill Crowder

Attendance for November 13: 88
Contribution for November 13: \$4191

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pat Ingle is home and in the process of developing a treatment plan with Siteman Cancer Center * **John David Barnett** remains in St. Louis University Hospital and may be released Monday * **Mike Duley** will be having additional foot surgery in a few months * **Marty Howard** is continuing to experience back pain * **June Mothersbaugh** hasn't felt well for a few days * **Don Jackson** remains in Cypress Point for rehab * **Janet Wood** waiting for knee surgery * **Kristen Bird** (great niece of Phyllis Howard) has been having trouble with her diabetes * **Chelsie Mott** (daughter of Maura Thomason's instructor) currently in the hospital at Poplar Bluff with sepsis but is improving *

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

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

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will meet on **Tuesday** this week. There will be no fellowship meal this week; the November 30 meal will be breakfast for supper.

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.