



TRUE LIGHT

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

December 25, 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**

MAY WE ALL TRY

To

be kind

work hard

admit guilt

love an enemy

listen to logic

break a bad habit

learn more patience

grow older gracefully

judge without prejudice

acknowledge our ignorance

endure without complaining

persevere in the worthy goals

show no animosity to unkindness

love the sinner yet hate the sins

concentrate in the middle of strife

be tolerant of ridicule and hostility

learn when to be silent, when to subdue

fraternize without losing our originality

develop a gentle, benevolent sense of humor

show compassion, for all mortals have sorrows

extend our hands in friendship and love to all

listen to others as we would have them listen to us

serve without compensation, commendation, recognition

today and in the coming days and years and months

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CHRISTMAS CARD PERFECT

The Barker family Christmas video was perfect. Three robe-clad shepherds (the family's young sons) huddled around a fire in a grassy field. Suddenly an angel descended from the hilltop - their big sister, looking resplendent, except for the pink high-top sneakers. As the soundtrack swelled, the shepherds stared skyward in amazement. A trek across a field led them to a real baby - their infant brother in a modern barn. Big sister now played the role of Mary.

Then came the "bonus features," when their dad let us peek behind the scenes. Whiny kids complained, "I'm cold." "I have to go to the bathroom right now!" "Can we go home?" "Guys, pay attention," said their mom more than once. Reality was far from Christmas-card perfect.

It's easy to view the story of [Jesus' birth] through the lens of a well-edited final cut. But Jesus' life was anything but smooth. A jealous Herod tried to kill Him in infancy (Matthew 2:13). Mary and Joseph misunderstood Him (Luke 2:41-50). The world hated Him (John 7:7). For a time, *even his own brothers did not believe in him (7:5)*. His mission led to a grisly death. He did it all to honor His Father and rescue us.

The Barkers' video ended with these words of Jesus: *I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me* (John 14:6). That's a reality we can live with - forever. Tim Gustafson

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

December 28 - Kylie Allen
December 31 - David 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

December 25, 2022

Morning Worship:

Song LeaderJoe 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, December 28, 2022

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....David Burleson
Dismissal.....Cameron Traw

January 1, 2023

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw
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

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

On Christmas Eve 1968, the Apollo 8 astronauts - Frank Borman, Jim Lovell, and Bill Anders - became the first humans to enter lunar orbit. As they circled the moon ten times, they shared images of the moon and the Earth. During a live broadcast, they took turns reading from Genesis 1. At the fortieth anniversary celebration, Borman said, "We were told that on Christmas Eve we would have the largest audience that had ever listened to a human voice. And the only instructions that we got from NASA was to do something appropriate." The Bible verses spoken by the Appolo 8 astronauts still plant seeds of truth into the listening hearts of people who hear the historical recording.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says, *Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live* (Isaiah 55:3). Revealing His free offer of salvation, He invites us to turn from our sin and receive His mercy and forgiveness (vv 6-7). He declares the divine authority of His thoughts and His actions, which are too vast for us to truly understand (

vv 8-9). Still, God gives us opportunity to share His life-transforming words of Scripture, which point to Jesus, and affirm that He is responsible for the spiritual growth of His people (vv 10-13).

The Holy Spirit helps us share the Gospel as the Father fulfills all His promises according to His perfect plan and pace. Xochitl Dixon

Attendance for December 18: 97 Contribution for Dec. 18: \$3264

*this bulletin was printed in advance. Please listen to announcements for updates to our sick list

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Don Jackson still struggling with infection in his leg and was scheduled to see the surgeon Wednesday * **Sharon Durham** scheduled for back surgery Thursday* **John David Barnett** is improving * **Pat Ingle** as she continues with her chemo treatments * **Marty Howard** is scheduled for back surgery February 3 * **Mike Duley** scheduled for foot surgery January 4 * **Reba Owens** recovering from toe amputation * **Janet Wood** is home recovering from knee replacement surgery * **Janie Burleson** wasn't feeling well last week * **Judy Duley** still recovering from the flu last week

Continue praying for these members of our church family: David Burleson * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * Don Jackson * Sonja Mays * Curtis McClard * Darlene McGowan * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * 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

Today: Christmas Dinner will be served in the fellowship room following worship services. Anyone who would like to stay and eat with us is welcome to attend.

There will not be a Wednesday night fellowship meal this week due to the holidays, but will resume January 4, 2023.

Teens or young adults interested in a holiday event (lunch and movie or bowling) on December 27 or 29 should let Amy know ASAP and one will be planned.

New Year's Eve get-together at 6 p.m. December 31. Bring games and finger foods and we will plan to wrap up early due to New Year's Day falling on Sunday.

Friends and Family Day 2023 will be January 8 with Gordon Hogan. Fliers are available on the table in the foyer.

Ignite! Youth Rally at Jackson will be January 14-15 with guest speaker Spencer Furby. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

Charles Dickens in A Christmas Carol calls Christmas, "A good time: a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time: the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely."

