



# TRUE LIGHT

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

**December 4, 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**

## ONE GIFT YOU CAN'T UNWRAP

We are trying to do better this year about buying our Christmas gifts earlier. We hope to get most - if not all - of them bought and wrapped in just the next few days. (We'll see if that actually happens!) The "hurry and hustle" of the season is real but we would rather "hurry" now than be totally scrambling later on.

And that hints at where I want to go in this brief article. For many of us, there is so much to do this time of year (and always). On top of the usual work and school things and regular activities (haircuts, dental appointments, etc.) there is shopping to do and parties to attend (or host) and special activities at church and work get-togethers and more. The calendar is flooded with extras.

In the midst of all that, you will try to squeeze in a Christmas movie (or twenty), going to see Santa, driving around looking at lights, and maybe some time to have a special family Christmas outing. Add on any travel you have to do for the holidays and it's a wonder we don't just fall completely out December 26.

So, how about remembering that there is one gift you can't wrap this year. It's a gift you can give your spouse, your kids, your parents, a neighbor, your friend, or anyone else. It might be the most important gift you give them in the midst of all this, but you can't unwrap it.

What is it? The gift of time.

Say "no" to something so you can be with your spouse or your kids. Leave work early one day to go help a neighbor or visit a friend.

Do you really have to do ALL those things you've got on your calendar, or would it not be better to tap the brakes a bit and just be with someone? Which do you think will mean more in the long run?

Give the gift of time.

Adam Faughn, via Legacy of Faith blog post

*If you are too busy to be thankful and praise God  
for the blessings in your life, you are far too busy.*

## TOO MUCH ON YOUR PLATE?

Thank goodness I asked this now and not last week, right? If you are like me, you may be working on burning off some of the things that overloaded your Thanksgiving Day plate!

Obviously, for the purposes of this blog, I am not only talking about literal plate contents. I'm also asking if you have too much on your theoretical plate. Too many irons in the fire. Add any other clichés you can think of that mean we are too busy!

I know it is the busy time of year. While two of my three children are now in college, the one left in high school has plenty of rehearsals, concerts, performances, and social events to keep this mom's taxi on the road! I'm not suggesting that it is wrong to be busy, but ...

If you are too busy to enjoy the things you are doing, maybe you need to decrease the number of things. Colossians 3:23 still tells us that whatever we are doing should be as if we are doing it for the Lord.

If you are too busy for your family, you are too busy. Things and even events will wait or be missed, but your family - particularly if you are a parent - is your priority. The Bible tells us children are a gift from the Lord and we should give time and effort to pointing them in the right direction (Psalm 127:4-5).

Finally, if you are too busy to be thankful and praise God for the blessings in your life, you are far too busy. Each day we have is a gift from the Creator, as are the air we breathe, people we love, life we lead, and grace we need. May we never have too much on our plate to be thankful to the One who supplied the plate from the beginning.

Amber Tatum, via Legacy of Faith blog post

## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

December 5 - Curtis McClard  
 December 8 - Stan & Sue Flowers (A)  
 December 9 - Sharlette Watson  
 December 10 - Lana Shipman  
 Ryleigh Foster

## **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 4, 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, December 7, 2022**

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
 Prayer.....Ron Garner  
 Dismissal.....Jeff Rodgers

### **December 11, 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

## **TRUE IDENTITY**

As my friend reviewed the pictures I took of her, she pointed out the physical characteristics she saw as imperfections. I asked her to look closer. "I see a beautiful and beloved daughter of the Almighty King of Kings," I said. "I see a compassionate lover of God and others, whose genuine kindness, generosity, and faithfulness have made a difference in so many lives." When I noticed the tears brimming in her eyes, I said, "I think you need a tiara!" Later that afternoon, we picked out the perfect crown for my friend so she would never forget her true identity.

When we come to know Jesus personally, He crowns us with love and calls us His children (1 John 3:1). He gives us the power to persevere in faith so that *we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming* (2:28). Though he accepts us as we are, His love purifies us and transforms us into His likeness (3:2-3). He helps us recognize our need for Him and repent as we rejoice in the power to turn away from sin (vv 7-9). We can live in faithful obedience and love (v 10), with His truth hidden in our hearts and His Spirit present in our lives.

My friend didn't really **need** a tiara or any other trinket that day. But we both needed the reminder of our worth as God's beloved children. Xochitl Dixon



**Attendance for November 27: 110 \* Contribution for November 27: \$4013**

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Reba Owens** had to have her toes amputated on her left foot due to infection \* **Trish Baldwin** is sick at home \* **Janie Burleson** spent a few days in the hospital with several health issues and was hoping to be released Friday \* **Pat Ingle** is preparing to begin treatments \* **Jack and Helen McGowan** have both been sick at home \* **Bill Pruitt** has been struggling with balance issues \* **John David Barnett** at home and doing a little better \* **Darlene McGowan** has been sick for several weeks but feeling a little better \* **Laney and Owen Hayes** have both been sick with the flu \* **Mike Duley** waiting on a surgery date for his foot \* **Marty Howard** continues to struggle with back pain \* **Janet Wood** hoping to get a surgery date soon for knee replacement \* **Dalton O'Neal** (grandson of Jeff and Karen McGowan) was involved in a bad auto accident Thursday and had back surgery Friday \*

**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 is our first Sunday potluck and early evening service. Please make plans to stay and fellowship with us at the potluck, followed by an early p.m. service at 1.

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Ladies Ornament/Sock exchange this Tuesday 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!

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Our fellowship meal this week will be bbq, baked potatoes, bake beans, coleslaw. Desserts will be needed.

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There will be a children's Christmas party Sunday, December 11, at 3:30 in the fellowship room for those in sixth grade and younger.

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Ladies Lunch Out will be **Monday, December 12**, at 11:30 at Hickory Log. Ladies, PLEASE sign the sign up sheet if you plan to attend as we have to have reservations for this event.

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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.

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Katie Paige Williams will be getting married December 22. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for her wedding, please see Reeda Traw.