



# TRUE LIGHT

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

**January 22, 2023**

## 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**

## A CONVERSATION STARTER

I'm part of a ladies' Bible class which has met every Tuesday afternoon at 1 for about thirteen years (we do take a few weeks off around the holidays). We have studied deeply the books of law and the historical books of the Old Testament. We are now on a schedule that takes us through the Psalms, Proverbs, and the prophetic books.

We began our next section of Proverbs yesterday - Proverbs 25-29. As we got into chapter 25, near the end of that chapter, verses 23 and 24 really started a great discussion. They read: *The north wind brings forth rain, and a backbiting tongue, angry looks. It is better to live in a corner of the housetop than in a house shared with a quarrelsome wife.* As you can imagine, we also took a look at Proverbs 21:9, 19 which share the same and similar sentiments.

Our discussion began with wondering if those two verses (23 and 24) are a couplet. While they don't rhyme like a couplet usually does, we wondered if the coldness, backbiting and angry looks might be a description of the quarrelsome wife in verse 24.

*She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*

Proverbs 31:26

I don't have a definitive answer to the question about couplets, but what a great discussion starter! We talked about the difference between those who are newly married and those who have lived multiple years together. What begins sweetly in those early years of marriage can be turned into a description like those two verses.

We discussed the importance of communication in marriage at any point along the way in your life together. We even talked about what communication actually is - both talking AND listening.

It was expressed that the longer we are together we sometimes fail to really listen because we think we know what they will say about any given topic. Often we are busy with something else when the talking is going on, making it sure that real communication has not happened.

We know that Solomon was writing these words to give wisdom to his son. But since this is wisdom literature, we also discussed the fact that just because it says "wife" in the passage, it could also be applied to a "husband." We all knew of situations that involved a husband who was very hard to live with because of his tongue, his demeanor, and quarrelsome nature.

It doesn't really matter if those two verses are couplets or not, nor does it matter whether or not it is confined to the wife. What matters for us is that a group of ladies, who are trying to understand the Bible better than we ever have, opened up in a discussion that led us to know that how we act and speak, especially within our marriages, is important. How I act and how I say what I say should never cause my husband (or anyone else) to want to be away from where I am.

Another great class from the Book is in the books.

Donna Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

## COFFEE BREATH

I was sitting in my chair one morning years ago when my youngest came downstairs. She made a beeline for me, jumping up onto my lap. I gave her a fatherly squeeze and a gentle kiss on the head, and she squealed with delight. But then she furrowed her brow, crinkled her nose, and shot an accusatory glance at my coffee mug. "Daddy," she announced solemnly, "I love you, and I like you, but I don't like your smell."

My daughter couldn't have known it, but she spoke with grace and truth: she didn't want to hurt my feelings, but she felt compelled to tell me something. And sometimes we need to do that in our relationships.

In Ephesians 4, Paul zeroes in on how we relate to each other - especially when telling difficult truths. *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love* (v 2). Humility, gentleness, and patience form our relationship foundation. Cultivating those character qualities as God guides us will help us [speak] *the truth in love* (v 15) and seek to communicate *what is helpful for building others up according to their needs* (v 29).

No one likes being confronted about weaknesses and blind spots. But when something about us "smells," God can use faithful friends to speak into our lives with grace, truth, humility, and gentleness.

Adam R. Holz

## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

January 27 - Cameron Traw  
January 28 - Melissa Shelton  
January 29 - Tim Flowers



## **CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS**

Tape (Scotch/Masking) \* Paper  
Napkins \* Paper Plates & Cups \*  
Spaghetti O's \* Liquid Fabric  
Softener \* Ketchup  
Pickup Date April 17, 2023

## **WILLING TO SERVE**

### **January 22, 2023**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Dylan Seabaugh  
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
Scripture.....Jason Karnes  
Prayer.....Sam Garner  
Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....David Carson  
Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers  
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

### **Wednesday, January 25, 2022**

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
Prayer.....Ron Garner  
Dismissal.....Jeff Rodgers

### **January 29, 2023**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw  
Opening Prayer.....David Carson  
Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers  
Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

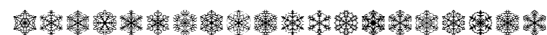
Evening Worship:

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

## **REACHING OUT**

In a recent post, blogger Bonnie Gray recounted the moment when overwhelming sadness began to creep into her heart. "Out of the blue," she stated, "during the happiest chapter in my life ... I suddenly starting experiencing panic attacks and depression." Gray tried to find different ways to address her pain, but she soon realized that she wasn't strong enough to handle it all alone. "I hadn't wanted anyone to question my faith, so I kept quiet and prayed that my depression would go away. But God wants to heal us, not shame us or make us hide from our pain." Gray found healing in the solace of His presence; he was her anchor amid the waves that threatened to overwhelm her.

When we're in a low place and filled with despair, God is there and will sustain us too. In Psalm 18, David praised God for delivering him from the low place he was in after nearly being defeated by his enemies. He proclaimed, [God] *reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters* (v 16). Even in moments when despair seems to consume us like crashing waves in an ocean, God loves us so much that He'll reach out to us and help us, bringing us into a *spacious place* of peace and security (v 19). Let's look to Him as our refuge when we feel overwhelmed by the challenges of life.  
Kimya Loder



If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

Anne Bradstreet



**Attendance for January 15: 98 \*\*\* Contribution for January 15: \$3457**

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Louella Akers'** cancer has spread. Doctors have said there is nothing else they can do. At this time she has declined hospice care \* **Cameron Traw** spent several days in the hospital following issues with his blood sugar and blood pressure levels \* **David Carson** improving; surgery postponed until February \* **Don Jackson** is improving; the swelling in his knee has gone down \* **Sharon Durham** at home recovering from back surgery \* **John David Barnett** had a good follow up visit and may be able to return to work in three to four weeks \* **Pat Ingle** as she continues with her chemo treatments \* **Marty Howard** is scheduled for back surgery February 3 \* **Mike Duley** recovering from foot surgery \* **Janet Wood** is home recovering from knee replacement surgery \* **June Mothersbaugh** still struggling with back issues \* **Fern Botsch** on hospice care \* **David Terrill** at home recovering from a serious fall \* **David Burleson's** PSA levels have doubled since his last visit \* **Mike Napier's** cancer has returned \* **Scott Burleson** (Reeda Traw's brother) is in the Poplar Bluff hospital on dialysis and not doing well \* **Wayne McKuin** in Southeast Hospital with blood clots in his lungs; his wife **Jackie** is also going through chemo treatments \*

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** David Burleson \* Scott and Judy Flannery \* Sue Flowers \* Patsy (Hardy) Gregg \* Sonja Mays \* Darlene McGowan \* Helen McGowan \* Jeff McGowan \* Gloria Moore \* 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 \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson \*

## **Looking Ahead**

Wednesday night fellowship meal will be baked spaghetti, garden salad and garlic bread. Desserts will be needed.  
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First Sunday potluck and early evening service will be February 5. We will have a meal following morning services with an early, 1 p.m. evening service.  
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Valentine's Banquet Sunday, February 12, following evening services. Plan now to attend for an evening of good food, fellowship and fun.  
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Ladies Lunch out will be MONDAY, February 13, at 11:30. Location yet to be determined.  
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Inspiration 2023 March 10 & 11 at Dexter with guest speaker Lonnie Jones.  
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Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Bryan McAlister will be in March (final date yet to be determined). Be praying now for a successful meeting.