



TRUE LIGHT

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

January 8, 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*

AN INFLUENCER

Having all of our family home for the holidays was simply wonderful. We even had a few extra days to relax and enjoy one another's company. One of those days was spent with the girls going shopping at our mall. We enjoyed browsing through the stores without all of the hustle and bustle of trying to find just the right gift.

When it was time for lunch, we decided to just eat in the food court and our guys joined us. While eating lunch I noticed that our youngest granddaughter (she's 15 now) got a stunned look on her face. She was staring at someone with utter awe. I asked her who it was and she gave me the name of a young man I had never heard of before. He was surrounded by girls who were also awestruck. Now, he was a nice looking young man, but I was out of the loop as to why he was so popular. I asked if he was a singer or an actor I had never heard of. She told me he wasn't, but he is an "influencer." I had heard the expression before but didn't really know what it was.

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world..." (Philippians 2:14-15)

Apparently, influencers in social media are people who have built a reputation for their knowledge and expertise on a specific topic. They influence people for a certain brand or company. In our mall guy's case, it didn't hurt that he was very nice looking! I don't think my granddaughter knew what product or company for which he was an influencer.

You know where I am going with this. As I thought about being an influencer, I came to the conclusion that being an influencer is as old as time itself. After all, Satan influenced Eve and Eve influenced Adam. Every person we read about in the Bible had influence over others, either for good or for bad.

And so do we!

Whatever relationships we have with other people, we influence them in one way or another. When I taught all of those classrooms full of students as a public school teacher, I influenced them in one way or another. When I stand before ladies and speak at a ladies' day or lectureship, I influence those ladies in one way or another. When I teach teen girls or ladies in a Bible class, I influence them one way or another. As a wife, a mother, an employee, a customer, or any other role in which I find myself, I influence those who are around me.

Now the question for me is, do I influence others for good or for bad? Do my facial expressions, body language, and words I use influence people in a positive way? Would Jesus be pleased with my influence on those around me?

I want to be an influencer for good. Don't you?

Donna Faughn, via Legacy of Faith blog post

It's Friends and Family Day 2023 with Gordon Hogan!

**"Every Spiritual Blessing is Available in Christ" (a.m.)
"Intensity of Desire" (p.m., youth emphasis)**

Please join us for a light meal following evening services.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

January 12 - Janie Burluson
Phyllis Howard
Jeff & Waynetta Rodgers (A)

January 13 - Jason Karnes



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

January 8, 2023

Morning Worship:

Song Leader Joe Watson
Opening Prayer Jon Neely
Scripture Jason Karnes
Prayer Sam Garner
Closing Prayer Jerry Burluson

Evening Worship:

Song Leader (guest) Brandon Chesser
Prayer David Carson
Scripture Jeff Rodgers
Dismissal Jerry McCoy

Wednesday, January 11, 2022

Song Leader Jacob Clayton
Prayer Sam Garner
Dismissal Cameron Traw

January 15, 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 Burluson
Dismissal Rodney Williams

THE GOD WHO REDEEMS

As part of a sermon illustration, I walked toward the beautiful painting an artist had been creating on the platform and made a dark streak across the middle of it. The congregation gasped in horror. The artist simply stood by and watched as I defaced what she'd created. Then, selecting a new brush, she lovingly transformed the ruined painting into an exquisite work of art.

Her restorative work reminds me of the work God can perform in our lives when we've made a mess of things. The prophet Isaiah rebuked the people of Israel for their spiritual blindness and deafness (Isaiah 42:18-19), but then he proclaimed the hope of God's deliverance and redemption: *Do not fear, for I have redeemed you* (43:1). He can do the same for us. Even after we've sinned, if we confess our sins and turn to God, He forgives and restores us (vv 5-7, see 1 John 1:9). We can't bring beauty out of the mess, but Jesus can. The good news of the gospel is that He has redeemed us by His blood. The book of Revelation assures us that in the end, Christ will dry our tears, redeem our past, and make all things new (Rev. 21:4-5).

We have a limited vision of our story. But God who knows us *by name* (Isaiah 43:1) will make our lives more beautiful than we could ever imagine. If you've been redeemed by faith in Jesus, your story, like the painting, has a glorious ending.

Glenn Packiam

Attendance for January 1: 109 *** Contribution for January 1: \$4531

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Trish Baldwin recovering from a fall at home and will see her doctor in two weeks * **Don Jackson** did not get to see his doctor Wednesday and is scheduled to see him in two weeks * **Sharon Durham** at home recovering from back surgery * **John David Barnett** was released from the hospital Friday * **Pat Ingle** as she continues with her chemo treatments * **Marty Howard** is scheduled for back surgery February 3 * **Mike Duley** recovering from foot surgery Wednesday * **Reba Owens** recovering from toe amputation * **Janet Wood** is home recovering from knee replacement surgery * **June Mothersbaugh** still struggling with back issues * **Tony Miller** (Judy Duley's brother) in ICU in Sikeston but improving * **Louella Akers** had to have an iron transfusion and hasn't been doing well * **Fern Botsch** on hospice care

Continue praying for these members of our church family: David Burluson * 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 * Reba Owens * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson *

Looking Ahead

TODAY: Friends and Family Day 2023 with Gordon Hogan. Fliers are available on the table in the foyer. We still need lots of help providing desserts and other items for the evening meal.

Ladies Lunch Out Tuesday, January 10, at 11:30 at **El Cabrito** in Dexter (La Cascada currently closed for repairs). There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

Wednesday night fellowship meal will be barbecue, baked beans, baked potatoes and coleslaw. Desserts will be needed.

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.

Children's Home grocery run January 16. Let's get the cart filled up!

Valentine's Banquet Sunday, February 12, following evening services. Plan now to attend for an evening of good food, fellowship and fun.

In Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to the McGowan family in the loss of JT McGowan, who passed away unexpectedly December 31. His services were held January 3.

Sympathy is also extended to the family and friends of Mac Mallory who passed away December 31. His services were held January 4.