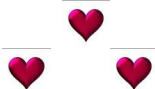




# TRUE LIGHT



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

February 12, 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**

How many hearts are printed on this bulletin? Count them and submit your answer at the banquet to be eligible for a door prize

## BLESSINGS ON MY BIRTHDAY

On my sixteenth birthday, it snowed five inches. I was all set to take my driver's license test and get my license. I was prepared because in those days you had to take a full semester of driver's education - half of it was learning the rules of the road and half of it was driving around town with an instructor. To say I was disappointed that my father wouldn't let me take the test that day is an understatement. It was nearly a week before I was able to take the test and get my license.

As far as I can remember, it has not snowed on my birthday again - until this year on the night before my big day. Fifty-eight years later it came a sleet and freezing rain storm that shut almost everything down. Freezing temperatures kept the ice pack on everything, making it a virtual ice-skating rink in our area.

You may be wondering why I titled my post as I did - "Blessings on my Birthday." I want to explain it to you:

- All blessings come from God, and He blesses us daily. Maybe it's just that you were able to get out of bed this morning, but in some form God has blessed you with another day.
- All seasons are beautiful - the new growth in the spring, the green trees and flowers in the summer, the colors of autumn, and yes, the beauty of the bare branches and the whiteness of the snow [in winter].
- Being able to be in your warm home with those you love on an icy or snowy day will also be a blessing if you try to make it one.
- Even though closed in because of the weather, the ability to still communicate with others on the phone or your computer is most definitely a blessing.

This list could be much longer, but I think this provides some idea of how we should look at what God provides.

I received another great blessing yesterday. On my birthday, while closed in at home, I received hundreds of messages from family, friends, church family and others who are just acquaintances. I received so many that Facebook stopped me from sending a thank you message back to them - so I just sent hearts! These are blessings from God because He has allowed our paths to cross in this life. These people have touched my life and I've touched theirs. What a blessing.

God is so good to all of us and wants us to recognize what He has done for us. On my sixteenth birthday I did not see that beautiful snow as a blessing. I was focused upon what I wanted. Yesterday, even with all of the ice on the ground, I realized that, at 74 years of age, I am a blessed woman. God has allowed me to have a wonderful life and to share it with so many others.

I pray that He knows and those I know in life realize just how much they have blessed me in these 74 years.  
Donna Faughn, via A legacy of Faith blog post

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change (James 1:17).

*Please join us immediately following evening services tonight for a*



## Valentine's Day Banquet



*Menu: Lasagna, garden salad, hot rolls,  
an assortment of delectable desserts,  
punch, coffee, or water.  
Fun and games following the meal.*



## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

February 14 - Helen McGowan  
Jeff McGowan

February 19 - Travis Cooper  
Bill & Beverly Pruitt (A)



## 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

**February 12, 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

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

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

**February 19, 2023**



Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson  
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

Attendance for February 5: 86 \*\*\* Contribution for February 5: \$4406

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER



**Sonja Mays** is in room 5010 at Poplar Bluff hospital \* **Marty Howard** recovering from back surgery \* **Louella Akers'** cancer has spread. Doctors have said there is nothing else they can do. \* **David Carson** will have surgery on his sinuses Thursday \* **Pat Ingle's** latest scans shows her tumors are shrinking \* **Mike Duley** recovering from foot surgery \* **Janet Wood** is home recovering from knee replacement surgery \* **Fern Botsch** on hospice care \* Several in the congregation were out last week with COVID and other seasonal illnesses

**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 \* Ronnie Goins \* Patricia Greninger \* Nolan Hollowell \* LeAnn Jacques \* Tommy Jacques \* Pam Jeralds \* Holly Johnson Kristin Meadows \* Connie Lemmons \* Ponna Mahan \* Linda Morgan \* Paula Mason \* Mike Napier \* 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

**TONIGHT:** Valentine's Day Banquet immediately following evening worship. Your hosts for the evening will be Cindy Burleson and Amy Thomason. Please plan to attend for an evening of good food, fellowship and fun.

Ladies Lunch TOMORROW, February 13, at 11:30 at La Cascada in Bernie. There's a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

Wednesday night fellowship meal will be breakfast for supper. Desserts will be needed.

Inspiration 2023 March 10 & 11 at Dexter with guest speaker Lonnie Jones. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Bryan McAlister will be March 5-8. Be praying now for a successful meeting, and plan to attend every night.

## In Sympathy:

*Sympathy is extended to Pam Collier in the loss of her father, Kenny Grubbs, who passed away February 5. Sympathy also to the family and friends of Jo Carolyn Flowers-Noe, who lost her battle with cancer last week.*

## JUROR NUMBER 8

"One man is dead. Another man's life is at stake," says the judge somberly in the classic 1957 film *12 Angry Men*. The evidence against the young suspect appears overwhelming. But during deliberations, it's the brokenness of the jury that's exposed. One of the twelve - juror number 8 - votes "not guilty." A heated debate ensues, in which the lone juror is mocked as he points out discrepancies in the testimony. Emotions escalate, and the jury members' own murderous and prejudicial tendencies come to light. One by one, the jurors switch their votes to not guilty.

When God gave His instructions to the new nation of Israel, He insisted on honest courage. *When you give testimony in a lawsuit, God said, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd* (Exodus 23:2). Interestingly, the court was neither to *show favoritism to a poor person* (V 3) nor to *deny justice to your poor people* (V 6). God, the righteous judge, desires our integrity in all our proceedings.

In *12 Angry Men*, the second juror to vote not guilty said of the first, "It's not easy to stand alone against the ridicule of others." Yet that's what God requires. Juror number 8 saw the real evidence, as well as the humanity of the individual on trial. With the gentle guidance of His Holy Spirit, we too can stand for God's truth and speak for the powerless.

Tim Gustafson

