



TRUE LIGHT

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

February 19, 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***

WHAT I SAW ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY NIGHT

Each year, I find myself wondering how to act and what to say leading up to - and on - Super Bowl Sunday. Every congregation I have ever worked for has, thankfully and rightly, not moved or canceled services just for a ball game. But I also brace myself for lower attendance numbers and for the inevitable stream of social media posts by members of the church who are watching the game instead of being at worship, despite reminders to assemble (Hebrews 10:25) and follow the leadership of elders (Hebrews 13:7).

Yes, that part is disheartening. Very disheartening.

But there is another angle and, this year, I really tried to see some other things. So, from about 5 p.m. until late in the evening, I tried to keep my eyes open for things that were truly encouraging. And what a difference it made to look at things that way!

May I share some of what I saw?

I saw elders, deacons, and preachers meeting and discussing the work of the church with no mention whatsoever of "the game," but with a focus on souls and striving to do God's will.

I saw a lady volunteer time to help young ladies work on writing speeches for Lads to Leaders.

I saw well over 100 people assemble to worship God and do so with joy-filled hearts, a number that was not very "down" from other Sunday nights at all.

I saw a young man - still in high school - lead singing when many other young men were being taught by their parents that it was OK to miss services.

I saw people stand around talking before and after services about their love for each other, their interest in each other's lives, and things they had been touched by during the day of worship. (This included, by the way, one who is a fan of a team in the game, but he knew what should come first, and stayed afterward visiting for a long while.)

I saw a youth group have a devotional period after worship, and a good number of young people be present, enjoying each other's company and showing what is truly first in their lives.

I saw adults provide a meal and a lesson for these young people, giving of their time and money to encourage these precious young souls in their spiritual growth.

Now ... were there some discouraging things last Sunday night? Oh, of course. I saw plenty of those, too. (Sometimes, social media can be a drag on an otherwise uplifting day!)

But all the things listed above - and more - show that there are still plenty of Christians who have their priorities in the right place, no matter what else might be going on.

For all they helped me see, I am grateful.

Adam Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

You shall have no other Gods before Me (Exodus 20:3).



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

February 24 - Linda Jones
Wayne Reams
February 25 - Kendra Summers
February 26 - Henry Howard



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 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

Wednesday, February 23, 2023

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

February 26, 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 Burlison
Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

Attendance for February 12: 107 *** Contribution for February 12: \$3917

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

David Carson's sinus surgery Thursday went well * Sonja Mays is back at Winchester Place but not doing well at all * Marty Howard recovering from back surgery * Louella Akers' cancer has spread. Doctors have said there is nothing else they can do. * Pat Ingle's latest scans shows her tumors are shrinking * Janet Wood is home recovering from knee replacement surgery * Fern Botsch on hospice care * Linda Jones and June Mothersbaugh have both had the flu, as well as John David Barnett * Kathy Caudle has been having a lot of hip pain * Gloria Moore has been having a lot of health issues * Kristin Meadows, friend of Trish Baldwin, had heart surgery for Afib Friday, and is on the transplant list for a kidney *

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Louella Akers * David Burlison * 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 * 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

Wednesday night fellowship meal will be smoked turkey, ham and the fixins. 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.

PRAYER CARDS

During a writing conference where I served as a faculty member, Tamy handed me a postcard with a handwritten prayer on the back. She explained that she read the faculty biographies, wrote specific prayers on each card, and prayed as she delivered them to us. In awe over the details in her personal message to me, I thanked God for encouraging me through Tamy's gesture. Then I prayed for her in return. When I struggled with pain and fatigue during the conference, I pulled out the postcard. God refreshed my spirit as I reread Tamy's note.

The apostle Paul recognized the life-affirming impact of prayer for others. He urged believers to prepare for battle *against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms* (Ephesians 6:12). He encouraged ongoing and specific prayers, while emphasizing the need to intervene for one another in what we call intercessory prayer. Paul also requested bold prayers on his behalf. *Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains* (vv 19-20).

As we pray for one another, the Holy Spirit comforts us and strengthens our resolve. He affirms that we need Him and one another, assuring us that He hears every prayer - silent, spoken, or scribbled on a prayer card - and He answers according to His perfect will.

Xochitl Dixon

TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE: In what book of the Bible does it talk about ice coming out of the womb? * Who laughed when threatened with a spear? * In what book of the Bible do we have the first mention of a barber's razor? * The angel of the Lord killed how many of Sennacherib's soldiers? * How many times is the Old Testament quoted in the book of Revelation? * In what verse of the Bible do we find the word "cankerworm" mentioned twice?