



TRUE LIGHT

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

April 2, 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***

THREE IMPORTANT WORDS

If my father happened to still be alive, he might wonder if I ever listened to anything he said. I am now a grandfather (and have been by the time you read this) for twenty-two years. At this point in my life, I wish I had listened more closely to my dad. I know that I'm not the only person to say something like this, but it seems that my father has certainly gotten a lot smarter the older I get.

As shocking as it might seem to him, I have really tried to heed one piece of advice he gave me. Dad would probably be *really* shocked if he knew that I've tried to make it a part of what I guess could be called a philosophy of life. Those who know me well will attest to the fact that I am nowhere near perfect in living up to what my dad told me. While that is true, what they may or may not know is that it is always in my mind. Sometimes, it motivates me. At other times, there is regret.

My father's advice can be summed up in three very short, but very important words:

And then some

Here are just a few of the ways those three words can be used:

- Do what your boss asks you to do *and then some*.
- Be sure to do the assignment your teacher gave you to do *and then some*.
- Attempt to be the kind of person you think your spouse deserves *and then some*.
- Try to do what it takes to be a good neighbor *and then some*.
- Complete tasks you've been asked to do or for which you volunteer *and then some*.

I think that these few examples will give you the idea. My dad was trying to teach me to do more than to merely meet minimum requirements. He was trying to instill in me a way of life that went way beyond that. My father wanted me to do all I could to exceed what others might require or even expect of me.

As I look back on all of that, I realize that Dad wasn't too interested in comparing what I did or did not do with what my classmates, teammates, etc. were or were not doing. He just wanted me to do the best that *I* could do. I'm thankful for that.

I'm also thankful for something else. I'm thankful for the fact that I have another Father who sets the example in far surpassing minimum requirements. When Paul was writing about Him, he wrote that He is...

...able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think ... (Ephesians 3:20 ESV)

I'm grateful for my earthly father's advice. To the extent that I've heeded it, I think it has made me a better person.

I'm even more grateful for my Heavenly Father's example. It blesses me now, motivates me to greater service, and will make a difference in eternity. Jim Faughn, via Legacy of Faith blog post

Again the blackbird sings; the streams/Wake, laughing from their winter dreams/And tremble in the April showers/the tassels of the maple flowers. John Greenleaf Whittier

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

April 3 - Ron & Gaye Miller (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

April 2, 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, April 5, 2023

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....Sam Garner

April 9, 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.....David Carson
Prayer.....Wayne Reams
Scripture.....David Burleson
Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

DON'T SETTLE FOR A SMALL DESTINY

We re-define ourselves according to our catastrophes. As a result, we settle for a small destiny!

Think you've lost it all? You haven't. The truth is that *God's gifts and God's call are under full warranty - never canceled, never rescinded* (Romans 11:29 MSG).

Here's how it works.

Your boss calls you into the office. As kind as it sounds, a layoff is a layoff.

How will I pay the bills? Who's going to hire me? Dread dominates your thoughts.

But then you remember your destiny.

What do I have that I cannot lose?

Wait a second, I am still God's child. My life is more than this life. God will make something good out of this. I will work hard, stay faithful and trust Him - no matter what.

Bingo!

You just trusted your destiny. Another victory for God. It begins with a yes to God's call on your life!

Joseph was stripped of his identity, thrown into a pit, and sold as a slave. His was a story of apparent defeat and insurmountable challenges, yet as time passed, God worked through his circumstances to bring redemption and reconciliation for he and his family and deliverance for the people of God. Although it may seem hard to believe, with God's help, you can get through your difficulties, too. The story of Joseph's life didn't end in the pit and neither does yours.

Max Lucado, via www.heartlight.com

Attendance for March 26: 114

Contribution for March 26: \$3840

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

David Terrill had angioplasty and stent surgery Tuesday * **Ida Roberts** had gallbladder surgery Tuesday * **David Burleson** diagnosed with chronic lymphatic leukemia. Doctors will monitor every 3 months * **Marietta Reams** fell March 25 and broke her wrist * **Brian Thomason** had an ultrasound of his carotid artery Wednesday * **Sonja Mays** is not doing well at all * **Louella Akers'** cancer has spread and she is on hospice care * **Janet Wood** is home recovering from knee replacement surgery * **Fern Botsch** on hospice care * **Gloria Moore** has been having a lot of health issues * **Karen Forkum** struggling with many health issues * **Don Jackson** is doing some better and is back at Cypress Point * **Larry Frank** (Patsy Hardy's boyfriend) has been diagnosed with lung cancer, and cancer has been found in several areas

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Louella Akers * 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 * 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 * 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 breakfast for supper. Desserts will be needed.

Gospel Meeting at Gideon today through Wednesday with guest speaker Brent Newton.

First Sunday potluck and early evening service April 2. We will have a potluck immediately following morning worship followed by a 1 p.m. evening service. Everyone is encourage to attend the potluck.

Easter Dinner will be served in the fellowship room April 9. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

Ladies Lunch Out April 11 at 11:30 at Wings etc. in Dexter.

Until We Meet Again:

We will have a special recognition for Joe and Sharlette Watson today in honor of their years of service to our congregation. The Watsons will be moving to Murfreesboro, TN.

In Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to the family of our dear sister Pat Ingle, who went home to be with Jesus March 27. At press time, her services were scheduled for Saturday in Bernie.