



TRUE LIGHT

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

March 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**

A CASE FOR THE PAPER BIBLE

First things first: I am not anti-electronic Bible. In fact, I know people who basically must use one if they are going to be able to read the text. A lot of older people with failing eyesight have been blessed by being able to blow up the font size on a tablet to very large sizes so they can continue to read God's wonderful Word. I use an electronic Bible from time to time in special situations. So this is not an article meant to say, "Don't ever use one of those techy things."

However...

I do want to encourage the vast majority of us - especially parents - to use old-fashioned paper Bibles far more often and also encourage our children to do so.

Why? Here are just a few reasons to consider.

- My Children (and Others) Know What I'm Doing. If I am reading from my phone and my kids walk through the room, what will they think I am doing? (Answer: staring at my phone!) But if I am holding that special book, that makes a great impression. Dad is taking this moment to look into God's Word.
- You Remember More. It has been shown in study after study that reading from a paper book leads to far more retention of the information than reading from a screen (even when reading the exact same material). There is just something about reading from paper that triggers our brains to grab more of the information and hold onto it. If there is anything that we should want to remember, it should be God's Word.
- There's Something to be Said for a One-Purpose "Thing." When I pick up my phone, tablet, or computer, I can do any number of things. But when I pick up my Bible, my mind immediately knows what I am doing. I am going to read and study so that I can do my best to be drawn closer to my God.
- It Isn't All about Ease. The main reason I hear people give for using a screen for their Bible is "it's just easier." Often, they are talking about the ease of finding a text. Maybe ... but maybe not. It may be easier at first (and for awhile) to find a text using the phone, but if you will stick with a paper Bible, you will find, over time, that you can flip from John to Jonah or from Luke to Lamentations without even really thinking about it. It becomes almost second nature because you have so familiarized yourself with the book.
- What I Will Leave Behind. As I get older, this has started becoming precious to me. I bought a new Bible a few months ago. My hope is that it is the last "main" Bible I ever buy. If I have lived a godly life, there is no *thing* I could leave to my wife or my children that would be of more value than the book that helped me be close to God. If I use a screen all the time ... what will I leave to them?

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Again, I am not saying that no one should ever use a screen. There can be a place for them. But I do deeply believe we lose something when we exclusively use a screen to read the Bible. These are just some reasons to consider. No matter what you choose, though, being in the Word is what matters. Let's never lose sight of that!

Adam Faughn, via Legacy of Faith blog post

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

March 22 - Cindy Burleson
March 23 - Mark and Rita Clayton (A)
March 24 - Ashley Johnson



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

March 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, March 22, 2023

Song Leader.....Dylan Seabaugh
Prayer.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....David Burleson

March 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 Burleson
Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

Attendance for March 12: 99 *** Contribution for March 12: \$4340

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pat Ingle was taken to the hospital Friday morning and is not doing well * **David Burleson** waiting on test results * **Brian Thomason** will have an ultrasound of his left carotid artery for potential surgery; he will begin therapy Wednesday * **Judy Duley** has been sick with stomach issues * **Sonja Mays** is not doing well at all * **Marty Howard** recovering from back surgery * **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 Winchester * **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 Beard * Cathy Bennett * Gina Bogle * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Randy Cravens * Bill Fitzpatrick * Ronnie Goins * Patricia Greninger * Nolan Hollowell * LeAnn Jacques * Tommy Jacques * Pam Jerald * 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 * Pat Ingle * Don Jackson * Sonja Mays * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson *

Looking Ahead

Wednesday night fellowship meal will be taco salad. Desserts will be needed.

Gospel Meeting at Gideon April 2-5 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.

Until We Meet Again:

We will have a special recognition for Joe and Sharlette Watson April 2 in honor of their years of service to our congregation. The Watsons will be moving to Murfreesboro, TN next month.

Rejoice!

Alyson Mickey and Kevin Mickey both re-dedicated their lives to the Lord Wednesday evening. Let's make sure to give them both a "welcome home" hug when we see them!

LITTLE FOXES

A pilot couldn't fit his tea into the cup holder, so he set it on the center console. When the plane hit turbulence, the drink spilled onto the control panel, shutting off an engine. The flight was diverted and landed safely, but when it happened again to a crew from a different airline two months later, the manufacturer realized there was a problem. The plane cost \$300 million, but its cup holders were too small. This seemingly small oversight led to some harrowing moments.

Small details can wreck the grandest plans, so the man in the Song of Songs urges his lover to catch *the little foxes that ruin the vineyards* of their love (2:15). He'd seen foxes climb over walls and dig out vines in search of grapes. They were hard to catch as they darted into the vineyard, then melted back into the night. But they must not be ignored.

What threatens your closest relationships? It may not be large offenses. It might be the little foxes, a small comment here or a slight there that digs at the root of your love. Minor offenses add up, and what once was a blossoming friendship or passionate marriage might be in danger of dying.

May God help us catch the little foxes! Let's ask for and grant forgiveness as needed and nourish our vineyards in the soil of ordinary acts of thoughtfulness as God provides what we need.

Mike Wittmer