



# TRUE LIGHT

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

**March 26, 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**

## ANOTHER NIGHT WITH THE FROGS

I am indebted to the late brother Charles Hodge for the title of this post and for the basic thoughts in it. I remember reading some material written by him years ago with this title.

In that material, he discussed the events recorded in Exodus 8:1-15. These verses tell of the second of ten plagues that were visited upon Egypt. As I remember it, brother Hodge described this plague in graphic detail. He reminded those who read his material how



ugly and offensive frogs are. He also reminded the readers that, according to the material in Exodus, frogs were everywhere, including on their beds, in their kneading bowls, etc.

Please read carefully the following from verses 8-11:

*Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, "Plead with the LORD to take away the frogs from me and from my people, and I will let the people go to sacrifice to the LORD." Moses said to Pharaoh, "Be pleased to command me when I am to plead for you and for your servants and for your people, that the frogs be cut off from you and your houses and be left only in the Nile," and he said, "Tomorrow." Moses said, "Be it as you say, so that you may know that there is no one like the LORD our God. The frogs shall go away from you and your houses and your servants and your people. They shall be left only in the Nile."*

Do you see any hint about why brother Hodge used "One More Night With the Frogs" as the title to his material and why I chose it as the title of this post? The question that came to brother Hodge's mind and which he wanted his readers/listeners to consider had to do with Pharaoh's answer to Moses' question. The gist of all of this was that, since the situation was as bad as it was, what reason did Pharaoh have for not wanting to get rid of the frogs **immediately**? Why wait until the next day?

With that in mind, you may have already guessed some of the applications. That incident from scripture and the answer given by Pharaoh can be helpful for some serious and meaningful self-examination.

I thought about making some of the applications here, but I will leave it to you (and me) to do our own "homework." Are there attitudes, actions, relationships, associations, etc. that are as ugly (or even more so) than the frogs in Egypt? Would our lives be much better if these things would not be a part of our lives? More importantly, would we be pleasing God more without them?

If any of that is true, maybe we should ask ourselves why we keep spending more time with the "frogs" in our lives? Are we going to follow the example of Pharaoh and put off taking care of the issue or are we going to begin taking steps **now** to get rid of the ugliness and, at the same time, please God?

It seems to me that at least one more application could be made. As those who are familiar with this account know, Pharaoh went back on his promise to let the people of Israel leave Egypt once the frogs were gone.

Sadly, many still follow Pharaoh's example in this as well. We can fail to get rid of things in our lives that are harmful to us and displeasing to God. Pharaoh reminds us that there can also be a tendency to go back on commitments we've made to God once things "smooth out" in our lives. How about all of us getting rid of the "frogs" in our lives **now** and resolving to keep the commitments we've made - especially those we've made to God?

Jim Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

April 1 - Cassie Summers



## 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 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 19: 97 \*\*\* Contribution for March 19: \$3712

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pat Ingle is at home and on Hospice Care \* Ida Roberts will be having gallbladder surgery Tuesday \* David Burleson diagnosed with chronic lymphatic leukemia. Doctors will monitor every 3 months \* Brian Thomason will have an ultrasound of his left 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

### Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....David Burleson  
Dismissal.....Mike Duley

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

### April 2, 2023

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Dylan Seabaugh  
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
Scripture.....Jason Karnes  
Prayer.....Sam Garner  
Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

### 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

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....David Carson  
Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers  
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

### 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 \*

### PAST THE BOUNDARIES OF KNOWING

It was a hard day when my husband found out that, like so many others, he too would soon be furloughed from employment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We believed that God would meet our basic needs, but the uncertainty of how that would happen was still terrifying.

### Our Shut Ins

Louella Akers \* Fern Botsch \* Travis Cooper \* Sue Flowers \* Pat Ingle \* Don Jackson \* Sonja Mays \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson \*

As I processed my jumbled emotions, I found myself revisiting a favorite poem by sixteenth-century reformer Juan de Yepes y Alvarez. Entitled "I Went In, I Knew Not Where," the poem depicts the wonder to be found in a journey of surrender, when, going "past the boundaries of knowing," we learn to "discern the Divine in all its guises." And so that's what my husband and I tried to do during this season: to turn our focus from what we could control and understand to the unexpected, mysterious, and beautiful ways God can be found all around us.

### Looking Ahead

Wednesday night fellowship meal will be hot dogs, soups and chili. Desserts will be needed.

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Gospel Meeting at Gideon April 2-5 with guest speaker Brent Newton.

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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.

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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.

The apostle Paul invited believers to a journey from the seen to the unseen, from outward to inward realities, and from temporary struggles to the eternal glory that far outweighs them all (2 Corinthians 4:17).

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.

### Egg Hunt and Party Today!

Time: 3:30

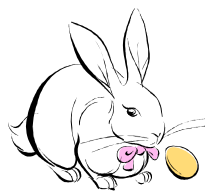
Place:

Fellowship Room

Featuring games,

food and an Easter

Egg Hunt.



Paul didn't urge this because he lacked compassion for their struggles. He knew it would be through letting go of what they could understand that they could experience the comfort, joy, and hope they so desperately needed (v 10:15-16). They could know the wonder of Christ's life making all things new.

Monica La Rose