



# TRUE LIGHT

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

**April 30, 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**

## QUESTIONS

**What big things have you learned in life? How do you know that the big things are big things?**

*Then the Lord answered Job from the whirlwind:*

*Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them.*

*Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much. Who determined its dimensions and stretched out the surveying line? What supports its foundations, and who laid its cornerstone as the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? (Job 38:1-7 NLT)*

I am at Black Rifle Coffee, Beyond Black dark roast is in the cup, silence is on the playlist, and God is in the room musing with me.

I watched the son of a friend jump head-first into adulthood yesterday. At 28, he finally moved away from his mom and dad ... got his first job... yes, it was a long time coming! But yesterday, I saw the best of his father in him. That moment got me musing, and then God got involved up close and personally with me!

I remember a conversation with Tyler. He was just out of college, a newbie engineer looking for a job. Inside the conversation, he asked a question about life. That little question lingers: What if I were a young man, just beginning this journey into adulthood? What would I ask the older me? Really!

So, I made a list of questions the younger me should ask the older me - questions about life thus far. Maybe you need to ask them along with me?

- How do you know if you're giving God enough of your time and energy? What is enough?
- What big things have you learned in life? How do you know that the big things are big things?
- If I have the choice to buy a new car or travel, what should I do?
- When you say life is divided into seasons, what does that mean?
- Do you volunteer for anything bigger than yourself?
- It's easy to push forward, but how do you know when it's time to take a breath and lean back?
- How do you learn to listen for understanding before you listen to respond? (that seems really hard!)
- How do you bring out the good in others when no one is bringing out yours?
- Do you yell at the cars that cut in front of you? Why is that?
- How is it possible to be a generous man when you have to have a drawing to pay the bills?
- How do you handle it when you find out they all lied?
- What books have you read that you've given others to read?
- Where do you find courage when you are definitely terrified?

'Til humanity takes its last breath, God is still the author of life, He is writing the story, but we are definitely contributors...

Thank you, Abba, for never leaving the room, for loving us, forgiving us, redeeming us, and re-purposing us. Thanks for staying at our side, even when we don't see you or feel you.

Abba, we're still learning what it's like to be an adult. We ask ourselves those questions knowing that our answers all lie in You making the journey with us! Amen.

Ron Rose, via [www.heartlight.com](http://www.heartlight.com)

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

April 30 - Steve Burch  
 May 2 - Celia McGowan  
           Annabelle Shelton  
 May 5 - Avery Neely  
 May 6 - Ken Durham  
           Jeff & Karen McGowan (A)



## CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Velveeta Cheese \* Nuts \* Disinfectant Spray (i.e. Lysol) \* Bathroom Tissue Paper \* Light Bulbs \* Spaghetti Sauce

Pick up date: July 24, 2023

## WILLING TO SERVE

**April 30, 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

Attendance for April 23: 104

Contribution for April 23: \$3693

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Don Jackson** has been moved to Landmark and is doing a little better \* **Darlene McGowan** recently took a fall and is recovering slowly \* **Judy Flannery** recovering from outpatient surgery \* **Marietta Reams** as she's recovering from a broken wrist \* **Jerel Jester** having trouble with hip pain. He will see a surgeon May 11 about having a melanoma removed from his neck \* **Louella Akers** is not doing well \* **Janet Wood** is home recovering from knee replacement surgery \* **Fern Botsch** on hospice care \* **Karen Forkum** struggling with many health issues \* Amy Vincent's mother **Barbara Denson** (Puxico congregation) has been diagnosed with stage 3 cancer \* **Tim Lecroy** (Jess Lecroy's son) was scheduled for surgery Friday for a punctured esophagus and pneumonia \* **Sasha McKeen** (friend of Trish Baldwin) lost her husband Wednesday in a motorcycle accident, as well as having lost her daughter and son tragically within the past few years \*

## Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Song Leader.....Rodeny Williams  
 Prayer.....Ron Garner  
 Dismissal.....Mike Duley

## May 7, 2023

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....guest  
 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 Burlison  
 Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** Louella Akers \* David Burlison \* Scott and Judy Flannery \* Sue Flowers \* Patsy (Hardy) Gregg \* Darlene McGowan \* Helen McGowan \* Jeff McGowan \* Gloria Moore \* Ida Roberts \* Waynetta Rodgers \* David Terrill \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty 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 \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson \*

## Looking Ahead

Wednesday night fellowship meal will be ham, fried chicken and sides. Desserts will be needed.

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Our Senior Sunday will be May 7, following MORNING services. Our senior this year is Kalyn Traw, who graduated from Dexter High School mid-term. Please plan to stay for our potluck and help us honor Kalyn on this accomplishment. We will have our usual, early evening service following. If you would like to help with the recognition, please see Millie or Amy.

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Ladies' Lunch Out Tuesday, May 9, at 11:30 at Broosters in Dexter. A sign up sheet is on the table in the foyer.

## In Sympathy:

*Sympathy is extended to the family of Mark Clayton in the loss of his mother, Barbara Livonia, who passed away April 22. Barbara's funeral was held Wednesday at Landess in Malden.*

## SPIRITUAL DIAGNOSIS

Chemotherapy reduced the tumor in my father-in-law's pancreas, until it didn't. As the tumor began to grow again, he was left with a life-and-death decision. He asked his doctor, "Should I take more of this chemo or try something else, perhaps a different drug or radiation?"

The people of Judah had a similar life-and-death question. Weary from war and famine, God's people wondered whether their problem was too much idolatry or not enough. They concluded they should offer more sacrifices to a false god and see if she would protect and prosper them (Jeremiah 44:17).

Jeremiah said they had wildly misdiagnosed their situation. Their problem wasn't a lack of commitment to idols; their problem was that they had them. They told the prophet, *We will not listen to the message you have spoken to us in the name of the LORD!* (v 16). Jeremiah replied, *Because you have burned incense and have sinned against the LORD and have not obeyed him or followed his law or his decrees or his stipulations, this disaster has come upon you* (v 23).

Like Judah, we may be tempted to double down on sinful choices that have landed us in trouble. Relationship problems? We can be more aloof. Financial issues? We'll spend our way to happiness. Pushed aside? We'll be equally ruthless. But the idols that contributed to our problems can't save us. Only Jesus can carry us through our troubles as we turn to Him.  
 Mike Wittmer