



TRUE LIGHT

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

April 9, 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***

WHY STOP?

I read something a little while ago (I can't remember where) and one statement within the context made an impact upon me. The statement was, "As long as you can make an impact, why stop?" I jotted it down on a piece of paper and it has been on my desk since I read it. I've looked at it several times and thought about it even more. You see, when you are my age, most people begin to slow down and do less because physically it is harder to accomplish what you want to do.

I had really focused on the last two words, but failed to really think about the first part of that statement - "As long as you can make an impact." My thoughts turned to those in the Bible whom God used to make an impact upon His people:

- Abraham
- Sarah
- Isaac
- Jacob
- Moses
- Samuel
- David
- And on and on the list could go!

If God has blessed you with many years in His service - why stop?

I know you recognize this partial list of people. Read it for yourself in Hebrews 11 and find the common denominator - "By faith..."

Have we allowed the world to shape our thinking on what we are able to do? Just because we have retired from a secular job doesn't mean that we should just sit down and do nothing. Some people consider the time they have left to be a reward for working so hard all of those years. I've watched many people do this very thing and the result is usually a shorter life than they might have had if they had continued to keep active.

Sometimes we use our age as an excuse to be lazy and excuse ourselves from God's work. I've heard excuses like - "I've done my part, now it's up to the younger folks," or "I'm too old to help with that," or "They don't need me to teach those teenage girls." All of these sound, to me, very much like excuses for discontinuing our work for the Lord. Sometimes, older Christians even slow down or discontinue studying the Bible.

In my experience, I have learned that the more involved I am, the younger I feel. Now, I'm not talking about being a chaperone at the teen lock-in, but there are so many things I can still do that are helpful with the Lord's work. Staying in touch with the younger women is something all older women should do (Titus 2:3-4). It may just be your example as an active older woman who is there to help in any way you can that will teach others the importance of continuing to do what you can for as long as you can.

If God has blessed you with many years in His service - why stop? And now, I'm off to Lads to Leaders...

O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, Until I proclaim your might to another generation, Your power to all those to come (Psalm 71:17-18).

Donna Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Levi Thompson - April 11
 Maura Thomason - April 12
 Casey Karnes - April 13
 Traci McKuin - April 15



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 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

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
 Prayer.....Cameron Traw
 Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

April 16, 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

HIS CROSS OF PEACE

Somber eyes peer out from the painting *Simon of Cyrene* by contemporary Dutch artist Egbert Modderman. Simon's eyes reveal the immense physical and emotional burden of his responsibility. In the biblical account from Mark 15, we learn that Simon was pulled from the watching crowd and forced to carry Jesus' cross.

Mark tells us that Simon was from Cyrene, a big city in North Africa with a large population of Jews during Jesus' time. Most likely Simon had journeyed to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. There he found himself in the middle of this unjust execution but was able to perform a small but meaningful act of assistance to Jesus (Mark 15:21).

Earlier in the gospel of Mark, Jesus tells his followers, *Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me* (8:34). On the road to Golgotha, Simon literally did what Jesus figuratively asks His disciples to do: he took up the cross given to him and carried it for Jesus' sake.

We too have "crosses" to bear: perhaps an illness, a challenging ministry assignment, the loss of a loved one, or persecution for our faith. As we carry these sufferings by faith, we point people to the sufferings of Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross. It was His cross that gave us peace with God and strength for our own journey.
 Lisa M Samra

Attendance for April 2: 110

Contribution for April 2: \$4611

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

David Terrill recovering from angioplasty and stent surgery * **Ida Roberts** recovering from gallbladder surgery * **David Burleson** diagnosed with chronic lymphatic leukemia. Doctors will monitor every 3 months * **Marietta Reams** recovering from wrist surgery Wednesday * **Jerel Jester** will be having a melanoma removed from his neck * **Brian Thomason** waiting on results from dopplar ultrasound of his carotid artery * **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** still struggling with issues related to his knee and leg *

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

Easter Dinner will be served in the fellowship room today following morning worship. If you have no place to eat today, please feel free to stay and join us.

Ladies Lunch Out Tuesday at 11:30 at Wings etc. in Dexter. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

The Wednesday Fellowship meal will be barbecue, coleslaw, baked potatoes and baked beans. Desserts will be needed.

The Children's Home grocery run will be April 17th. Let's get the cart filled up.



Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed.
 John 20:6-8 (ESV)