



# TRUE LIGHT

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

**May 21, 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**

## WHAT LESSON WAS LEARNED?

She seemed like a very sweet little girl. From her actions, it seemed obvious to me that she was not in the habit of attending a worship service - at least not on a regular basis. At various times, she looked at the young lady sitting next to her. Her expression seemed to ask a question. The question may have been, "What does this mean?" It could have been, "What are we doing now?" It was obvious to me that, if it was not one of those two questions, it was something like one of them. It also seemed very obvious to me that she was genuinely interested.

I watched as the lady bent down to whisper something to the girl in what looked like an attempt to help her understand. My first thought was along the lines of how sweet it was to watch somebody who is a little older try to help somebody like the little girl understand something as important as worshipping God. Unfortunately, my brain kicked in later. As I reflected on what I had seen, I thought about how few times I see the "mentor" at one of our worship services. She's with us sometimes, but not on a regular basis. I can't help but wonder if the little girl learned as much from the whispered information as she learns from the fairly frequent absences of her "instructor."

Whether we like it or not, we often teach much, much more by our actions (and inactions) than we do by our words. I don't know whether or not we sang *Jesus is All the World to Me* that particular Sunday morning or not. If we did, I wonder what the little girl thought on the next Sunday when there was no apparent attempt to worship Him.

When our Lord was on the earth, it seems He had a special affinity for small children. You may remember that, at one point, His disciples attempted to keep people from bringing them to Him and received a rebuke from Him for doing so.

At the same time, there seems to be something really special about the teachable, pliable, and innocent hearts of little ones. It is a special experience to see their eyes light up with wonder and amazement as they hear about Jesus.

Not long ago, I taught a Bible class in which my students were seventh through ninth grade boys. I wonder if they believed me when I told them that, even at their age, there were those looking up to them. Whether they believed it or not, it is true. All of us have somebody looking to us as an example, for guidance, and so many other things.

They may or may not be listening, but they definitely are watching. So is our Lord.

Jim Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

## A REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Parents...

...do you ever get frustrated because your children do something wrong after you've told them what was right?

...have you ever been hurt because your "good child" did something truly rebellious?

...do you ever wonder how this kid could be so foolish?

...do you ever feel pain because you want to spend time with your child, only to see them choose something else?

...have you ever talked and talked to your child about right and wrong and felt as if you were talking to a brick wall?

...do you ever dream of a better future for your children, but wonder if they actually want to do better?

...have you ever laid awake at night thinking through a problem?

...do you feel as if you desire better things for your kids than they desire for themselves?

...have your children ever shown a sense of entitlement and it just makes you angry?

...do you ever just ache for more time with your children, only to see them spurn opportunities?

Then maybe, just maybe, you can understand some of how God, the Father, feels about you.

Adam Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

May 21 - Justin Allen  
Trish Baldwin  
May 22 - Jerry & Rosemary McCoy (A)  
May 23 - Cooper Karnes  
Marietta Reams  
May 25 - Mary Burke  
May 26 - David & LaRhonda Billingsley (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

### May 21, 2023

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
Opening Prayer.....David Carson  
Scripture.....BJ Thomason  
Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....David Carson  
Prayer.....Wayne Reams  
Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers  
Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

### Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....Jerry Burleson  
Dismissal.....David Burleson

### May 28, 2023

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw  
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 May 14: 91

Contribution for May 14: \$3735

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Jerel Jester** scheduled for surgery June 7 to remove a melanoma on his neck \* **June Mothersbaugh** recovering from a fall \* **Darlene McGowan** recently took a fall and is recovering slowly \* **Louella Akers** is not doing well \* **Janet Wood** is home recovering from knee replacement surgery \* **Karen Forkum and Gloria Moore** struggling with many health issues \*

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** Louella Akers \* David Burleson \* Scott and Judy Flannery \* Sue Flowers \* Patsy (Hardy) Gregg \* Darlene McGowan \* Helen McGowan \* Jeff McGowan \* 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 \* Barbara Denson \* 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 \* Travis Cooper \* Sue Flowers \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson

## Looking Ahead

Wednesday night fellowship meal will be bbq, coleslaw, baked potatoes and baked beans. Desserts will be needed. This will be our last fellowship meal before summer break.

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First Sunday potluck and early evening service will be June 4. We encourage everyone to stay for the potluck and the 1 p.m. evening service following.

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Our Summer Speaker Series begins June 7. Our first speaker will be Kason Lawrence from the congregation at Piggott. There is a list of speakers on the table in the foyer.

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CRC Day at Crowley's Ridge College is June 11. We will have a donation box in the foyer for contributions to their scholarship fund for Bible majors.

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Ladies Lunch Out June 13 at the Airways Café in Dexter. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

## RUN AWAY

The introductory lesson on *aikido*, a traditional Japanese form of martial arts, was an eye-opener. The *sensei*, or teacher, told us that when faced with an attacker, our first response should be to "run away." "Only if you can't run away, then you fight," he said seriously.

Run away? I was taken aback. Why was this highly skilled self-defense instructor telling us to run away from a fight? It seemed counterintuitive - until he explained that the best form of self-defense is to avoid fighting in the first place. *Of course!*

When several men came to arrest Jesus, Peter responded as some of might have by drawing his sword to attack one of them (Matthew 26:51; see John 18:10). But Jesus told him to put it away, saying, *How then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?* (Matthew 26:54).

While a sense of justice is important, so is understanding God's purpose and kingdom - an "upside-down" kingdom that calls us to love our enemies and return evil with kindness (5:44). It's a stark contrast to how the world might react, yet it's a response that God seeks to nurture in us.

Luke 22:51 even describes Jesus healing the ear of the man Peter had struck. May we learn to respond to difficult situations as He did, always seeking peace and restoration as God provides what we need. Leslie Koh

Congratulations to Cameron and Reeda Traw on the recent birth of their fourth grandchild, a boy, Alexander Phoenix!



## BIBLE TRIVIA

What Bible character was smothered to death by a wet cloth? \* Which chapter in the book of Psalms could be a statement against abortion? \* what book of the Bible talks about a man "that hath a flat nose"?

Answers: Ben-Hadad (NIV) - 2 Kings 8: 14, 15 \* Psalm 139 (13-16) \* Leviticus (21:8)