



TRUE LIGHT

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

May 7, 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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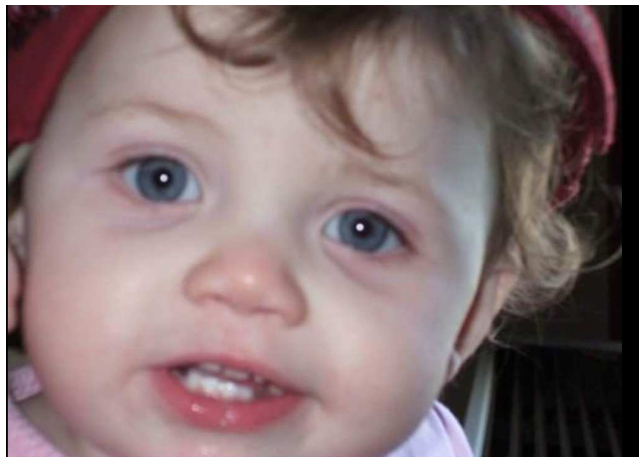
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"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalm 118:24

**We Welcome You
To All Of Our
Services**

Congratulations to our 2023 Graduate!



*Kalyn Jo Traw
Dexter High School*

A Prayer for Our Child

Dear Father of all nations and Creator of all things, we come to You on behalf of our child. You gave us this child almost two decades ago with the understanding that we would care for him until he was ready to leave our home and go off into the world on his own. He says he is ready. In a few days he will be graduating from high school. He says he is ready for his independence. He says he is ready and able to take care of himself. He says he is ready ... we are not so sure.

Father, we have tried to do things according to Your plan. We have loved her. We have taken her to church and even gone with her. We have taught her Your truths in our home. We have taken every precaution we were aware of in order to insure that Your word would be imbedded into her heart and soul. We have done all that, yet we are still frightened at the idea of her being on her own. We are eager for her to make her own way, but we wonder if we have missed something. We wake up early and lie awake well into the night reliving conversation after conversation hoping we have not forgotten anything. She says she is ready to go, we are not so sure.

Father, as we watch him prepare for these never-again-to-be-repeated activities, we struggle with what is ahead. We know we are to "Seek first Your kingdom" and we have tried and continue to do that, and with all our might we have tried to love You and serve You. We have tried, yet we know we have failed many times along the way to live like You would have wanted us to live. We are grateful for the way Your grace has covered us, and Your presence has carried us during those times when we were completely helpless and totally clueless. Father, he says he is ready, but we are not so sure.

Father, we are not doing a very good job in this area of letting go. We thought we were prepared for it. Of course, during those times when she exerts her independent spirit, we think that we may actually be ready for her to be out of the house. Then we think about how it will be when she is gone: her room will be empty, the music will not be too loud, the washing machine will get a rest, and the phone may be for one of us, if it rings at all. She says she is ready, but we are not so sure.

Father, in a few days we will hear his named called and he will walk across the stage, receive his diploma, celebrate with his friends and begin to finalize plans to leave in the fall. We will not know where he is all the time. We will not know the friends he spends time with. His car will not be parked in the driveway. We will go out to eat without him and we will come home without him. Father, he says he is ready, but we are not so sure.

Father, we have prayed for her every day since we realized we were going to have a baby, we have watched her grow, and we have done everything we knew to do to prepare her for what lies ahead. Now, we pray that we have done our job well. We will never know unless we let her go. She says she is ready, but we are not so sure.

Father, we place our child in Your hands. Of that one thing, we are sure.

Tom Norvell, www.heartlight.com

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

May 8 - Jerel Jester (90!)
May 11 - Ryan Young
May 13 - BJ Thomason



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 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 Burleson
Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Jerry Burleson
Dismissal.....Sam Garner

May 14, 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 April 30: 100

Contribution for April 30: \$4866

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Don Jackson is continuing to improve * **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** had an MRI Tuesday for his hip; he will see a surgeon Thursday about having a melanoma removed from his neck * **Louella Akers** is not doing well * **Janet Wood** is home recovering from knee replacement surgery * **Karen Forkum** struggling with many health issues * Amy Vincent's mother **Barbara Denson** (Puxico congregation) has been diagnosed with stage 3 cancer * **Tim Lecroy** recovering from surgery on his esophagus and pneumonia *

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 * Gloria Moore * Ida Roberts * Waynetta Rodgers * David Terrill * Bettie Thurston * Marty 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 Jerals * 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 * Don Jackson * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson *

Looking Ahead

TODAY: Our Senior Sunday 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.

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

Wednesday night fellowship meal will be baked spaghetti, garden salad and garlic bread. Desserts will be needed.

There will be a free marriage seminar May 20 at Central church of Christ in Paducah. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

In Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to the family of our sister Fern Botsch, who passed away April 28. Fern's funeral was held Monday in Bernie.

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD!

Fingerprints have long been used to identify people, but they can be faked by creating copies. Similarly, the pattern of the iris in the human eye is a reliable source for ID - until someone alters the pattern with a contact lens to skew the results. The use of biometrics to identify humans can be defeated. So, what qualifies as a unique identifying characteristic? It turns out that everyone's blood-vessel patterns are unique and virtually impossible to counterfeit. Your own personal "vein map" is a one-of-a-kind identifier, setting you apart from everyone else on the planet.

Pondering such complexities of human beings should prompt a sense of worship and wonder for the Creator who made us. David reminded us that we are *fearfully and wonderfully made* (Psalm 139:14), and that is certainly worth celebrating. In fact, Psalm 111:2 reminds us, *Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.*

Even more worthy of our attention is the divine Maker Himself. While celebrating God's great deeds, we also must celebrate Him! His deeds are great, but He's even greater, prompting the psalmist to pray, *For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God* (86:10).

Today, as we consider the greatness of what God does, may we also marvel at the greatness of who He is. Bill Crowder