



# TRUE LIGHT

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

**June 18, 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***

## A FEW THOUGHTS ON THE (KIND OF) BIG DAY

The calendar informs us that Father's Day is [today]. Somebody has suggested that Father's Day is just like Mother's Day - except for the fact that fathers get fewer gifts. I'm not going to speculate on whether or not this observation is true. I'm also not going to enter the discussion about whether or not greeting card companies (and other *interested parties*) may be behind reminders to remember our fathers with a special day.

Instead, what I hope to do in this space is to ask those who read this to learn from one incident on one day of my life. It is a day that can never be recovered and an incident I will never forget. In fact, I remember it with a great deal of regret very often.

Donna and I had moved closer to our hometown in part to be closer to our parents who were needing more and more help. I had gone from being a full-time "located preacher" to being a representative for a Christian university. Donna had quit a teaching position she loved in order to work with me in that position. Suffice it to say that, while our new home was only a very few miles from our hometown, that didn't really make much difference because we were on the road *a lot*. Preaching in various places, visiting with donors, prospective students, etc. took up a lot of time and required us to travel a lot of miles. We tried to "be there" for our parents when they needed us, but, looking back on all of that, I seriously believe that we - especially I - could have done a lot better.

The day and the incident to which I referred earlier took place during this hectic time in our lives. By the time all of this happened, both of my parents were in a nursing home. In fact, I cannot honestly recall now if my mother had already passed from this life or not. What I am sure of is that my father was there.

It was one of those days when Dad had "yet another" appointment with one of his doctors. I thought that I was doing the right thing by taking the time out of my "important" schedule and making sure he got to that appointment.

It was as we headed back into the nursing home that, for some reason and out of the clear blue, my father said, "Jim, you don't know how hard it was" When I asked what he was talking about, I found out that he had in mind the fact that, as a very young boy, his mother had passed away. I knew that fact, but I had honestly never considered the effect it could have - and did have - on him.

At about that time, I'm sure that my father sensed my impatience and the fact that I had other things to do and said, "Never mind. It's not that important." Those words still ring in my ears about a quarter of a century later.

Now that it is way too late, I truly wish I would have cleared my schedule of all of those "important" things on it. I wish I would have sat down and said to the man who brought me into this world something like, "Dad, please tell me your life story."

I only know bits and pieces about my father's life. I have no idea how those pieces fit together to make the man I did not know nearly well enough. To me, his life is like a jigsaw puzzle that I can nearly completely put together. Sadly, it will always be that way.

I guess what I am trying to say [this] Father's Day is primarily meant for those who still have their fathers with them. If you are one of those fortunate people, I hope that you will try to make your relationship with your father special - *each day during which you have an opportunity*. When you look back on your relationship with your father, try to make sure there are as few regrets as possible. As we [celebrate] Father's Day, it also may be a good time - as it is every day - for all of us to assess our relationship with *THE Father*. Surely we do not want to spend eternity regretting never having a good relationship with Him. Surely, we want to approach that "ultimate big day" with the anticipation of a child and not with the reluctance and dread of a stranger or an enemy.

Jim Faughn, via Legacy of Faith blog post

***Happy Father's Day!***

## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

June 21 - Marty Howard  
 June 22 - Houston Neely  
           Brian & Valerie McGowan (A)  
 June 24 - Maleah Clayton  
           Josh & Jessica Young (A)  
 June 25 - Jack McGowan  
           Gloria Moore

## **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**

### **June 18, 2023**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw  
 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, June 21, 2023**

Song Leader.....  
 Prayer.....Ron Garner  
 Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

### **June 25, 2023**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
 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

## **PLANTED IN GOD**

"The wind is tossing the lilacs."

With that opening line of her springtime poem, "May," poet Sara Teasdale captured a vision of lilac bushes waving in gusty breezes. But Teasdale was lamenting a lost love, and her poem soon turned sorrowful.

Our backyard lilacs also encountered a challenge. After having their most lush and beautiful season, they faced the axe of a hard-working lawn man who "trimmed" every bush, chopping them to stubs. I cried. Then, three years later - after barren branches, a bout of powdery mildew, and my faithless plan to dig them up - our long-suffering lilacs rebounded. They just needed time, and I simply needed to wait for what I couldn't see.

The Bible tells of many people who waited by faith despite adversity. Noah waited for delayed rain. Caleb waited forty years to live in the promised land. Rebekah waited twenty years to conceive a child. Jacob waited seven years to marry Rachel. Simeon waited and waited to see the baby Jesus. Their patience was rewarded.

In contrast, those who look to humans *will be like a bush in the wastelands* (Jeremiah 17:6). Poet Teasdale ended her verse in such gloom. "I go a wintry way," she concluded. But *blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD*, rejoiced Jeremiah. *They will be like a tree planted by the water* (vv 7-8).

The trusting stay planted in God - the One who walks with us through the joys and adversities of life.  
 Patricia Raybon

**Attendance for June 11: 109.....Contribution for June 11: \$4003**

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Luke Tanner** struggling with some stomach issues \* **Mike Duley** will see the gastroenterologist in St. Louis July 14 \* **Jerel Jester** will begin immunotherapy treatments tomorrow for cancer \* **Landon Ketchum** recovering from an infected dog bite which required stitches \* **Louella Akers** is not doing well \* **Karen Forkum and Gloria Moore** struggling with many health issues \* **Travis Cooper** is not doing well \* **Nikki Lawrence** having tests for some health issues \* **Brian Mickey** (preacher at Magnolia AR) brain fluid leaking

**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 Beard \* 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 \* 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 \* 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**

TODAY: Dads, please enjoy a Father's Day treat located in the foyer.

Our Summer Series speaker this week will be Brent Newton from the Jefferson City congregation. There is a list of speakers on the table in the foyer.

Mike Napier with Gospel Chariot Missions will be here July 2. He will be bringing a Gospel Chariot for us to see.

Our first Sunday potluck and early evening service will be July 2. We will eat following morning service and have an early, 1 p.m. evening service. Please make plans to stay for the potluck.

Session 3 of BYC will be July 9-14. There are some applications on the table in the foyer; early registration deadline to save \$25 is June 25.

July 17 - Summer Youth Series at Green Forest church of Christ.

VBS is coming to Bernie July 23-26. Our theme this year will be "Noah's Ark Adventures." We will need lots of help - please see Ginger to let her know what you can do!

**BIBLE TRIVIA:** What Bible character was known for his threats to gouge out the right eye of the people who lived in Jabesh Gilead? \* How close to the city of Jericho was the brook of Ziba? \* Who was the high priest when Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem? \* How many men did Solomon use to cut stone for the temple?

A: Nahash (1 Samuel 11:1-12 \* Not close at all. Ziba was one of King Saul's servants (2 Samuel 9:2 \* Eli-ashib (Nehemiah 3:1) \* Eighty thousand (NIV - 1 Kings 5:15-17)