



TRUE LIGHT

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

July 23, 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*

TURNING A SPIRITUAL SHIP IS HARDER

If you've read many leadership books or articles, you have likely heard a very common illustration. It has to do with changing the culture of a business, organization, or even congregation. It is the illustration of trying to turn around a large ship. The picture is meant to remind you that you simply cannot turn those large ships on a dime and it takes awhile for them to get turned all the way around.



As it pertains to leadership, then, that picture is meant to instill in the leader the idea that you cannot just change everything overnight and expect it to be successful. Changes have to be thoughtful (of course), but also patience is needed because you are trying to change something that has become comfortable for people. And whether we want to admit it or not, whether something is good or bad often does not matter as much to us as whether that thing is comfortable!

The illustration of a ship turning is a good one. But I would suggest to you that, as it pertains to spiritual matters, it falls a little short. The reason is because there is a missing element that every elder, preacher, or committed member needs to constantly have in mind.

It is this: we are not trying to turn around a cruise ship in a calm ocean. We are trying to turn around a battleship in the middle of a (Spiritual) war! Our enemy does not mind if people are comfortable doing things that do not really matter, so he will do all he can to tempt people to remain comfortable and not see that this change is necessary.

For example, if a congregation is inwardly focused and not personally involved in evangelism, the leaders of the congregation may work on trying to change that. After all, we are to be seeking to win the lost constantly. But they know that they can't just cancel every event and replace them all with new things in one snap decision. So, they will take the time to preach about evangelism, "talk it up" in announcements and articles, and change the events of the congregation to more closely align with what they know the congregation should be doing.

But does the devil like that? Of course not! He would be totally fine for folks to go to church and for a congregation to just "feed itself" and never try to reach the lost. So, not only are the leaders fighting comfort, they are fighting the real enemy!

However, if the change is Biblical (not just change for the sake of change and certainly not change away from Holy Writ), it must be done. We must turn the ship around, even if we have to do so right in the midst of the fiery darts of the devil.

When leaders are willing to do that, it will take awhile, but it will be worth it. Souls will be saved. Christians will be more aligned with the teachings of Scripture. Communities will be blessed. Above all, God will be glorified.

Realize that it takes awhile and realize that you're in a spiritual war. But turn that ship around and be what the Church is supposed to be.

Adam Faughn, via a Legacy of Faith blog post

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES!

Please be part of our Vacation Bible School featuring

Noah's Ark Adventures

July 23 - 26, 2023

6 - 8 Sunday - 6:30-8:30 Monday-Wednesday

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

July 23 - Sharon Durham
Johnny McGowan
June Mothersbaugh
Cameron Shipman
July 24 - Cathy Provance
July 25 - Donna Layton
July 27 - Rick Beard
Amy Thomason



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

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

Pick up date: TOMORROW



Attendance for July 16: 98

Contribution for July 2: \$3721

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Flowers * **Mike Duley** had a cyst drained from his pancreas and is doing better * **Jerel Jester** taking immunotherapy treatments. * **Louella Akers** is not doing well * **Karen Forkum** and **Gloria Moore** struggling with many health issues * **Travis Cooper** is not doing well * **Ruth Dauck** recovering at home from a broken shoulder *

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Louella Akers * David Burleson * David Carson * 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

Other health issues (non-congregational):

Dixie Billingsley * DeeDee Burch * Mary Burke * Shirley Grimes * Katie Hicks * Grant Howard * Clyde Jacques * Lola Johnson * Beckie King * Eva Latham * Nikki Lawrence * Louella Layton * Tim Lecroy * Shug Lee * Jerry Don McGowan * Brenda Robinson * Kevin Steed * Traci Suiter * Heather Whitehead *

Our Shut Ins

Louella Akers * Travis Cooper * Sue Flowers * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson

Looking Ahead

VBS starts tonight at 6 p.m. Let's make every effort to be here every night, and to invite a friend.

July 24 - Children's home grocery run. Let's get the cart filled up.

July 30-Aug. 1 - Gospel Meeting at the Central church of Christ in Caruthersville. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

July 31 - Summer Youth Series at Bernie at 7 p.m. There is a list of items needed on the table in the foyer.

August 7 - Summer Youth Series at Shady Acres, Sikeston.

August 14 - Summer Youth Series at Dexter.

August 15 - Ladies Lunch Out at Sho-Me Butts BBQ and More, Malden

August 22 - Ladies' supper and devotional at 6 p.m. at the home of Amy Thomason. You will need your Bible and something to write with.

September 9 - Ladies Day at Mountain Home church of Christ with guest speaker Linda Hayes. The theme is "New Every Morning." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

July is mother nature's way of wrapping the earth in a warm embrace.

September 30 - Children's Homes Homecoming and Open house from 11-3.

WILLING TO SERVE

July 23, 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.....VBS
Prayer.....VBS
Scripture.....VBS
Dismissal.....VBS

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Song Leader.....VBS
Prayer.....VBS
Dismissal.....VBS

July 30, 2023

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw
Opening Prayer.....David Carson
Scripture.....Ron Garner
Prayer.....Zack Tanner
Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

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

CALLED TO GROW

The sea squirt is a strange creature. Found attached to rocks and shells, it looks like a soft plastic tube waving with the current. Drawing its nutrients from the passing water, it lives a passive life far removed from its once-active youth.

The sea squirt starts life as a tadpole with a primitive spinal cord and brain that helps it find food and avoid harm. As a juvenile, it spends its days exploring the ocean, but something happens when it reaches adulthood. Settling on its rock, it stops exploring and growing. In a macabre twist, it digests its own brain.

Spineless, thoughtless, flowing passively with the current. The apostle Peter encourages us not to follow the sea squirt's fate. Since maturity for us means taking on God's nature (2 Peter 1:4), you and I are called to *grow* - grow mentally in our knowledge of Christ (3:18); spiritually in traits like goodness, perseverance, and self-control (1:5-7); and practically by exploring new ways to love, offer hospitality, and serve others through our gifts (1 Peter 4:7-11). Such growth, Peter says, will stop us from living *ineffective and unproductive* lives (2 Peter 1:8).

This calling to grow is as vital for the seventy-year-old and it is for the teenager. God's nature is as vast as the ocean. We've barely swum a few feet. Explore His unending character, take new spiritual adventures. Study, serve, take risks. Grow.

Sheridan Voysey