



TRUE LIGHT

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

August 13, 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**

REVERENCE FOR THE FATHER

I was blessed to be asked to speak this last weekend at the Cane Ridge Restoration Lectureship held at the North Lexington church of Christ in Lexington Kentucky. It was a great gathering of fellow Christians and the lessons were outstanding. The North Lexington congregation is to be praised for their planning and execution of this lectureship. The singing was outstanding and their hospitality was beyond measure.

The theme for the lectureship was "He Opened His Mouth and Spoke." Of course, the text for the lessons all came from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5, 6, and 7. Each speaker was assigned one of the Beatitudes and a passage later in the sermon that further explained that beatitude.

My assignment was the title of this post, "Reverence for the Father," and my text was Matthew 5:6 which says, *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.* My follow-up text was Matthew 6:5-18, commonly referred to as the Lord's prayer or the model prayer.

The study for this lesson caused me to do a lot of thinking and soul searching about showing reverence for God, our Father. I came to the conclusion that we don't really give much thought to this topic. We go about our everyday activities and give little thought to the Creator who made it all possible. We have our physical hunger and thirst taken care of by God who provided all of it, and we continue our lives enjoying the world around us, often without showing reverence for our Father, who gives us our daily blessings.

As I thought back on my life and considered the many blessings God has given me, I wondered if I truly revered the One who provided those blessings.

- Life itself is a blessing from God. Do I show reverence to Him for my life?
- My education is a blessing from God. Do I show reverence to Him for my ability to learn?
- My spiritual, faithful husband is a blessing from God. Do I show reverence to Him for my husband?
- My children and grandchildren are blessings from above. Do I show reverence to God for these wonderful blessings?
- The church is such a blessing from God. Do I show reverence to God for giving His only Son to make it possible for us to be part of His spiritual family?

When we assemble on the Lord's Day to worship the Creator of us all, do we show reverence for the Father? Are our minds centered on seeing who is there and what they are wearing, or do we quietly and reverently focus our minds on the One who made it all possible?

I'm praying that the answers to all of these questions would simply be a resounding "thank YOU" for all of Your many blessings in life.

Let's show our reverence for the Father by living faithful, thankful lives for Him.

"I bow down, and I worship you LORD."

Donna Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

August 13 - Rita Clayton

Karen Forkum

August 14 - Marty & Phyllis Howard (A)

August 15 - Hannah Compton

August 19 - DeeDee Burch



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Brown Sugar * Brownie Mix * Butter Flavored Shortening * Canned Chicken * Cheddar Cheese Soup * Vienna Sausage
Pick Up Date November 6



WILLING TO SERVE

August 13, 2023

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
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

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

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

August 20, 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.....Ron Garner
Prayer.....David Burleson
Scripture.....Justin Allen
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

AS STRONG AS IRON

Ironclad beetles are known for their tough exterior which protects them from predators. One special variety, however, has extraordinary strength under pressure. The insect's hard, outer shell stretches, rather than cracks, where it joins together. Its flat back and low profile also help it to resist fractures. Scientific tests show that it can survive a compression force of nearly 40,000 times its body weight.

Just as God made this bug extra tough, He gave resilience to Jeremiah as well. The prophet would face intense pressure when he delivered unwelcome messages to Israel, so God promised to make him *an iron pillar and a bronze wall* (Jeremiah 1:18). The prophet wouldn't be flattened, dismantled, or overwhelmed. His words would stand strong because of God's presence and rescuing power.

Throughout his life, Jeremiah was falsely accused, arrested, tried, beaten, imprisoned, and tossed into a well -- yet he survived. Jeremiah also persisted despite the weight of inner struggles. Doubt and grief plagued him. Constant rejection and the dread of a Babylonian invasion added to his mental stress.

God continually helped Jeremiah so that his spirit and testimony weren't shattered. When we feel like giving up on the mission He's given us, or backing away from living faith-filled lives, we can remember that Jeremiah's God is our God. He can make us as strong as iron because His power is made perfect in our weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Jennifer Benson Schuldt

Attendance for August 6: 92

Contribution for August 6: \$4337

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Flowers returned to Winchester Place Friday and is on hospice care * **Wayne Reams** recovering from an automobile accident * **David Burleson** as he begins cancer treatments * **Trish Baldwin** recovering from COVID * **Donna McKuin** has been struggling with health issues for a few months now * **Jerel Jester** taking immunotherapy/iron infusion treatments. * **Louella Akers** is not doing well * **Karen Forkum and Gloria Moore** struggling with many health issues * **Travis Cooper** is not doing well * **Brynlee Douglas** (Mike and Judy Duly's great-granddaughter) has a growth in her leg and will have an MRI August 28 * **Ronnie Goins** (Donna McKuin's brother) was released from the hospital and is on hospice care * **Ruth Dauck** will have surgery on her shoulder August 29 * **Gene Dauck** is in the hospital with COVID but is doing well

Continue praying for these members of our church family: David Carson * Mike Duley * Scott and Judy Flannery * 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

TOMORROW - Summer Youth Series at 7 p.m. at Dexter.

August 15 - Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 a.m. at Huddle House in Dexter. Note this a change from our planned location due to hours open.

Our Summer Series Speaker this week will be Steve Cloer, Assistant Professor of Ministry at Crowley's Ridge College.

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.

September 19 - Ladies' supper and devotional at 6 p.m. at the home of Amy Thomason. You will need your Bible and something to write with. NOTE: This is rescheduled from the original August 22 date due to scheduling conflicts.

September 30 - Children's Homes Homecoming and Open house from 11-3. There is a poster on the bulletin board with more information. Let's get our Change for Children cans filled up.

October 22-25: Our Gospel meeting with Spencer Furby. Be praying now for a successful meeting and that many lives will be changed.