



# TRUE LIGHT

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

**August 20, 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***

## ELBOW GREASE

Would you agree with me that crime is a bad thing?

Recently National Public Radio aired a story on Paul Curtis, AKA "Moose," of Leeds, England. It seems that Moose has been defacing public property with graffiti. And to make matters worse, his graffiti bears a commercial message. To date, he has delighted many a train rider and pedestrian with his ads for his own small recording label and such industry giants as Smirnoff Vodka and Hewlett-Packard.

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The city council is perplexed over what to do with Moose and his criminal acts of vandalism. It seems that Moose is not actually painting on the tunnel and sidewalk surfaces that have become his canvas. No, indeed, he is merely cleaning selected areas - leaving an outline of his message to be read amongst the grime and grit of the urban landscape.

The issue seems to be whether cleaning dirt from public property in Moose's selective manner constitutes vandalism. After all, isn't Moose's scrub down of a wall in the public interest? And is the fact that he cleans only part of the wall a criminal offense?

Apparently, the city officials have even looked into other possible violations. Like whether or not Moose is creating a health hazard with dangerous cleaning agents. A quick review of Moose's chosen tools presents no avenue to prosecution. Water, a shoe brush, and old rags. That's his entire arsenal. His secret to success - elbow grease.

Moose is a little bewildered by all of this, but he hasn't lost his sense of humor. "I'm waiting for the kind of Monty Python court case where exhibit A is a pot of cleaning fluid and exhibit B is a pair of my old socks," he jokes.

What does society do with Paul "Moose" Curtis? Do we ask someone to cease and desist from what is actually a good thing just because of the message it leaves behind?

Few days go by where there is not a report of some group or entity imposing a bold, outright statement against religion. We are frightened by the implications of courts that order the Ten Commandments to be removed from courtrooms and nativity scenes from town squares. We wonder at the forces of evil facing us when anyone would dare to suggest that the words "under God" be removed from our country's Pledge of Allegiance.

Yet we often lose sight of the fact that no one complains when we offer a cup of cold water in Jesus' name. Or feed the hungry. Or clothe the poor. Or train individuals for better jobs. Or work to reconcile those in conflict.

Sometimes we are so upset over what restrictions have been placed on our ability to express our faith that we fail to see those tools that are close by that no one considers to be threatening. Water, shoe brushes, old rags, elbow grease. Cold water, food, clothing, hope, peace.

Christians have been persecuted for years. And some have predicted the death of the church. But as long as this world remains, God will raise up people who will leave behind his message with simple elbow grease. A trail of clean tiles on the dingy walls of life. Every small act done in His name, tells the story.

And the contents always exceed the packaging claims.

Joey Cope, [www.heartlight.com](http://www.heartlight.com)

## ***BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES***

August 24 - Donna McQuin  
August 25 - Justin Beard  
Bettie Thurston  
August 26 - Leon & Jane Smith (A)  
August 27 - Charlie Garner  
Karen McGowan



## **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 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

### **Wednesday, August 23, 2023**

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....Jerry Burleson  
Dismissal.....Mike Duley

### **August 27, 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

## **LEAVE THE LIGHT ON**

A hotel chain's commercial featured one little building standing amidst a dark night. Nothing else was around. The only light in the scene came from a small lamp near the door on the porch of the building. The bulb cast enough illumination for a visitor to walk up the steps and enter the building. The commercial ended with the phrase, "We'll leave the light on for you."

A porch light is akin to a welcome sign, reminding weary travelers that there's a comfortable place still open where they can stop and rest. The light invites those passing by to come in and escape from the dark, weary journey.

Jesus says the lives of those who believe in Him should resemble that of a welcoming light. He told His followers, *You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden* (Matthew 5:14). As believers, we're to illuminate a dark world.

As he directs and empowers us, [others] *may see [our] good deeds and glorify [our] Father in heaven* (v 16). And as we leave our lights on, they will feel welcomed to come to us to learn more about the one true Light of the World - Jesus (John 8:12). In a weary and dark world, His light always remains on.

Have you left your light on? As Jesus shines through you today, others may see and begin radiating His light also. Katara Patton

### ***In Sympathy:***

*Sympathy is extended to Donna McQuin in the loss of her brother, Ronnie Goins, who passed away August 12. His funeral was held Wednesday in Fisk.*

**Attendance for August 13: 117**

**Contribution for August 13: \$3885**

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Sue Flowers** is on hospice care but is feeling some better \* **David Burleson** as he begins cancer treatments \* **Donna McQuin** 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 \* **Ruth Dauck** will have surgery on her shoulder August 29 \*

**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 \* 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**

Our Summer Series Speaker this week will be Spencer Furby, pulpit minister at Valley View Church of Christ in Jonesboro.

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September 2 - First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will enjoy a meal following morning worship and an early, 1 p.m. evening service. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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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.

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September 12 - Ladies' Lunch Out. Location to be determined.

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September 16 - BYC Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction. If you would like to put together a basket to be auctioned off, please let Stan know.

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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.

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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.

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