



TRUE LIGHT

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

October 29, 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***

THOSE KIDS NEED TO BE THERE ... ALWAYS

Recently, I watched a sermon by a friend of mine who is a wonderful Gospel preacher. It was a sermon from a couple of years ago that I was interested in hearing all of, but, as often happens, there was one little statement that was made that just stuck in my mind.

In this part of the sermon, he was talking about decisions that elders had to make during the earlyish days of the pandemic. As elderships were trying to think of the best ways to proceed, they had to balance all sorts of things. He mentioned the eldership where he attends talking through those issues, as I know our elders at Central did, with prayer and much lost sleep.

But one of the things he mentioned that his elders were specifically concerned about was this: "We've got children who haven't been in Bible class in months."

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Trust me when I say that I heard Central's elders say similar things. And trust me when I say it was talked about in our own home constantly.

But this is not an article about the pandemic. It is not Monday morning quarterbacking the decisions made by elderships during that difficult time.

Instead, this is a note to those of us who are parents. Some of us need to remember to have that same heart that those elders showed: we need to get our kids back in Bible class.

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Your children need to hear those wonderful lessons from God's Word. They need to interact with those precious teachers who are giving selflessly to instill those lessons in the hearts of your children. They need to learn that the Bible - and taking time to learn it - is so valuable that we will go week after week after week to hear it taught.

Parents, we often will say that we need all the help we can get in raising our children. What we mean is that, we hope others will give our children good advice and that people will pick up our slack in areas where we might not have as much knowledge. While we are raising our children (don't get me started on "it takes a village"), we know that others help and influence and for those who help in godly and wise ways we are grateful.

If that is true, then why do we choose to influence our children to stay away from Biblical training? What are we teaching them?

Parents, let's not have a self-imposed shut-down! Let's not have the attitude that this doesn't matter.

Adam Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Bobby was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Bobby was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd. That's all I need to know!"

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

October 31 - Grant Howard
November 1 - Kathy Caudle
November 2 - Jerry Burluson
November 3 - Jeff Rodgers
Ted Jacques



Attendance for October 22 : 126

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

* **Rodney Britt** got good news that his cancer is treatable * **Sue Flowers** remains on hospice care and has not been feeling well * **Wayne Reams** improving following a brain bleed * **Maura Thomason** has an appointment with pain management Thursday * **Linda Morgan** has been placed on hospice care * **Ruth Dauck** has a follow up visit with her doctor Monday

Continue praying for these members of our church family: David Burluson * David Carson * Travis Cooper * Mike Duley * Scott and Judy Flannery * Karen Forkum * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * Darlene McGowan * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Donna McKuini * Gloria Moore * Ida Roberts * Waynetta Rodgers * David Terrill * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson * Woody Wood

Those dealing with cancer (non congregational) :

Melinda Akers * Chastity Beaird * Cathy Bennett * 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 * Mike Napier * Betty Nicholson * Keagan Owens * Bill Peck * Nikki Reif * Ashley Smith * Bobby Thornton * Mindy Tomah * Alan Woodward

Other health issues (non-congregational):

Dixie Billingsley * DeeDee Burch * Mary Burke * Brynlee Douglas * Shirley 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 * Heather Whitehead *

Our Shut Ins

Travis Cooper * Sue Flowers * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson

Looking Ahead

TODAY: Fifth Sunday singing at 1:30 at Marble Hill.

Wednesday night's fellowship meal will be BBQ, baked potatoes, baked beans and coleslaw. Desserts will be needed.

November 4: Ladies Day at Dexter. The theme is "A Feast for the Soul." The registration deadline is today. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

November 5: Daylight Saving Time ends. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour Saturday night before bed.

November 5: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck meal after morning worship, followed by a 1 p.m. evening service. Everyone is encouraged to stay for the potluck and evening service.

November 6: Children's Home Grocery Pick Up. Let's get the cart filled up!

November 9: Vijay Kumar will be speaking at 9 a.m. at the Fisk community center about his work in India. Lunch will be served following, hosted by the Fisk congregation.

November 13: Ladies Lunch Out at Catch 22 in Dexter. NOTE: this is a Monday, and set to avoid conflicting dates with the Widowers luncheon November 14.

November 14: Widow/widowers luncheon at noon at the home of David and Loretta Carson. If you need a ride, please let David or Loretta know.

CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

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



Contribution for October 22: \$ 3925

WILLING TO SERVE

October 29, 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 Burluson
Scripture.....Justin Allen
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Sam Garner
Dismissal.....Jeff Rodgers

November 5, 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.....Rodney Williams
Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers
Dismissal.....Jerry Burluson

WHEN WEAKNESS IS STRENGTH

Drew had been imprisoned for two years because he served Jesus. He'd read stories of missionaries who felt constant joy throughout their incarceration, but he confessed this was not his experience. He told his wife that God had picked the wrong man to suffer for Him. She replied, "No. I think maybe He picked the right man. This was not an accident."

Drew could likely relate to the prophet Jeremiah, who had faithfully served God by warning Judah that God would punish them for their sins. But God's judgment hadn't fallen yet, and Judah's leaders beat Jeremiah and put him in stocks. Jeremiah blamed God: *You deceived me, LORD* (v.7). The prophet believed God had failed to deliver. His word had only *brought* [him] *insult and reproach all day long* (v.8). *Cursed be the day I was born!* Jeremiah said. "Why did I ever come out of the womb to see trouble and sorrow and to end my days in shame?" (v. 14, 18).

Eventually Drew was released, but through his ordeal he began to understand that perhaps God chose him - much like He chose Jeremiah - **because** he was weak. If he and Jeremiah had been naturally strong, they might have received some of the praise for their success. But if they were naturally weak, all the glory for their perseverance would go to God (1 Corinthians 1: 26-31). His frailty made him the perfect person for Jesus to use.

Mike Wittmer