



TRUE LIGHT

December 17, 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***

'TIS THE SEASON

I know that you can finish the lyrics of the title of this post ... "to be jolly." At least, that's what we hear all the time. "It's the hap...hap...happiest time of the year," or so we're told. We hear words like: jolly, happy, peace, goodwill, etc. all around us in songs and conversation. But is that how everyone is feeling? I've seen the faces of some folks lately that say otherwise.

We live in a land of plenty where most people have at least the basics that they need to live. Now, I know that I have lived a blessed life, but now realize that when I was a child, we were certainly not wealthy people. Still, we were content with what we had. This season of the year as a child seemed very happy to me.

Has anyone else noticed that the more we acquire and accumulate, the more sad we seem to be? The more we get, the more we want, and the cycle spins out of control sometimes.

What makes you happy? Have you ever really sat down and spent time thinking about this very question? Most of us have given it some thought, but haven't really examined it to the extent we need to. What is your happiness based upon?

- If it's that perfect someone to spend the rest of your life with, remember that life is a vapor that appears for awhile and then vanishes away.
- If it's wealth ... you have to work to accumulate it and it can disappear in an instant.
- If it's having the house you always wanted ... a fire or tornado could destroy it in a heartbeat.
- Maybe it's that perfect career, the one that will move you on up the ladder of success - but careers change when circumstances change.
- If it's your material possessions ... they age and become outdated.



You see that this list could go on and on. Just ask Solomon, who was one of the wealthiest men on the earth - but even he realized that his possessions couldn't make him happy.

Let's ask a different question. What brings you joy? I'm talking about something that can't be taken away because of bad circumstances. It is something to which you can cling for all of your life, and carry with you into eternity.

I'm praying that your greatest joy comes from living an obedient life in Christ and fellowshiping with those of like precious faith. Nothing on this earth can bring more peace into your life than having God as your Father and Jesus as your older brother.

- Sharing life with that perfect someone who shares your faith in Christ brings joy.
- Any wealth you may have accumulated can be used in the Lord's work and bring joy to you and to others.
- That big house you wanted can be used to show hospitality to those who need help.
- Even your career can be used to bring others to Christ as you let your light shine to those with whom you come in contact.
- Those material possessions can bring joy when you share them with those in need.

This may be the season to be jolly, but every season can bring joy into your life when you faithfully give gratitude for your inexpressible gift of joy in the Lord.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope (Romans 15:13).

Donna Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

December 17 - Zack & Beckie Tanner (A)
December 20 - Keri Williams
December 22 - Rosemary McCoy
Cameron & Reeda Traw (A)
December 23 - Alexis Northern
Stan & Millie Dauck (A)

CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Hamburger Helper * Paper Towels
* 13-Gallon Trash Bags * Cream of
Chicken Soup * Shampoo or
Conditioner * Vanilla Wafers
Pick up Date: February 19

WILLING TO SERVE

December 17, 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 Burleson

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Song Leader.....Dylan Seabaugh
Prayer.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....Alex Garner

December 24, 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.....n/a
Prayer.....n/a
Scripture.....n/a
Dismissal.....n/a

Attendance for December 10: 98

Contribution for December 10: \$4489

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Roxanne Carson is not doing well * Larry Layton recovering from knee replacement surgery * Bill Pruitt has been sick * Jett Brown recovering from the flu * Judy Duley hasn't been feeling well * Helen Robinson (Janie Burleson's mother in law) recently fell at the nursing home * Becky Johnson (Janie Burleson's sister) is a little better * Larry Summers as he continues cancer treatments * Rodney Britt as he continues treatments * Joe Vincent (Amy Townsend Vincent's husband) undergoing treatments for sinus cancer * Jerry Don McGowan recovering from COVID * Sue Flowers remains on hospice care and has not been feeling well * Maura Thomason will be having an MRI on her back/hips January 22 *

Continue praying for these members of our church family: David Burleson * David Carson * Mike Duley * Scott and Judy Flannery * Karen Forkum * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * Darlene McGowan * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Donna McKuin * 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 * 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 * Brenda Robinson * Kevin Steed * Traci Suiter * Heather Whitehead *

Our Shut Ins

Sue Flowers * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson

Looking Ahead

TONIGHT: Holiday meal following evening services honoring Stan and Millie for 35 years of service to our congregation. Ribs and the sides will be served. Please plan to attend. ***

Tomorrow: Ladies and teen girls ornament OR sock exchange followed by reindeer games at 6 p.m. Bring a wrapped ornament or fun pair of socks and something yummy to eat. ***

Our fellowship meal this week will be fried chicken and sides. Desserts will be needed. ***

December 24: We will have morning worship services only. ***

December 25: Christmas Dinner will be served in the fellowship room at noon for anyone who would like to attend. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer. ***

December 31: New Year's Eve get together following evening worship in the fellowship room. Bring snacks or finger foods and games to play. ***

January 7: Friends and Family Day 2024 with guest speaker Kason Lawrence! We will have a potluck following morning services and a light meal following evening services. Make plans to attend both services.

In Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to the family of our brother Travis Cooper, who passed away Tuesday evening. His services were held Saturday in Bernie.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of our sister Rita Burch, who passed away Tuesday evening. Her services were held Friday in Bernie.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Psalm 116:15

A WORTHWHILE WAIT

Stuck in a stressful job with long hours and an unreasonable boss, James wished he could quit. But he had a mortgage, a wife, and a young child to take care of. He was tempted to resign anyway, but his wife reminded him, "Let's hang on and see what God will give us."

Many months later, their prayers were answered. James found a new job that he enjoyed and gave him more time with the family. "Those months were long," he told me, "but I'm glad I waited for God's plan to unfold in His time."

Waiting for God's help in the midst of trouble is hard; it can be tempting to try to find our own solution first. The Israelites did just that: under threat from their enemies, they sought help from Egypt instead of turning to God (Isaiah 30:2). But God told them that if they would repent and put their trust in Him, they would find strength and salvation (v 15). In fact, He added, *the LORD longs to be gracious to you* (v 18).

Waiting for God takes faith and patience. But when we see His answer at the end of it all, we'll realize it was worth it: *Blessed are all who wait for him!* (v 18). And what's even more amazing: God is waiting for us to come to Him!

Leslie Koh