



TRUE LIGHT

January 7, 2024

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*

WHO'S ON THE LIST?

It may have already been published by the time this post goes live. It was said a while back that a certain list of names would be released at the beginning of the year, though no specific date and time were given. Many in the public have been holding their breath to see who is on there. We are told that the names will include many people known throughout the world, including some very high profile people in business and politics. But the names, we are told, will also include some we do not know, from victims of terrible things to others who were involved in various ways.

As I have thought about the releasing of these documents - especially the names - it occurred to me that, when that finally happens, those whose names were made public and who were found to have done some awful things have had time to prepare. They have likely crafted statements (most likely with the help of lawyers and PR folks). Will they deny things? Will they simply take ownership and show contrition? Will they not say anything and seek to have the hubbub die down? Whatever their choice, it will be calculated because they have had quite a bit of time to prepare.

So, on that great and final day, our names need to be on a list, but it is not one of shame or one to fear.

But that got me thinking about another list and another reaction, and it is one for which there will be no preparation, no lawyers, and no public relations consultant.

It is when each of us stands in judgment, and some will hear, "depart from me," and they will be shocked.

Jesus said that some will just begin to talk about all the wonderful things they did: *Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and do many mighty works in Your name? Still they will be lost forever and hear, "I never knew you"* (Matthew 7:21-23).

Why? Because God knows more than any lawyer or DA or jury. He does not arbitrarily put people on a list. He knows their actions, yes, but He also knows their attitudes and motivations. He sees every secret thing (Ecclesiastes 12:14). What we can hide from other people cannot be hidden from him.

So, on that great and final day, our names need to be on a list, but it is not one of shame or one to fear. It is the Lamb's book of life. And if my name is there, then the only words I can think of to prepare to say are "thank you" to the One Who made it possible.

Are you on that list?

Adam Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

WELCOME TO
FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY 2024
With guest speaker **Kason Lawrence**
We're glad you could join us!

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

January 7 - Matt & Katie Mayberry (A)
January 12 - Janie Burleson
Phyllis Howard
Jeff & Waynetta Rodgers (A)
January 13 - Jason Karnes

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

January 7, 2024

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Derek Mays
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....Jason Karnes
Prayer.....Sam Garner
Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Brandon Chesser
Prayer.....tba
Scripture.....tba
Dismissal.....tba

Attendance for December 31: 92

Contribution for December 31: \$5698

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sharon Durham will see an orthopedic surgeon tomorrow for a broken bone in her foot * **Marietta Reams** has been sick with RSV * **Faye Dockins** is undergoing eye injections for macular degeneration * **Roxanne Carson** * **Becky Johnson's** second surgery went fine, but she will have to have a third surgery which is not what they were hoping for * **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 * **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 * **Kamal**, a teenage orphan from the Napal Children's home who was riding his bicycle and fell off a cliff last week. He has suffered serious injuries.

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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

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

January 14, 2024

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Opening Prayer.....David Carson
Scripture.....Ron Garner
Prayer.....Zack Tanner
Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

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 * Bobby Thornton * Mindy Tomah * Alan Woodward

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....David Carson
Prayer.....Rodney Williams
Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

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 *

DEALING WITH DISAGREEMENT

Our Shut Ins

Sue Flowers * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson

The social media power house Twitter created a platform where people all over the world express opinions in short sound bites. In recent years, however, this formula has become more complex as individuals have begun to leverage Twitter as a tool to reprimand others for attitudes and lifestyles they disagree with. Log on to the platform on any given day, and you'll find the name of at least one person "trending." Click on that name, and you'll find millions of people expressing opinions about whatever controversy has emerged.

Looking Ahead

TODAY: 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. We still need some help with desserts for tonight; please check the sign up sheet on the table in the foyer. Make plans to attend both services.

We've learned to publicly criticize everything from the beliefs people hold to the clothes they wear. The reality, however, is that a critical and unloving attitude doesn't align with who God has called us to be as believers in Jesus. While there will be times when we have to deal with disagreement, the Bible reminds us that as believers we're always to conduct ourselves with *compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience* (Colossians 3:12). Instead of being harshly critical, even of our enemies, God urges us to *bear with each other and forgive one another if [we have] a grievance* (v 13).

January 9 - Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Dexter BBQ in Dexter. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

Wednesday fellowship meal will be taco salad. Desserts will be needed.

January 20-21 - "Ignite Your Light" youth event at Jackson church of Christ with keynote speaker Spencer Furby. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

This treatment isn't limited to the people whose lifestyles and beliefs we agree with. Even when it's difficult, may we extend grace and love to everyone we encounter as Christ guides us, recognizing that we've been redeemed by His love.
Kimya Loder

BIBLE TRIVIA:
What Bible character thought laughter was a foolish thing?
* In what book of the Bible do you find the first mention of using battering rams against the gates of a city? * God showed a basket to the prophet Amos. What was in that basket? * The word "eternity" is used how many times in the Bible? * Which family in the Bible did not have to pay taxes?
Answers : Solomon - Ecc. 2:2 * Ezekiel (21:22) * Fruit - Amos 8:1 * Once - Isaiah 57:15 * Jesse's family - 1 Samuel 17:17,25,50

In Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jerry Don McGowan, who passed away December 30. His funeral was held Tuesday in Bernie.