



TRUE LIGHT

February 25, 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**

THE WHO'S WHO THAT REALLY MATTERS So, how do I get my name in this book?

There seems to be an almost limitless number of "Who's Who?" books. There's one for every state, for colleges and universities, for every major sport and most of the minor ones. There's one for television, movies, and the stage. Major professions have their own lists.

And if you are inclined by now to think every specialty on earth has a "Who's Who," surey you wouldn't be surprised to find that heaven has one, too.

All the earthly "Who's Who" volumes carry a high entrance fee of achievement. You have to be the fastest or smartest, richest or most powerful, first to discover or last to abandon. You might get in if you win enough medals, lose enough pounds, or draw the most beautiful pictures. Practically all firsts get in, maybe a few seconds, and practically no others.

The heavenly "Who's Who" has a different criterion for being included. Oh, none of the pretty, smart, powerful, or first-place people are necessarily excluded from it. On the other hand - and this is what is most important - people who belong to none of these categories may also be included.

How does someone qualify? Just think of some of the names already on the list, and identify what they have in common. There are women like Sarah, Rahab, Deborah, Mary, and Dorcas. There are men like Noah, Moses, Amos, John the Baptist, and Timothy. You will find kings and fishermen, farmers and seamstresses, a few the world called "somebodies" and several it called "nobodies."

A few had their names included for big things they did, and many, many more for little things. One I recall led forces that defeated a much larger and better-equipped army. Another only shared his sack lunch that contained five pieces of bread and two smoked fish.

Figured it out yet? It has nothing to do with greatness in the eyes of the world, for God's standard of excellence is totally different. In the words of T.W. Matson, "In the kingdom of God, service is not the path to greatness. It is greatness."

Jesus said it very simply: *The most important person among you will be your servant* (Matthew 23:11). Heaven's "Who's Who" lists servants, only servants.

Rubel Shelly, via www.heartlight.com

THE JOY OF GOOD NEWS

One evening in 1964, the Great Alaska earthquake shocked and writhed for more than four minutes, registering a 9.2 magnitude. In Anchorage, whole city blocks disappeared, leaving only massive craters and rubble. Through the dark, terrifying night, news reporter Genie Chance stood at her microphone, passing along messages to desperate people sitting by their radios: a husband working in the bush heard that his wife was alive; distraught families heard that their sons on a Boy Scout camping trip were okay; a couple heard that their children had been found. The radio crackled with line after line of good news - pure joy among the ruin.

This must have been something like what Israel felt when they heard these words from the prophet Isaiah: *The LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor* (61:1). As they looked over the wasteland of their wrecked lives and grim future, Isaiah's clear voice brought good news at the very moment when all seemed lost. God intended to *bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives... [To] rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated* (vv 1,4). In the midst of their terror, the people heard God's assuring promise, His good news.

For us today, it's in Jesus that we hear God's good news - this is what the word "gospel" means. Into our fears, pains, and failures, He delivers good news. And our distress gives way to joy. Winn Collier

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

February 25 - Kendra Summers
 February 26 - Henry Howard
 February 27 - Titus Dauck
 Beverly Pruitt
 March 2 - Mark Clayton



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Salsa/Picante Sauce * Coffee * Cereal *
 Tissues * Velveeta Cheese *
 Chocolate Chips
 Pick up date: May 20



WILLING TO SERVE

February 25, 2024

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, February 28, 2024

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
 Prayer.....Rodney Williams
 Dismissal.....Alex Garner

March 3, 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.....Ron Garner
 Prayer.....Rodney Williams
 Scripture.....Derek Mays
 Dismissal.....David Burleson

AVOID THE DOOR

The dormouse's nose twitched. Something tasty was nearby. Sure enough, the scent led to a birdfeeder full of delicious seed. The dormouse climbed down the chain to the feeder, slipped through the door, and ate and ate all night. Only in the morning did he realize the trouble he was in. Birds now pecked at him through the feeder's door, but having gorged on the seed, he was now twice his size and unable to escape.

Doors can lead us to wonderful places - or dangerous ones. A door features prominently in Solomon's advice in Proverbs 5 on avoiding sexual temptation. While sexual sin may be enticing, he says, trouble awaits if it's pursued (5: 3-6). Best to stay far from it, for if you walk through that door you'll be trapped, your honor lost, your wealth pecked away by strangers (vv 21-23). Whether it's the temptation to overeat, overspend, or something else, God can help us to avoid the door that leads to entrapment.

The dormouse must've been happy when the homeowner found him in her garden birdfeeder and freed him. Thankfully, God's hand is also ready to free us when we're trapped. But let's call on His strength to avoid the door of entrapment in the first place.

Sheridan Voysey



Attendance for February 18: 92

Contribution for February 18: \$3794

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Larry Summers remains at Mercy in Cape and has been moved to room 555 *
 Judy Duley still having health issues * Marty Howard as he recovers from a broken bone in his leg * Marty Watson recovering from a few broken ribs following a fall * Brian Thomason got good news and will not need surgery on his carotid artery at this time * Becky Johnson will be having additional surgery in a few months * Roxanne Carson, Rodney Britt, and Joe Vincent currently undergoing treatments for cancer * Sue Flowers continuing to decline but has had a few good days recently * Maura Thomason will be having a fluoroscopy and a steroid epidural on her spine April 11 *

Continue praying for these members of our church family: David Burleson * David Carson * 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 * 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

Our Wednesday fellowship meal will be Thanksgiving in February with smoked turkey, ham and sides. Desserts will be needed.

March 3 - First Sunday Potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck following morning worship, and our evening service at 1 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to stay for both the potluck and evening service.

March 8 & 9 - Inspiration 2024 at Dexter with guest speaker Eric Lyons.

March 10 - Daylight Saving begins. Don't forget to set your clock an hour ahead before bed Saturday evening.

March 12 - Ladies' Lunch Out at 11:30 at MaryAda's in Portageville. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer; if there is enough interest we will take the van.

March 17 - 20: Gospel Meeting at Gideon with guest speaker Brent Newton. The theme is on practical applications from James.

March 20-22 - Evangelical Seminar at the West End Congregation.

March 24-27 - Gospel Meeting at Fisk with guest speaker Todd Clippard.

April 7-10 - Our Gospel Meeting with Brent Newton.

I wandered lonely as a cloud /That floats on high o'er vales and hills, When all at once I saw a crowd/A host of golden daffodils.
 William Wordsworth