



TRUE LIGHT

SATAN'S DEVICES AND TROJAN HORSES

April 21, 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***

I'm reasonably certain that most, if not all, who read this are familiar with the term "Trojan Horse." According to Greek mythology, a huge wooden horse was constructed during what was known as the Trojan War. The people of Troy allowed the horse to enter the city because they were convinced that the Greeks had deserted the war and that the horse was an offering to Athena, the goddess of war.

In actuality, the horse was hollow and "housed" Greek soldiers. Once inside the city gates, the soldiers inside used the nighttime to emerge from the horse, open the city gates, and allow their fellow soldiers who had not at all abandoned the fight to enter Troy and defeat it.

I recently became aware of a more modern strategy about which the term "Trojan horse" was used. Some of us may remember when president Richard Nixon made an historic trip to communist China. When he and those who accompanied him left China, what our president called a Trojan horse remained in China.

The "Trojan horse" was a truck left in China with the ability to transmit television signals. Ostensibly, the government of China was persuaded to allow this so that one of the television networks in The United States could inform our citizens about some of the things which were happening in China.

In reality, what happened was that, as televisions became increasingly available in China, their citizens could see what the "outside world" looked like. Because of that, many changes took place in China which might not have otherwise happened.

That historical incident is just one of numerous examples of how the term "Trojan horse" is used today. According to Brittanica.com, "The term Trojan horse has come to refer to subversion introduced from the outside."

It seems to me that Satan has used that strategy for a long, long time. It also seems to me that far too many of us are blissfully "playing his game." What I am about to type is admittedly a play on words, but I hope that you will stay with me as I try to develop this. In 2 Corinthians 2:11, we can read these words penned by Paul... *we are not ignorant of [Satan's] devices* (KJV).

I am aware of the fact that the word translated "devices" in the King James Version is translated with words like "schemes" and "designs" in other versions of the Bible, but I want to use "devices" to try to get all of us to do some thinking. It seems to me that Satan has now become so effective that he now has people doing something that neither the people of Troy or China did. He now has us actually purchasing things that have the potential of being our own Trojan horses.

I am typing these words on a device that our ...*adversary the devil...* (1 Peter 5:8) often uses **very** effectively as a Trojan horse. At any moment, I could stop typing something that I hope is of some value and start searching for things that are of no value and/or have the potential of causing me to be lost eternally.

The sad fact is that I don't even have to search. I'm reasonably certain that I am not the only person who has had something "randomly pop up" on my computer that I didn't ask for. It is interesting that people who know a lot more about computers than I do use the term "Trojan horse" to describe a program that could actually take control of my computer.

The device I'm presently using and which I purchased is a laptop computer. It is much more convenient and less bulky than a desktop model. It pales in comparison, though, with something I can hold in my hand and which I also purchased.

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

April 21 - James & Janet Wood (A)
April 23 - Jeff & Karen McGowan (A)
April 24 - LaRhonda Billingsley
Debbie Hobgood
April 27 - Amelia Garner



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Salsa/Picante Sauce * Coffee * Cereal *
Tissues * Velveeta Cheese
* Chocolate Chips



Pick up date: May 20

WILLING TO SERVE

April 21, 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.....Wayne Reams
Scripture.....Sam Garner
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

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

April 28, 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

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I have heard that the smart phones we own, carry around everywhere we go, and "check" multiple times a day (or hour) are more sophisticated than the computers that helped put men on the moon. These same devices have an unbelievable potential for both good and evil.

The computer on my lap or the phone in my hand allows me to do things that were unimaginable only a few years ago. We need to be more aware of the fact that they can be modern weapons used in the ongoing battle for our souls. The original Trojan horse, the television truck, and modern electronic devices all have something in common. They are tools or devices to be used for some purpose. It is up to us to do all we can to make sure that we don't allow any Trojan horses into our lives.

Jim Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

BIBLE TRIVIA:

Gideon received golden earrings as payment for conquering the Midianites. How much did the earrings weigh? * What is the most used word in the Bible? * The valley of Siddim was famous for what? * Where was Ishbosheth's head buried?

A: The same as 1700 shekels of gold (Judges 8:26) * The pits (NIV); slimepits (KJV) (Genesis 14:10) * In Abner's tomb at Hebron (2 Samuel 4:12)

Attendance for April 14: 95

Contribution for April 14: \$5055

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Janie Burlseon recovering at home after breaking 3 bones in her foot * Helen McGowan doing well following surgery * Cody Boyt's surgery went well and she will have a follow up in six months * Donna McKuIn will be having an echocardiogram May 21 and other tests run for various health issues * Audrey Galloway, age 4, recently diagnosed with leukemia. Audrey is the daughter of Reeda Traw's friend * Becky Johnson recovering from surgery * Roxanne Carson got a good report from her recent tests * Sue Flowers has been doing better recently *

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 Beard * Cathy Bennett * Rodney Britt * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Randy Cravens * Barbara Denson * Bill Fitzpatrick * Patricia Greninger * Stan Goodman * 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 * Joe Vincent * Alan Woodward

Our Shut Ins

Sue Flowers * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson

Looking Ahead

Wednesday Fellowship Meal: baked spaghetti, garden salad, garlic bread. Desserts will be needed.

April 27 and 28: "Seeking the Truth" seminar at Highland Drive church of Christ. The theme will be "Revelation: Are We Living in the End Times?" More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

May 5: Senior Recognition Sunday and first Sunday potluck/early evening service. Please make plans to stay and help us recognize our 2024 seniors: Luke Worley and Ryan Young, both graduating from Dexter High School.

May 14: Ladies Lunch Out at Malden Country Club.

May 18: Living with Loss Workshop at Central church of Christ, Paducah. More information is on the bulletin board by the nursery.

GRATITUDE ON EARTH DAY

Earth day is an annual event observed on April 22. In recent years, more than one billion people in about two hundred countries have taken part in educational and service activities. Each year, Earth Day is a reminder of the importance of caring for our amazing planet. But the mandate to care for the environment is far older than this annual event - it goes all the way back to creation.

In Genesis, we learn that God created the entire universe and formed the earth as a place for humans to dwell. Not only did He fashion the mountain peaks and lush plains, God also created the garden of Eden, a beautiful place providing food, shelter, and beauty for its inhabitant (Genesis 2:8-9).

After breathing life into His most important creation, humans, God placed them in this garden (v 8,22) and gave them the responsibility to work it and take care of it (v 15). After Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden, caring for God's creation became more difficult (3:17-19), but to this day God Himself cares for our planet and its creatures (Psalm 65:9-13) and asks us to do the same (Proverbs 12:10).

Whether we live in crowded cities or rural areas, we all have ways we can care for the areas God has entrusted to us. And as we tend the earth, may it be an act of gratitude to Him for this beautiful planet.

Lisa M. Samra