



# TRUE LIGHT

## MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIES

**MAY 12, 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**

Yes, Mother's Day comes and goes. But the memories linger and remain...

"The woman who creates and sustains a home and under whose hands children grow up to be strong and pure men and women, is a creator second only to God." --Helen Hunt Jackson

Mother's Day has been difficult for me since my mother died of cancer in 1990. There are many things I miss about her, but what I miss the most is sharing my children with her.

Sometimes, I get a twinge of sadness because I was never financially able to give her even a tiny fraction of what she gave me. My Mother's Day gifts to her were usually inexpensive - a pair of new pajamas, a new purse. Then I realized that my love was the only gift she ever really wanted.

I was reminded of that yesterday when my seven year old thanked me for his birthday presents. "Mom," he said, "do you know which gift I liked best?"

I imagined it would be the super-soaker water gun, guaranteed to shoot up to fifty feet, the one he used to squirt his sister, the dog, and me. But that wasn't what he said.

"It's the love you gave me, Mom," he stated, then ran off to play.

I stood frozen with my mouth open and the tears sliding down my face, suddenly feeling very overwhelmed with how wonderful motherhood can be. How I longed to pick up the phone and call the person who was not only my mother, but also my best friend, to tell her that the love she gave me now lives on in her grandchildren. But I couldn't.

Her love for me lives on in other ways, too. It visits me in the spring when the flowers she planted a few months before she died bloom. It comes to me from her former students when they write me letters, or take time to tell me what a wonderful teacher she was.

And so each Mother's Day I have a host of bittersweet memories. I rejoice that in a world of abused and abandoned children, I had a mother who loved me, nurtured me, and taught me right from wrong. And I cry, because I miss her friendship, her strength, her humor, and her love for my children.

There is a creed in Robert Fulghum's wonderful book, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." It is called the "Storytellers Creed" and I asked the minister to read it at Mama's funeral. It says in part, "I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience. That laughter is the only cure for grief. And I believe that love is stronger than death."

Love really is stronger than death because it comes from God, and it is because of God and His sacrifice, that we have hope of life eternal. And then there will be no more goodbyes, because like the old hymn says, there will be "no tears in heaven."  
Teresa Kindred, www.heartlight.com

*Who can find a virtuous woman? For her worth is far above rubies. The heart of her husband safely trusts in her, so that he will have no lack of gain. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works willingly with her hands. She is like the merchant ships, she brings her food from afar. She also rises while it is yet night, and gives food to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considers a field and buys it, with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She clothes herself with strength, and strengthens her arms. She perceives that her merchandise is good, her candle does not go out by night. She lays her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretches out her hand to the poor; yes, she reaches forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household, for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She makes herself coverings of tapestry, her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land. She makes fine linen and sells it, and delivers sashes to the merchant. Strength and honor are her clothing, and she will rejoice in time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the teaching of kindness. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many daughters have done virtuously, but you exceed them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.*  
Proverbs 31:10-30

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

May 13 - BJ Thomason  
 May 15 - Brian McGowan  
 May 17 - Jerry McCoy  
 May 18 - Tom & Debbie Hobgood (A)



## CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

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



Pick up date: May 20

Attendance for May 5: 104

Contribution for May 5: \$5578

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Judy Flannery** recovering from kidney stone removal \* **Pat Cooper** is in Cypress Point for rehab \* **Janie Burleson** recovering from foot surgery \* **Faye Dockins** received news that nothing more can be done for the macular degeneration in her eye \* **Jane Terrill** suffering from neuropathy in her feet \* **Donna McKuin** will be having an echocardiogram May 21 and other tests run for various health issues \* **Becky Johnson** had her ostomy reversed and is doing well \* **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 \* Audrey Galloway \* 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 \* Ida Roberts \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson

## Looking Ahead

May 14: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Malden Country Club. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.  
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Wednesday Fellowship Meal: Fried chicken and sides. Desserts will be needed.  
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May 18: Living with Loss Workshop at Central church of Christ, Paducah. More information is on the bulletin board by the nursery.  
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May 20: Children's Home grocery run. Let's get the cart filled up!  
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June 5: Our Summer Speaker series begins with Brent Newton. There is a list of speakers on the table in the foyer.  
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## UPDATE TO OUR METHOD OF SHARING INFORMATION

For the past few years, our online directory - Instant Church Directory - has done a wonderful job of keeping our members informed of prayer requests and emergency information through its "Broadcast News" feature.

Faced with stricter email and text messaging regulations from providers such as Google and Microsoft, the decision was made to discontinue offering these features through their online directory program. This decision became effective May 10.

There are other mass text/email service providers that we could utilize, but they can be quite costly. For the time being, we will be sending out all prayer requests/emergency information via group text messaging originating from Amy's cell phone. You should've received a group text message on your cell phone Thursday regarding this. If you did not, and would like to be included in receiving those messages, please let Amy know. If you would like to opt out of receiving messages, you can let her know in person or by texting her at 573-281-5625. Also - and it cannot be stressed enough - please do not reply to group text messages. Questions and comments regarding the information sent should be sent to the above number separate from the group text.

At this time, we will not be sending emails regarding prayer requests, but it may be reconsidered in the future. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## WILLING TO SERVE

**May 12, 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.....Rodney Williams  
 Prayer.....Derek Mays  
 Scripture.....Ron Garner  
 Dismissal.....David Burleson

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
 Prayer.....David Carson  
 Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

**May 19, 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.....Derek Mays  
 Prayer.....Wayne Reams  
 Scripture.....Sam Garner  
 Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

## FOOD FROM HEAVEN

In August 2020, residents of Olten, Switzerland, were startled to find that it was snowing chocolate! A malfunction in the ventilation system of the local chocolate factory had caused chocolate particles to be diffused into the air. As a result, a dusting of edible chocolate flakes covered cars and streets and made the whole town smell like a candy store.

When I think of delicious food "magically" falling from the heavens, I can't help but think of God's provision for the people of Israel in Exodus. Following their dramatic escape from Egypt, the people faced significant challenges in the desert, especially a scarcity of food and water. And God, moved by the plight of the people, promised to *rain down bread from heaven* (Exodus 16:4). The next morning, a layer of thin flakes appeared on the desert ground. This daily provision, known as manna, continued for the next forty years.

When Jesus came to earth, people began to believe He was sent from God when He miraculously provided bread for a large crowd (John 6:5-14). But Jesus taught that He Himself was the *bread of life* (v 35), sent to bring not just temporary nourishment but eternal life (v 51).

For those of us hungry for spiritual nourishment, Jesus extends the offer of unending life with God. May we believe and trust that He came to satisfy those deepest longings.

Lisa M. Samra