



TRUE LIGHT

IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE

June 16, 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**

Sundays are important. For my entire life, I have been able to count on Sundays. I knew every Sunday morning and evening my parents would be taking me to worship. Over the years this meant different worship locations and sometimes a different drive to get there.

Once I got married, my wife also being a Christian, the only thing about Sundays that was primarily different was that by this time I was also given the duties of preaching. But we still drove to worship. And as the kids came along a new tradition was born...

I decided that on the way to worship we would sing a few songs of praise to God. I wanted my family to know that God is always good and that this Lord's Day was appointed by Him for us to remember all He has done and continues to do for us. I have also always believed it is helpful to sing on the way to worship to focus our minds and prepare our hearts for the rest of what we are going to offer to the Lord.

As the tradition continued it became customary for each family member to pick a verse or two of their favorite song or a song they felt like singing. But there was one song early on that became the standard that we sang nearly every Sunday. It was usually the first song we sang. The lyrics say it all:

Everything's alright in my Father's house, in my Father's house, in my Father's house; Everything's alright in my Father's house, where there's joy, joy, joy.

Come and go with me to my Father's house, to my Father's house, to my Father's house; Come and go with me to my Father's house, where there's joy, joy, joy.

Jesus is the way to my Father's house, to my Father's house, to my Father's house; Jesus is the way to my Father's house, where there's joy, joy, joy.

With the passing of time, things get busier for growing families. For several years now, two or three cars might be meeting at the building instead of us all riding together. Life seems to interrupt traditions. And we have not made the opportunity to sing as a family in the car on the way to the assembly to the same degree as we did when the kids were younger.

But this past Sunday morning was the final time in the course of the Tatum household that all five of us - Jeremiah, Amber, Luke, Daniel, and Lyssa - would meet with the church as a complete family unit. I made sure we all rode together. I had plans to sing our song one last time...

With tear-filled eyes we finished singing and I told my children what an honor it had been for us as parents to be given the opportunity to take them to worship every Sunday. God lent them to us so that we would give them back to Him. He gave us the opportunity to share with them the greatest thing they will ever know or understand - His love, His sacrifice, and the beautiful kingdom He created for us.

I told my children that the words of the song were true. I wanted them to know that we won't always be here. I wanted them to know that other things in life will fall apart sometimes and there would be challenges and disappointments along the way. But if they will stay in my Father's house, everything really would turn out alright in the end.

It has been my sincerest wish that my children be raised in the church and never leave. I want them to know how to identify it, how to become a part of it, and how to conduct themselves properly within it. For whatever part I have failed in those areas I hope they have seen enough of it in others that they know all they need to know about the church so as to be faithful to it for as long as they live on this earth.

And then there is what I know. It is this peace that really does pass all understanding. It is what I have learned in time and it is what I know will be true forever. There is one place that will always be home, always be joy, and always be love and mercy and grace. It is the place of safety, salvation, and ultimate security, it is the only place where everything will always be alright: In my Father's house.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1).

Jeremiah Tatum, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

June 16 - Judy Flannery
June 17 - David & Cindy Burleson (A)
Mike & Judy Duley (A)
Jacie McGowan (A)
June 21 - Marty Howard
June 22 - Houston Neely
Brian and Valerie McGowan (A)
June 23 - Tansley Shelton



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Spaghetti Sauce * Pasta Noodles * Stick
Deodorant * Sugar * Canned Drinks *
Kitchen Tash Bags (13 Gallon)
Pick up date: August 26



Attendance for June 9: 84
Contribution for June 9: \$4665

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

David Burleson had a scan Friday due to rising PSA levels * **Janie Burleseon** got a boot on her foot and is improving * **Pat Cooper** at Cypress Point and struggling with kidney failure issues * **Donna McKuin** waiting on results from her heart test and scheduled for another lumbar epidural * **Maura Thomason** will have a steroid epidural in her SI joint July 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 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

June 19: Our Summer Speaker this week is Steve Cloer, assistant professor of Ministry at Harding School of Theology and son of Eddie Cloer. There is a list of speakers on the table in the foyer.

June 30 - July 2: Gospel Meeting at Central church of Christ in Caruthersville. The theme is "Restoring Our Faith." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

July 7: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a meal immediately following morning worship followed by a 1 p.m. evening service. Everyone is encouraged to stay for both the potluck and afternoon service.

July 7: Session 2 of Bootheel Youth Camp begins. Applications are available on the table in the foyer, or you can fill out an online application. The deadline to save \$25 is June 23. Also, if you would like to help send a kid to camp this year, you can give Stan or Amy your donation.

July 21-24: Vacation Bible School at Bernie. Our theme this year is "God's Team: Stories of God's Power." We will need lots of help and lots of cookies!

In honor of Father's Day, here are some popular "Dad-isms":
Dads love saying, "In or out, but close the door" .. Dads love saying, "What's the damage," when they get a bill ... Dads love leaving dirty dishes in the sink "to soak" and counting the job as done ... Dads love standing around with a trash bag on Christmas morning to collect any wrapping paper the minute it hits the ground ... Dads love saying, "that's a scary mask" to a kid who is not wearing a mask ... Dads love saying, "Long time, no see!" when they see someone twice in a day ... Dads love saying, "Glad we're not gong that way" when they see traffic on the other side of the freeway ... Dads love saying, "Back already? How was it?" when you run back inside because you forgot something ... Dads love saying, "Nice of you to join us" when you get out of bed after sleeping in ... Dads love saying, "I'm just resting my eyes" when they are caught sleeping.

In Sympathy:

*Sympathy is extended to
Helen McGowan in the
loss of her brother Jerry
Vance who passed away
June 11. A private
gravesite service was held.*

WILLING TO SERVE

June 16, 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

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

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

June 23, 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

FATHERLESS NO MORE

Guy Bryant, single and with no children of his own, worked in New York City's child welfare department. Daily, he encountered the intense need for foster parents and decided to do something about it. For more than a decade, Bryant fostered more than fifty children, once caring for nine at the same time. "Every time I turned around there was a kid who needed a place to stay," Bryant explained. "If you have the space in your home and heart, you just do it. You don't really think about it." The foster children who've grown and established their own lives still have keys to Bryant's apartment and often return on Sundays for lunch with "Pops." Bryant has shown the love of a father to many.

The Scriptures tell us that God pursues all who are forgotten or cast aside. Although some believers will find themselves destitute and vulnerable in this life, He promises to be with them. God is *a father to the fatherless* (Psalm 68:5). If, through neglect or tragedy, we're alone, God is still there - reaching out to us, drawing us near, and giving us hope. Indeed, *God sets the lonely in families* (v 6). In Jesus, other believers comprise our spiritual family.

Whatever our challenging family stores, our isolation, our abandonment, or our relational dysfunction may be, we can know that we're loved. With God, we're fatherless no more.

Winn Collier

**HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY**