

TRUE LIGHT

SPIRITUAL CATARACTS

June 9, 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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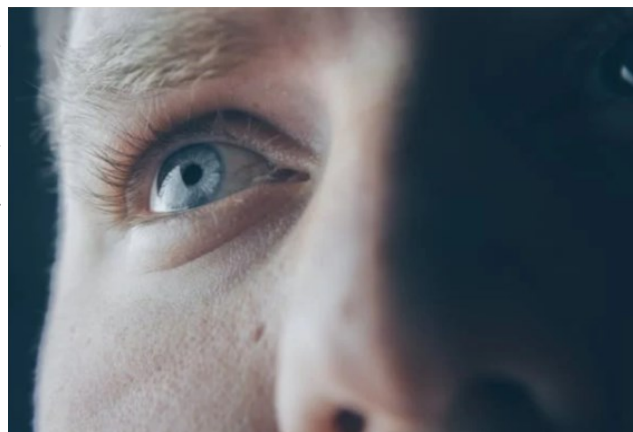
"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalm 118:24

**We Welcome You
To All Of Our
Services**

The thoughts in this post are the results of a devotional presented recently by one of the men in our congregation. As I talked with him later, I learned that he had never before done anything like this. He also told me that he was very, very nervous. All of that may be true, but all of that did not keep him from presenting some very good thoughts.

The short version of what he had to say is that he used a personal experience to make some great spiritual applications. He had recently had cataract surgery. What follows are some observations he made about cataracts (along with some I have thought of as I reflected on what he had to say). As you read them, hopefully you can, as he so ably did, make some applications concerning how sin affects our "spiritual vision."



- It may be possible, at least for a while, for a person to be unaware that he or she even has a cataract or that it is having an impact on his or her vision. Donna had that experience a few years ago. A "routine eye exam" found that she had a cataract so large that it kept her from using one of her eyes. Until then, she had no idea.
- It is so obvious that it is almost needless to make this point, but I will do it anyway. *Cataracts cloud our vision. We do not see things clearly.*
- Many (like me) put off doing what is necessary to eliminate the problem that is clouding our vision. We can easily come up with a long list of excuses, but they are just that - excuses, not reasons.
- It is easy and somewhat tempting to be satisfied with the status quo. Our (maybe unspoken) motto becomes, "I'm doing OK with how I'm seeing now. I don't see any reason to make any changes."
- While you must play a part in taking care of the problem, there is also somebody who has some abilities you don't have and upon whose expertise you need to rely if a cataract is to be removed.
- It would be foolish to think that removing a portion of a cataract (if that is even possible) would do any good. All of it must be removed in order to have clear vision.
- Whatever needs to be done is well worth the effort.

Again, you may think of more applications, but maybe these are enough to give you some "food for thought."
Jim Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness (Luke 11:34).

Motives can be God-honoring or self-serving. The teaching role can be about allowing God to use me to benefit others, or it can be an opportunity to promote myself. Motives can lead me to a ministry that builds up, or they can lead me to become a demolition expert.

John W Nichols

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

June 11 - Ethan Flowers
 June 12 - Kynlie Allen
 Ashley Hayes
 Joe & Sharlette Watson (A)
 June 13 - Scott & Judy Flannery
 June 14 - Jason Shelton
 June 16 - Judy Flannery



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

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



WILLING TO SERVE

June 9, 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, June 12, 2024

Song Leader.....David Carson
 Prayer.....Ron Garner
 Dismissal.....Jacob Clayton

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

GENEROSITY AND JOY

Researchers tell us there's a link between generosity and joy: those who give their money and time to others are happier than those who don't. This has led one psychologist to conclude, "Let's stop thinking about giving as a moral obligation, and start thinking of it as a source of pleasure."

While giving can make us happy, I question whether happiness should be the goal. If we're only generous to people or causes that make us feel good, what about the more difficult or mundane needs requiring our support?

Scripture links generosity with joy too, but on a different basis. After giving his own wealth toward building the temple, King David invited the Israelites to also donate (1 Chronicles 29:1-5). The people responded generously, giving gold, silver, and precious stones joyously (v6-8). But notice what their joy was over: *The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD* (v 9). Scripture never tells us to give because it will make us happy but to give willingly and wholeheartedly to meet a need. Joy often follows.

As missionaries know, it can be easier to raise funds for evangelism than for administration because believers in Jesus like the feeling of funding frontline work. Let's be generous toward other needs as well. After all, Jesus freely gave Himself to meet our needs (2 Corinthians 8:9).
 Sheridan Voysey

Attendance for June 2: 88

Contribution for June 2: \$4286

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Janie Burleson recovering at home. It is believed her medication may be the cause of her blood pressure bottoming out * **Pat Cooper** was taken to the ER Thursday, but is back at Cypress Point and struggling with kidney failure issues * **Donna McKuin** waiting on results from her heart test and scheduled for another lumbar epidural *

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

TODAY - CRC Day. There is a box in the foyer for donations to Crowley's Ridge College.

Today through June 12: Vacation Bible School at Highland Drive church of Christ. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

Tuesday: Ladies Lunch Out at Airways Café in Dexter. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

June 12: Our Summer Speaker this week is Josh Yates from the Fruitland church of Christ. There is a list of speakers on the table in the foyer.

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!

JESUS IS HERE

My elderly great aunt lay on her sickbed with a smile on her face. Her gray hair was pushed back from her face and wrinkles covered her cheeks. She didn't speak much, but I still recall the few words she said when my father, mother, and I visited her. She whispered, "I don't get lonely. Jesus is here with me."

As a single woman at the time, I marveled at my aunt's proclamation. Her husband had died several years earlier, and her children lived far away. Nearing her 90th year of life, she was alone, in her bed, barely able to move. Yet she was able to say she wasn't lonely.

My aunt took Jesus' words to the disciples literally, as we all should: *Surely I am with you always* (Matthew 28:20). She knew that Christ's Spirit was with her, as He promised when He instructed the disciples to go out into the world and share His message with others (v 19). Jesus said the Holy Spirit would *be with* the disciples and us (John 14: 16-17).

I'm certain my aunt experienced the reality of that promise. The Spirit was within her as she lay on her bed. And the Spirit used her to share His truth with me - a young niece who needed to hear those words and take them to heart.
 Katara Patton