



TRUE LIGHT

WHEN TROUBLE COMES

September 22, 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."*

Psalms 118:24

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

The book of Lamentations is a difficult book to study. The emotions of the prophet Jeremiah are raw as he writes about the forty years he spent prophesying to God's people and suffering at their hands. God had not promised him success, but had told him that he was born for this purpose and He would be with him (Jeremiah 1).

Lamentations comes after Judah is overcome by Babylon and Jerusalem is destroyed by Babylonian forces. In chapter 1 and verse 1 we see a great contrast drawn between what is and what was. The city of Jerusalem (symbolic of the people of God) is described as a lonely widow and a slave. In contrast to this sad state, Jerusalem is described as a city that was once full of people, great among the nations, and a princess among the provinces.

Jeremiah continues to lament the state of this once-great nation and city in the second chapter. He describes over and over scenes of the city that the Lord has destroyed. It makes him sick to recall all that has happened (Lam. 2:11). Chapter 3 begins with 18 verses that are personal to Jeremiah. The Lord (He and His) and Jeremiah (me and my) are described. The humanity of Jeremiah is on display. He was human and hurt emotionally and physically during this forty years of work for the Lord.

However, Jeremiah calls something to mind and it gives him hope. What Jeremiah remembered was his great faith in the goodness and mercy of God. We then read the words of a beautiful song which we often sing in our worship to God (Lam. 3:22-24).

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end;
They are new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness.
The LORD is my portion, says my soul,
Therefore I will hope in Him.*

I don't know about you, but the words of this song bring peace to my heart and soul. They "re-center" me, if you will. When it seems as if God is not hearing my prayers or answering my requests, these words from the scriptures, following a list of all that Jeremiah had suffered, open my eyes to a deeper faith in the One who made me.

Thousands of people sing this song in worship, but if asked where it is found in the Bible, they might not be able to answer that question. It seems illogical that this beautiful faith-building scripture would be found in a book that laments all that has happened to God's people and especially Jeremiah. However, this Holy Spirit inspired passage is placed right where it is needed because it reminds us that trouble comes to all of us ... so when trouble comes to you as a faithful Christian ... remember these beautiful words ... *the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.*

Donna Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

The story behind the hymn "It is Well With My Soul" is one of tragedy and loss, but also of faith and hope:

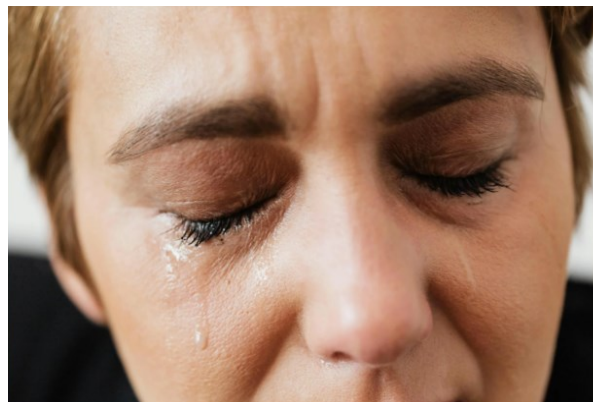
Tragedy

Horatio Spafford, a successful lawyer and businessman in Chicago, had a number of traumatic experiences:

- The Great Chicago Fire of 1871 damaged his property and ruined him financially
- The economic downturn of 1873 further impacted his business interests
- His ship, the Ville du Havre, collided with the Scottish ship, the Loch Earn, and sank in the Atlantic Ocean, killing 226 people, including all four of his daughters

Faith and Hope

Despite these setbacks, Spafford remained committed to his faith and continued to help others. While on the ship, he experienced words of comfort and hope that filled his mind and heart. After the ship's captain told him they were passing over the spot where the Ville du Havre sank, Spafford returned to his cabin and wrote down the words which became the beloved hymn "It is Well with My Soul."



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

September 23 - Curtis & Vickie McClard
September 25 - Jacob Clayton
September 27 - Pam Collier
September 28 - Sue Flowers



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Vienna Sausages * Cheddar Cheese
Soup * Canned Chicken * Brownie Mix
* Brown Sugar * Shortening
Pick up date: December 16



WILLING TO SERVE

September 22, 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, September 25, 2024

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....Mike Duley

September 29, 2024

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Ralph Mullins (guest)
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

LIVING WATER

The cut flowers came from Ecuador. By the time they arrived at my house, they were droopy and road-wearied. Instructions said to give them with a cool drink of refreshing water. Before that, however, the flower stems had to be trimmed so they could drink the water more easily. But would they survive?

The next morning, I discovered my answer. The Ecuadorian bouquet was a glorious sight, featuring flowers I'd never seen before. Fresh water made all the difference - a reminder of what Jesus said about water and what it means to be believers.

When Jesus asked a Samaritan woman for a drink of water - implying He'd drink from what she fetched from the well - He changed her life. She was surprised by His request. Jews looked down on Samaritans. But Jesus said, *If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water* (John 4:10). Later, in the temple, He cried out, *Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink (7:37). Among those who believed in Him, rivers of living water will flow from within them. By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive* (vv 38-39).

God's refreshing Spirit revives us today when we're life-wearied. He's the Living Water, dwelling in our souls with holy refreshment. May we drink deep today.
Patricia Raybon

Attendance for September 15: 97

Contribution for September 15: \$3627

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

David Burleson will begin treatment to reduce his PSA levels * Laken Waters remains in St Louis at Children's Hospital and hoping to be released soon * Faye Dockins recovering from a bad reaction to medication * Sue Jester recovering at home from a fall last week * Gloria Moore is home and improving * Gaye and Ron Miller recovering from COVID * Cathy Provance struggling with knee and hip pain * Doris Williams (Lana Shipman's mother) in the last phase of life * Richard Owens (Scott and Judy Flannery's son-in-law) has been released from the hospital and is improving.

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Trish Baldwin * Rick Beard * David Burleson * Janie Burleson * David Carson * Pat Cooper * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * 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 * Tammy Clark * Randy Cravens * Barbara Denson * Bill Fitzpatrick * Audrey Galloway * Emily Garner * 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 * Nikki Reif * Bobby Thornton * Mindy Tomah * Joe Vincent * Alan Woodward

Our Shut Ins

Pat Cooper * Sue Flowers * Ida Roberts * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson

Looking Ahead

Today through September 25: Gospel Meeting at Green Forest church of Christ with guest speaker Joe Wells. The theme is "Awaken." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

September 25: Our Wednesday fellowship meal will be hot dogs, chili and soups. Desserts will be needed.

September 27-28: Ladies Fall Retreat at BYC. Hosted by West End church of Christ, the theme is "Bible Answers to Modern Questions." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

September 28: Children's Homes Homecoming and Open House. There are some Change for Children cans on the table in the foyer if you need one.

October 6: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck meal following morning worship and an early, 1 p.m. evening meal. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

October 8: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Catch 22 in Dexter. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

October 27-30: Our Gospel Meeting with Spencer Furby. Be praying for a successful meeting.

November 10: Wedding shower/potluck for Zachary Tanner and Bailee Williams following morning worship. They are registered at Amazon, Target and Walmart.

The baby shower for Laken Waters scheduled for this afternoon has been postponed until she has been released from the hospital.

BIBLE TRIVIA: What is the name of the man who wrote Proverbs 30? * Solomon made the steps of the temple and the palace out of what kind of wood? * How many Bible characters are mentioned as living over 900 years?

Answers: Agur (Proverbs 30:1) * Alnum Wood (NIV) - 2 Chronicles 9:10,11 * 7 (Gen 5:5,8,11,14,20,27; 9:29)