



TRUE LIGHT

November 3, 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**

LEAVING A MULTI-GENERATIONAL LEGACY

Several years ago, my brother Gordon lived one of those strange ironies of life. His company assigned him to perform several environmental assessments on an old petroleum refinery and pipeline system that our grandfather, also named Gordon, helped run approximately 40 years earlier. My brother is an environmental geologist.

Our grandfather had been the night supervisor at an influential petrochemical plant decades earlier. He had also helped open refinery operations in Europe after World War II. Several times in my brother's professional career, his company assigned him to do site remediation (clean up) at the very same facilities in which our grandfather had once worked and supervised. In other words, his job was to clean up his grandfather's messes.

As we thought about the irony and appropriateness of the whole situation, a deeper spiritual reality dawned on us. My brothers and I are the recipients of multi-generational faith. The dynamic faith exhibited by the men and women who preceded us - including our grandfather, Gordon, who was a Shepherd of God's people - gave us a great head start and environment to learn to live as disciples of Jesus.

We also were blessed to be involved in very active youth groups in which our parents were highly engaged. In other words, we have a vibrant faith because our parents lived a passionate faith before us. They made sure the churches we attended had youth groups that challenged us to live our faith with passion. They didn't just take us to church; they taught us to be Jesus' disciples and live the values of his Kingdom in our daily lives.

All of us, as flawed human parents, will pass on some of our messes to our children and grandchildren. As parents, we know this reality is inescapable. In a way, they will spend part of their lives cleaning up their father's (and yes, their mother's) messes. It's not a debatable issue; it is just the reality that we all live with as parents and grandparents. This reality is one of the reasons that the characteristics in our children that bother us most are the weaknesses they picked up from us.

As much as this messy legacy principle sometimes saddens, it also holds the power of a greater blessing. Rather than beating ourselves up for past mistakes, we can choose to imprint our children with faith and a better perspective on life. We can leave a legacy of godliness and manliness, of faith and boldness, and of hope and blessing.

Not only do we have the opportunity to limit the number and severity of our messes, but we also have the power to leave our children and grandchildren a legacy of faith. We can demonstrate our passion for the Kingdom of God and our love for the Savior. In a fallen world, a legacy of faith is much harder to pass on than the messes of life. That's why Joshua directly challenged Israel to leave a legacy for their children when he said, *But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord* (Joshua 24:15 ESV).

A Kingdom legacy must be shared intentionally through prayer, sacrifice, teaching, example, opportunity, challenge, discipleship, love, and witness on our part. The glory is that God can take such a legacy and imprint His character on three or four generations of children.

God has built into our fatherly role an incredible dynamic multi-generational power: The influence of a father on one godly generation can be multiplied countless times through the course of many generations. Remember what God said when he chose Abraham to be the father of faith for many generations:

Then the LORD said, "...Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him" (Genesis 18:18-19).

This principle of a father's multi-generational impact is why I continuously challenge older church members that we must quit trying to find churches that make them happy. We must quit insisting that churches do church the way we like church. We must invest in churches that choose to be a place where our grandchildren will be able to pass on their faith to their friends and family!

The apostle Paul told his son in the faith, Timothy, the importance of this four generational principle:

You then, my son [Timothy], be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me [Paul] say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others (2 Timothy 2:1-2 NRSV).

As many of us as Christian men struggle to find our role in a changing world, let's refuse to give in to despair. Instead, let's pass on the greatest gift of all: a legacy of vibrant faith to our children and grandchildren. We know that our children will spend some of their time cleaning up a few of our messes - that just goes with being flawed and human. We can, however, focus on the value of our influence. We can intentionally pass on a legacy of vibrant, rugged, manly, life-proven faith, hope, love, because of our faith in Jesus. Let's be men who leave behind a legacy of strong faith.

Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

November 3 - Jeff Rodgers
Ted Jacques
November 4 - Ted & Karla Jacques (A)
November 7 - Darrin & Lana Shipman (A)
November 10 - James Wood



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS
Vienna Sausages * Cheddar Cheese
Soup * Canned Chicken * Brownie Mix
* Brown Sugar * Shortening
Pick up date: December 16



WILLING TO SERVE

November 3, 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, November 6, 2024

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Derek Mays
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

November 10, 2024

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Derek Mays
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....Steve Jones
Prayer.....Sam Garner
Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....David Carson
Prayer.....Derek Mays
Scripture.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....David Burleson

GOD REDEEMS OUR PAIN

Olive watched her friend loading her dental equipment into his car. A fellow dentist, he'd bought the brand-new supplies from her. Having her own practice had been Olive's dream for years, but when her son Kyle was born with cerebral palsy, she realized she had to stop working to care for him.

"If I had a million lifetimes, I'd make the same choice," my friend told me. "But giving up dentistry was difficult. It was the death of a dream."

We often go through difficulties we can't understand. For Olive, it was the heartache of her child's unexpected medical condition and relinquishing her own ambitions. For Naomi, it was the heartache of losing her entire family. In Ruth 1:21 she lamented, *The Almighty has brought misfortune upon me.*

But there was more to Naomi's story than what she could see. God didn't abandon her; He brought restoration by providing her with a grandson, Obed (Ruth 4:17). Obed would not only carry on the name of Naomi's husband and son, but through him, she would be a relative of an ancestor (Boaz) of Jesus Himself (Matthew 1:5, 16).

God redeemed Naomi's pain. He also redeemed Olive's pain by helping her begin a ministry for children with neurological conditions. We may experience seasons of heartache, but we can trust that as we obey and follow God, He can redeem our pain. In His love and wisdom, He can make good come out of it.

Karen Huang

Attendance for October 27: 142

Contribution for October 27: \$4435

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jack McGowan recovering from hip replacement surgery Wednesday * **Roxanne Carson** had tests this past week at MD Anderson * **David Burleson** has started treatment to reduce his PSA levels * **Janie Burleson** still dealing with some health issues * **Cathy Provance** struggling with knee and hip pain *

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Trish Baldwin * Rick Beaird * Cody Boyt * 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 Beaird * Cathy Bennett * Rodney Britt * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Tammy Clark * Randy Cravens * Barbara Denson * Bill Fitzpatrick * Audrey Galloway * Emily Garner * Patricia Greninger * Stan Goodman * Renee Goodman * Nolan Hollowell * LeAnn Jacques * Tommy Jacques * Pam Jerald * 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: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. Alex Bayes will be our guest speaker.

November 6: There will be NO fellowship meal this week. Meals are scheduled to resume November 13.

November 8: Wedding of Trish Baldwin to Dale Swain at 3 p.m. here at the building. Reception to follow. Please no gifts.

November 10: Wedding shower/potluck for Zachary Tanner and Bailee Williams following morning worship. They are registered at Amazon, Target and Walmart. If anyone can stay to help decorate November 8 following the reception for Trish and Dale, please let Amy know.

November 12: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 rescheduled for Catch 22 in Dexter.

November 17-19: Gospel meeting at New Madrid with guest speaker Jim Faughn. Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

November 19: Widow/widowers luncheon at 12:30 at the home of David and Loretta Carson. If you need a ride, please let one of them know.

November 24: Austin Ketchum will be our guest speaker.

December 8: Bridal shower for Cassie Summers and Justin Cummings at 2 p.m. They would most like gift cards or contributions to a honeymoon fund, as well as some items for their kitchen and laundry room. They are registered at Target and Wal Mart.

December 13: Ladies' annual ornament exchange at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room.

December 19: Ladies' holiday brunch at the home of Amy Thomason.

BIBLE TRIVIA: What were the first words Elisha spoke when he saw Elijah going to heaven? * How many suicides are mentioned in the Bible? * The wicked King Abimelech was critically injured by a woman dropping a ? on his head



Congratulations to Lexy Davis, who put on Christ in baptism October 28. Welcome to the family, Lexy!

A: "My father, my father" (2 Kings 2:11, 12) * 7 * 7

Millsstone (Judges 9:53)