



TRUE LIGHT

December 8, 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**

SHARING OUR LIGHT

I recently returned from a trip to Uganda where I was blessed to meet with men and women that serve as beacons of light set on a hill. In a country that has so little, I witnessed these brothers and sisters in Christ exhibit a faith in Jesus and a love for their fellow Ugandan's which included meeting present needs and an urgency to share the hope and answers to an eternal need.

God is described as light in 1 John 1:5, and Jesus is described as the true light in John 1:9 and 1 John 2:8. Jesus proclaims that he is the light of the world in John 9:5.

In Matthew 5, we are called to be the light of the world by reflecting Jesus through a life of obedience and love. Matthew 5:14 states:

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

As children of God, Jesus is reminding us that we are indeed His ambassadors, giving evidence of where our heart is and who we follow and trust.

One Sunday, while in Uganda, we traveled all day to reach a group so we could worship together. On our way we reached a bridge which had been washed out. The only way to reach the gathering was to take a mountain pass, which was not a road. To say it was not a wise decision would be an understatement, yet with much prayer and serious help from people on the way we made it - five hours late.

When we finally arrived, the reception was overwhelming and a blessing I will never forget. Those waiting on us did so without bathrooms, electricity or running water. Worshiping together and partaking of communion was a beautiful and uplifting experience because there was *light* shining brightly. We were worshiping under trees in a small community of thatch huts. I have no idea where the hundreds of people came from, as the only vehicle present was the one we came in. I asked one of the leaders where he lived and how he got there. He pointed to a mountain in the distance and said he walked from the other side of the mountain, 12 kilometers away. Because we were five hours late, he would have to make his walk home in the dark.

1 John 1:7 tells us, *If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.* In Uganda it also produces a reality that includes sacrifice, unselfishness, love and obedience in a double measure, which was evidenced over and over by the brothers and sisters. It also produced a joy and brotherhood that was evidenced at every stop and with every interaction. To God be the glory!

Randy Kirby, One Kingdom Newsletter

I AM HIS HANDS

Jia Haixia lost his sight in the year 2000. His friend Jia Wenqi lost his arms as a child. But they've found a way around their disabilities. "I am his hands and he is my eyes," Haixia says. Together, they're transforming their village in China.

Since 2002 the friends have been on a mission to regenerate a wasteland near their home. Each day Haixia climbs on Wenqi's back to cross a river to the site. Wenqi then "hands" Haixia a shovel with his foot, before Haixia places a pail on a pole between Wenqi's cheek and shoulder. And as one digs and the other waters, the two plant trees - more than 10,000 so far. "Working together, we don't feel disabled at all," Haixia says. "We're a team."

The apostle Paul likens the church to a body, each part needing the other to function. If the church were all eyes, there'd be no hearing; if all ears, there'd be no sense of smell (1 Corinthians 12: 14-17). *The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!"* Paul says (v 21). Each of us plays a role in the church based on our spiritual gifts (vv 7-11, 18). Like Jia Haixia and Jia Wenqi, when we combine our strengths, we can bring change to the world.

Two men combining their abilities to regenerate a wasteland. What a picture of the church in action!

Sheridan Voysey

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

December 10 - Lana Shipman
Ryleigh Foster



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

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

WILLING TO SERVE

December 8, 2024

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....Steve Jones
Prayer.....Jason Karnes
Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

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

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

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

December 15, 2024

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Derek Mays
Opening Prayer.....David Carson
Scripture.....Jason Karnes
Prayer.....Zack Tanner
Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....Wayne Reams
Scripture.....Sam Garner
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

WELL DONE!

The school where my son Brian coaches football lost the state title game in a hard-fought battle. Their opponent was undefeated over the past two years. I sent Brian a text to commiserate with him and received a terse reply: "Kids battled!"

No coach shamed the players after the game. No one shouted at them for their mishaps or bad decisions along the way. No, the coaches showered the young players with praise for what could be praised.

Along the same vein, it's good to know that believers in Jesus will not hear harsh words of condemnation from Him. When Christ comes and we stand before Him, He won't shame us. He'll see what we've done as we've followed Him (2 Cor. 5:10; Ephesians 6:8). I think He'll say something like, "You battled! Well done!" The apostle Paul testified that he had *fought the good fight* and looked forward to being welcomed by God (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

Life is a relentless struggle with a fierce, unyielding foe devoted to our destruction. He will resist every effort we make to be like Jesus and to love others. There'll be a few good wins and some heartbreaking losses - God knows - but there will be no eternal condemnation for those in Jesus (Romans 8:1). If we stand before Him in the merits of God's Son, each one will *receive* [his] *praise* from God (1 Cor. 4:5).

David H. Roper

Attendance for December 1: 129

Contribution for December 1: \$4695

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jerry Burleson recovering from a skin cancer procedure on his face * **Mike Duley** is improving * **Janet Woods** scheduled for some tests prior to a stent procedure * **Judy Flannery** had a biopsy December 5 for a few spots in a breast and lymph node and waiting on results * **David Burleson** is slowly improving * **Joe Thomason** home from the hospital and improving * **Cathy Provance** struggling with knee and hip pain *

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Trish (Baldwin) Swain * Rick Beard * 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 * 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 * Renee 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: 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. If you would like to contribute to a money tree, please see Millie or Ginger. All the ladies are encouraged and invited to attend.

TOMORROW: Ladies Lunch out at 11:30 at Hickory Log in Dexter. If you would like to attend, you must sign the sign up sheet in the table in the foyer as reservations are required. Please also note this is a Monday instead of our usual Tuesday.

Wednesday Fellowship Meal: Breakfast for supper. Desserts will be needed.

December 13: Ladies' annual ornament exchange and supper at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room. Bring a dish to share and a wrapped ornament valued at \$10 or less.

December 16: The children's home van will be here to pick up groceries. Let's get the cart filled up.

December 19: Ladies' holiday brunch at 10 a.m. at the home of Amy Thomason. Ham will be provided, please bring your favorite dish to share. We will also have an optional \$20 gift exchange. Bring bagged or canned pet food or other pet-related items to be donated to a local animal shelter if you'd like to be entered into a drawing for a door prize.

December 25: Christmas dinner at noon in the fellowship room. If you would like to attend, please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer. Last year we cancelled the dinner due to lack of interest.

December 31: New Year's Eve get-together at 7 p.m. Bring snacks and games to play and help us welcome in 2025!

January 5: Friends and Family Day with guest speaker Kayson Lawrence. We will have a potluck meal following morning service and a 5 p.m. worship service with a youth emphasis, followed by a light meal. Make plans to be here and invite your friends and family!

BIBLE TRIVIA: How many days was Ezekiel told to lie on his side while eating only bread and water? * King Asa had what kind of disease? * God punished David for taking a census of the people. How many people died in God's punishment?

Answers: 390 (Ezekiel 4:9-11) * A foot disease (2 Chronicles 16:12) * 70,000 (1 Chronicles 21:1, 14)