



TRUE LIGHT

REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE AND WHOSE YOU ARE

January 12, 2025

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***

I'm thinking back to a time several years ago when our children were still living at home with us, but were old enough to go out on their own with friends, or attend some church activity without us with them. I can still remember, to this day, what was said to them almost every (if not every) time they left the house. It serves as the title for this post today - "Remember who you are and Whose you are." I think both of them would tell you they remember this statement.

You see, for all of the years they were being raised in our home we were trying our best to instill these two principles within them. We didn't use these same words when they were little, but we were trying to teach them that they belonged to the Faughn family and that the Faughn family was trying to follow what God wanted us to do and be.

Were we perfect at this? Absolutely not. Just like most parents we made mistakes in parenting, but the principles we were trying to instill were still the right ones - especially after they became Christians.

Do my speech and my behavior build up or tear down the body of Christ?

So what exactly did we mean when we said those words? It's really quite simple. We wanted them to remember that they had the Faughn family

name, and that meant something. It meant that when people found out, based on their actions or speech, that they were part of that earthly family, they either brought good feelings or shame to the family name. We wanted them to take pride in their family heritage.

More importantly, after they became Christians, we wanted them to always remember that they were part of the family of God. They belonged to His family and were representatives of the speech and behavior He would want them to have. This isn't something we can take lightly. As Christians universally, and as members of a local church which belongs to Christ, we need to be constantly aware of how we act and what we say.

I've been thinking about this a lot lately because a thought entered my mind that caused me to really reflect on something. That thought has to do with our church families. Here is the exact thought I had: "Do my speech and my behavior build up or tear down the body of Christ?" When I'm disgruntled about something, do my words and actions build up the church or do they just focus upon my feelings? When they elders make a decision that I happen to not like, do I privately talk with them about the decision, or do I blurt out to anyone who will listen just how I feel about it? And elders, when you are questioned about a decision, do you approach it with humility, or get angry because you were questioned?

You see, where you worship is the body of Christ, and you are either building it up or tearing it down. You are either lifting Him up for others to see and be drawn to, or you are crucifying Him once again. How sad to think that my actions and my speech might be destroying the good name of the church that bears His name.

Yes, we wanted our children to respect the Faughn name. More importantly, we want them to always remember to Whom they belong.

I guess my message is for all of us to look deeply within ourselves and ask - are we remembering who we are and Whose we are?
Donna Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. (Colossians 4:6)

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

January 12 - Janie Burleson
Phyllis Howard
Jeff & Waynetta Rodgers (A)
January 13 - Jason Karnes
January 17 - Sue Jester
Larry Layton
January 18 - Mike Duley



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Muffin Mixes * Instant Rice * Dish-washing Detergent * Pasta (Bow Tie, Penne, Rotini) * HE Laundry Detergent * Stick Deodorant
Pick up date April 28, 2025



WILLING TO SERVE

January 12, 2025

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Kyle Ward
Opening Prayer.....David Carson
Scripture.....Ryan Young
Prayer.....Zack Tanner
Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Britt Burcham
Prayer.....Wayne Reams
Scripture.....Sam Garner
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Justin Allen
Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

January 19, 2025

Morning Worship:

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

Evening Worship:

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

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

When my husband coached our son's Little League baseball team, he rewarded the players with an end-of-the-year party and acknowledged their improvement over the season. One of the youngest players, Dustin, approached me during the event. "Didn't we lose the game today?"

"Yes," I said, "But we're proud of you for doing your best."

"I know," he said, "But we lost. Right?"

I nodded.

"Then why do I feel like a winner?" Dustin asked.

Smiling, I said, "Because you are a winner."

Dustin had thought that losing a game meant he was a failure even when he'd done his best. As believers in Jesus, our battle is not confined to a sports field. Still, it's often tempting to view a tough season of life as a reflection of our worth.

The apostle Paul affirmed the connection between our present suffering and our future glory as God's children. Having given Himself for us, Jesus continues to work on our behalf during our ongoing battle with sin and transforms us to His likeness (Romans 8:31-32). Though we'll all experience hardship and persecution, God's unwavering love helps us persevere (vv 33-34).

As His children, we may be tempted to allow struggles to define our worth. However, our ultimate victory is guaranteed. We may stumble along the way, but we'll always be *more than conquerors* (vv 35-39).

Xochitl Dixon

Attendance for January 5: 90

Contribution for January 5: \$3981

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Laken Waters in Sikeston hospital with RSV but improving * **Kendra Summers** recovering from a couple of falls resulting in fractured vertebrae and a fractured shoulder * **Janet Woods** recovering at home from stent surgery Thursday * **Janie Burleson** is continuing to improve * **Judy Snyder** recovering from a broken wrist * **Ida Roberts** has been placed on palliative care * **Cathy Provance** struggling with knee and hip pain * **Jerry Collier** still having some issues with double vision and has begun therapy * **Maura Thomason's** MRI showed more bulging discs and some other issues. She will see pain management on Thursday

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Janie Burleson * David Burleson * David Carson * Pat Cooper * 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 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 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: Friends and Family Youth Emphasis Night with guest speaker Kayson Lawrence. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you can help with snacks for the meal following our evening service.

January 14: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Huddle House in Dexter. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

January 15: Our Wednesday evening fellowship meal will be chicken and dumplings and sides. Desserts will be needed.

January 26: Congregational Valentine's Banquet following evening worship. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

February 1: Bridal shower for Jacob Clayton and Raysha Adams at 2 p.m. in the fellowship room. They are registered at Wal Mart, and found under "Kentucky" for the state. They would also appreciate gift cards for home improvement stores. For more information, please see Millie or Cindy Williams.

CHURCH DIRECTORY INFORMATION:

If you would like to be included in our online church directory, there are some Church Directory Information forms on the table in the foyer. Please return completed forms to Stan or Amy Thomason. We currently use Instant Church Directory. Additionally, if you would like your directory photo updated, you can submit one through the directory app, to our church email address (berniechurchofchrist@gmail.com) or have Amy take one for you.

In Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to Sue Flowers in the loss of her mother, Frieda Wagner. Graveside services were held for her Thursday at Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

Sympathy also to Faye Dockins in the sudden loss of her son-in-law, Warren Cole, who passed away Saturday in Jackson, Tennessee. At press time, arrangements had not yet been made.