



April 20, 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***



TRUE LIGHT

CRUCIFORMED: BEYOND OUR BLURRY VISION

When our kids were small, they were both avid TV learners. Our daughter loved Mr. Rogers. She would answer him when he asked questions. She would say, "Goodbye, Mistuh Wojuhs!" at the end of the show and tears would roll down her cheeks. Our son was the Sesame Street kid, for sure. One of the segments that he loved when he was very young had a song that would stick in your brain all day - sometimes to the point of wanting to beat your head against the wall because it became the incessant background noise of the day. That segment? "One of these things is not like the others..." (Yes, I bet some of you can hear that song now and will for the rest of the day!) In that "not like the others" segment, kids were supposed to figure out which one of the objects on the screen was not like the other ones.

At the first turning point in the Gospel of Mark, he tells us about a miracle of Jesus that was not like any other. NONE of the other three gospels has an account of it. Mark chose this miracle to emphasize what he was doing in his story of Jesus. See if you can determine what makes this miracle so perplexingly unique:

They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes.

Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into the village" (Mark 8:22-26).



Did you catch the way this miracle is different? This man's blindness required a double dose of Jesus' healing power!

What? Why was a double dose of Jesus' healing power required? What was going on in this miracle?

Mark wasn't worried that we might think Jesus couldn't do the miracle. He had stilled storms and calmed raging winds. Jesus had cast out a legion of demons. He had raised the dead, restored sight to the blind, helped the lame to walk, cleansed those in advance stages of leprosy, restored shriveled arms, and fed the multitudes. The issue wasn't Jesus' power, but something that Jesus wanted to teach his closest disciples. Mark also saw that this lesson would be indispensable for us, too. Jesus chose to do the miracle in two moves to alert us to our need for deeper healing of our out-of-focus wrong-sighted view of him as our Savior.

The previous interactions of Jesus with his apostles and the crowds showed that they were not "getting him" - they had trouble understanding what Jesus did, why he did it, what he was about, and what he wanted them to learn. The episode that follows Mark's account of the blind man's healing is Peter's confession. Peter confessed Jesus' rightful identity (Mark 8:29), but he did not understand (or would not believe) that Jesus' role as Messiah and Son of God required him to die on a cross (Mark 8:31-33).

Peter only partially saw Jesus! Like the rest of the apostles and the crowd that followed Jesus, Peter desired the all-powerful and liberating Jesus. He yearned for a Messiah who could do anything for him and the people. He wasn't ready for nor did he want God's Messiah, the one who would submit himself to death on a Roman cross as a ransom for all people (Mark 10:45). Peter, the other apostles, and the crowds wanted Jesus as the triumphant and all-powerful savior; they didn't want him as the Suffering Servant for all people (Isaiah 53:1-12). They sure didn't want Jesus to be the Lord who called them to follow him in the way of the cross and sacrificial service to others (Mark 8:34-38; 9:33-37; 10:35-45). Like the blind man, Jesus' followers needed a double dose of healing to see completely.

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

April 20 - Nicole Garner
April 21 - James & Janet Wood (A)
April 24 - LaRhonda Billingsley
Debbie Hobgood
April 27 - Amelia Garner



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

April 20, 2025

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Chase Burch
Opening Prayer.....David Carson
Scripture.....Steve Jones
Prayer.....Zack Tanner
Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....Sam Garner
Scripture.....Justin Allen
Dismissal.....Wayne Reams

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....David Burleson
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

April 27, 2025

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....Ryan Young
Prayer.....Jason Karnes
Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

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

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Mark wanted all of us to recognize that "one of these things is not like the others"! Jesus' definition of the Messiah, Son of God, is different from every other human definition. Mark wanted us to realize that this blind man and his story of a double-dose of healing is about us - about you and me and our persistently confused ways of seeing. What followed this healing is a series of episodes in Jesus' ministry where he repeatedly spoke about the necessity of being rejected (betrayals and trials), reviled (crucified and mocked), and resurrected on the third day (Mark 8:31-32, 9:30-32; 10:32-34). All along the way, the disciples of Jesus said and did things that showed they still needed this second dose of healing. They refused to accept the way of the cross and sacrificial service. They argued over who would occupy the place of prominence. So, they had to journey with Jesus. They had to endure watching him being rejected, reviled, and resurrected before they could begin to see clearly.

Jesus' way of coming as Messiah, Son of God, and Savior, meant that he lived as the one who was not like any others. He refused to be defined by the shallow human definition of titles. Jesus chose to redefine these titles by what he did and what he sacrificed as he journeyed to the cross and through the empty tomb.

As we journey with Jesus down his way of the cross, something grabs our hearts. That drawing power reaches through the centuries. It brings a second touch of grace to our eyes and calls us to follow in the way of the cross. Why? Because God put his transforming power in his Messiah, the Son of God, the one who gave up his will to redeem us. Jesus is not just the one who is "not like the others," Jesus is the first of many others who will chose to follow him in the way of the cross.

Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

Attendance for April 13: 98

Contribution for April 13: \$3906

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Keri Waters has been diagnosed with colitis and is improving * **Katie Paige** (Williams) Colbert tests show no evidence of cancer cells * **Judy Duley** will be having a sleep study to help determine the cause of her headaches * **Janie Burleson** remains in Cypress Point room 16 for rehab * **Judy Flannery** is back home and continues to improve * **Linda LeCroy** is home and doing well following surgery * **Jeff McGowan** waiting on test results from his cardiologist * **Darlene McGowan** has been moved to Winchester assisted living * **Cathy Provance** still waiting for hip replacement surgery

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Cody Boyt * 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 * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson * Woody Wood

Those dealing with cancer/other illness (non congregational) :

Melinda Akers * Chastity Beaird * Cathy Bennett * Rodney Britt * Scott Burleson * 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 * Jerry Mickey * Connie Lemmons * Ponna Mahan * Betty Nicholson * Keagan Owens * Nikki Reif * Bobby Thornton * Mindy Tomah * Joe Vincent * Alan Woodward

Our Shut Ins

Pat Cooper * Sue Flowers * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson

Looking Ahead:

TODAY: Easter dinner will be served potluck style in the fellowship room following morning worship for anyone who would like to eat with us.

Wednesday fellowship meal will be BBQ, baked beans, cole slaw and baked potatoes. Desserts will be needed.

April 26 & 27: Hope Seminar at Highland Drive in Poplar Bluff. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

April 27-30: Southwest Institute of Biblical Studies 50th Annual Lectureship at the Karns church of Christ. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

April 28: Children's Home Grocery Run. Let's get the cart filled up.

May 1: Ladies Retreat planning meeting in the fellowship room.

May 4: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck meal following morning worship and an early, 1 pm evening service. Everyone is encouraged to attend both the meal and evening service.

May 13: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Malden Country Club. A sign up sheet will be available shortly.

June 8: Baby shower with the Gideon congregation for Kayli and Kason Lawrence at 2:30 in the fellowship room. They are expecting a baby girl and are registered at my.babylister.com.

June 22: Potluck style bridal shower following morning worship for Luke Tanner and Caris Foriester. They are registered at theknot.com.

June 29: Seniors Rally at Valley View in Jonesboro with guest speaker John W. Smith. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

BIBLE TRIVIA: Who was hung on a gallows fifty cubits (about seventy-five feet) high? * What were the names of the first and last judges of Israel? * Who was the individual who watched over baby Moses while he floated in the bulrushes?

Answers: Haman (Esther 7:9;10) * Othniel (Judges 1:13) and Samuel (1 Samuel 7:8) * His sister (Exodus 2:4)