



# TRUE LIGHT

*Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ~ Psalm 119:105*

**April 24, 2022**

## 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**

## HEARING SILENCE

*"Go out and stand before me on the mountain," the Lord told [Elijah]. And as Elijah stood there, the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire, there was the sound of a gentle whisper (1 Kings 19:11-12).*

The land slipped away behind us, and the lake lay still as glass. A lone bird called out across the water and the only answer was the gentle slosh of our oars cutting into the water.

The silence warmed our skin, and even the children paused their chatter to take it in. The beauty was almost palpable. The sun pushed through the crisp air and kissed our cheeks.

We need this, this letting of earth slip away sometimes. Our souls crave the engulfing silence of nature. Our hearts were wired to need to reset, recharge, to take a deep breath of air scented only by pines and fir trees. To find God everywhere, and perhaps most in the quiet.



### **It's good to embrace seasons of quiet.**

Of not producing noise and adding wisdom to every conversation. Of listening.

Sometimes the most pivotal and meaningful seasons are the ones where God draws us into the wilderness:

Away from the bustling hubbub of humanity \* Away from popular options \* Away from pleasing people \* Away where only His approval matters!

### **It's powerful!**

God's call on us, His deep work in the unseen places, His significant moments with us on the untouched lakes and in the undisturbed woods.

Don't run... From the quiet. From rest. From training your mind to be still so you can listen.

### **It's a blessing!**

I found I had less and less to say, until finally, I became silent, and began to listen. I discovered in the silence, the voice of God. (Soren Kierkegaard)

### **Like Elijah, we sometimes find God!**

Not in the wind. Not in the earthquake. No in eloquent preaching. Not in popular books.

### **In the sound of a gentle whisper.**

In the little moments when, like Samuel, we whisper into the night, into the wilderness, into the glittering water, about impossible seasons ahead of us:

*Speak Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:9).*

Melissa Troyer, www.heartlight.com

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

April 24 - LaRhonda Billingsley  
Kalyrn Traw  
April 25 - Jonathan Simmons  
April 27 - Amelia Garner  
April 29 - Scott Flannery



**CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS**

Dried Onions \* Dishwashing Detergent \* Trail Mix \* Freezer Bags (2 Gallon) \* Tissues (ie Kleenex) \* Toilet Paper  
Pick-up date: June 13

**WILLING TO SERVE**

**April 24, 2022**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw  
Opening Prayer.....Darrin Shipman  
Scripture.....Justin Allen  
Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
Closing Prayer.....Jeff Rodgers

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....Wayne Reams  
Scripture.....David Carson  
Dismissal.....Jess Lecroy

**Wednesday, April 27, 2022**

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....Joe Watson  
Dismissal.....Mike Duley

**May 1, 2022**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Joe Watson  
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
Scripture.....Jason Karnes  
Prayer.....Jonathan Simmons  
Closing Prayer.....Cameron Traw

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
Prayer.....David Carson  
Scripture.....Sam Garner  
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

**Attendance for April 17: 135**  
**Contribution for April 17: \$3289**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Remember: Jodie Buckner** had lung surgery Friday \* **Jerel Jester's** test indicated blood loss from his stoma. He will be having a CT scan within the next few weeks **Kristi Altman's** cancer has spread to her brain, and she is not doing well \* **Woody Wood** has stage 1 lung cancer and is considering treatment options \* **Janet Wood** at home, waiting for knee replacement surgery \* **Darrin Shipman** scheduled for knee replacement surgery May 2 \* **Marty Watson** is waiting to be transferred to the Veteran's Home in Jackson \* **Billy Pat Wright** took a fall Tuesday and spent a few days in the Dexter Hospital

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** Louella Akers \* Kristi Altman \* John David Barnett \* David Burleson \* Janie Burleson \* Scott and Judy Flannery \* Sue Flowers \* Patsy (Hardy) Gregg \* Don Jackson \* Sonja Mays \* Curtis McClard \* Darlene McGowan \* Helen McGowan \* Jeff McGowan \* Kevin Mickey \* Reba Owens \* Ida Roberts \* Gayle Rodgers \* Waynetta Rodgers \* Jane Smith \* Leon Smith \* David Terrill \* Bettie Thurston \* Gunner Townsend \* Marty Watson \* Sharlette Watson \* Woody Wood

**Those dealing with cancer (non congregational) :**

Chastity Beaird \* Cathy Bennett \* Gina Bogle \* Roxanne Carson \* Sherry Chambers \* Randy Cravens \* Chris Daley \* Bill Fitzpatrick \* Jo Carolyn Flowers-Noe (not doing well) \* Kim Goins \* Ronnie Goins \* Patricia Greninger \* Neal Halford \* LeAnn Jacques \* Tommy Jacques \* Pam Jeralds \* Holly Johnson \* Connie Lemmons \* Ponna Mahan \* Linda Morgan \* Paula Mason \* Betty Nicholson \* Keagan Owens \* Tammy Telker \* Bobby Thornton \* Paula Walls

**Other health issues (non-congregational):**

DeeDee Burch \* Mary Burke \* Jodi Claeys \* Ruth Dauck \* Jerry Grimes \* Katie Hicks \* Grant Howard \* Clyde Jacques \* Lola Johnson \* Beckie King \* Nikki Lawrence \* Shug Lee \* Jerry Don McGowan \* Baby Owen \* Brenda Robinson \* Gene Rowland \* Beth Schwendemann and family \* Kevin Steed \* Traci Suiter \* Paige Tanner \* Heather Whitehead \* Eva Latham

**Our Shut Ins**

Louella Akers \* Fern Botsch \* Travis Cooper \* Sue Flowers \* Don Jackson \* Sonja Mays \* Reba Owens \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson \* Joy Watson

**Looking Ahead**

Austin Holiman will be our guest speaker today for both services.

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The Fellowship Meal this week will be breakfast for supper: egg casseroles, pancakes, biscuits and gravy.

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Risco High School graduation Friday at 6 p.m. in the gymnasium. Our Risco Graduate is Maura Thomason.

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Open House for Maura Thomason April 30 from 11:30-3 at the Community Center in Risco. Everyone is invited to attend - come hungry!

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Eddie Cloer from Truth for Today will be our guest speaker Sunday morning, May 1.

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Memorial service for Mary Barnett is scheduled for May 7 at 11 at the church building.

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Ladies are requested to wear a hat Sunday, May 8, in honor of Mother's Day and their ancestors. Trish Baldwin has a variety of hats available in the fellowship room today.

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Ladies Lunch Out May 10 at 11:30 at the Airways Café in Dexter. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

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Senior Recognition Sunday will be May 15, following evening worship. Our seniors this year are Avery Caroline Neely and Maura Thomason.

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Dexter High School Graduation May 20. Our Dexter graduate is Avery Caroline Neely.

**In Sympathy**

*Sympathy is extended to Josh Young and family in the death of his father, Gary, who passed away April 15. Gary's funeral was held April 19 in Dexter.*

*Sympathy is extended to John David and the Barnett family in the death of our sister, Mary Barnett. Mary passed away April 16. A memorial service is planned for May 7 at 11 at the church building.*

*Sympathy is also extended to Linda Jones in the death of her cousin, Jim Pepper, who passed away unexpectedly April 16.*

One doesn't have to live long before sensing our inadequacies, imperfections, and weaknesses - physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. God, in the person of His Son, Jesus, stepped into our fallen world and cares for those who experience the liabilities of human existence (Psalm 103:13). Furthermore, David wrote, *He knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust* (v 14). The term "dust" takes us back to Genesis: *Then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being* (2:7).

Are you feeling dusty these days? Welcome to the realities of earthly living. Remember, however, that when we feel most vulnerable, we're not left alone. Our compassionate God "knows" and "remembers." He demonstrated his love to us by sending His Son to provide forgiveness for earthly people like you and me. Whatever life may bring, may we trust in Him.

Arthur Jackson