



# TRUE LIGHT

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

**May 1, 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***

## **GETTING REAL (with Brad Harrub)**

Let's get real for a moment: We have raised up a bunch of spiritually weak parents.

Yes, they want their children to go to heaven. But they also want their children to fit in with the world. They want them to:

- \* Excel at sports
- \* Have the lead part in the high school play
- \* Enjoy prom - after all it's a once in a lifetime rite of passage.

They are perfectly fine with them listening to the same songs and watching the same videos their worldly friends listen to and watch. They are perfectly fine with them missing out on lectureships/Gospel meetings because most of their friends won't be there. They are OK with them dressing in tight and revealing clothes because everyone in their generation is doing the same. They are OK with them showing up to Bible class with no Bible. They are OK with them using language that is disrespectful and does not honor God.

*Far too many parents today do not prioritize the spiritual health of their children. Instead, they want their children to be "happy," and so they surround them with things of the world.*

Why would parents be OK with all this? Because their children have their baptism card - so they are good. And because the parents themselves are spiritually weak.

I see it every weekend when I hold Gospel Meetings and seminars. The vast majority of those in attendance are over 65 years old. The young people who are on the frontline of the culture war and really need the information are noticeably absent until Sunday morning worship.

It's not the young people's fault. It's the parents. While they may have gotten their children baptized in the church, they stopped and did not train them up in such a way that they love God more than anything else. Far too many parents today do not prioritize the spiritual health of their children. Instead, they want their children to be "happy," and so they surround them with things of the world. Sadly, the next generation will likely not even show up for Sunday morning worship. And their children will not know God.

Church, we aren't going to fix the problem until we address this real problem and start teaching some tough love sermons from the pulpit. Elders need to be bold enough to teach this in Bible classes. Youth ministers need to stop providing spiritual welfare and entertainment, and instead, assist families to do what God commanded parents to do. Until God becomes the number one priority for church families, families will continue to commit adultery on their first love and wander back out on the broad way.

Yes, our numbers are on the decline. But no one is talking about the other issue - and that is the spiritual decline of those physically present.

Brad Harrub, via Facebook

*Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)*

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

May 2 - Celia McGowan  
Annabelle Shelton  
May 5 - Avery Caroline Neely  
May 6 - Ken Durham  
Jeff & Karen McGowan (A)  
May 8 - Jerel Jester



## 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

### 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 24: n/a  
Contribution for April 24: \$3300

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

(this bulletin was printed in advance and may not be up to date)

**Remember: Nolan Hollowell**, 8th grader at Bloomfield, diagnosed with leukemia \* **Lyndsey Neeley**, recovering from a serious fall from a golf cart \* **Jodie Buckner** recovering at home following lung surgery \* **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** met with his doctor Wednesday to determine 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** is at Cypress Pointe for rehab following a fall

**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 Beard \* 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

Eddie Cloer from Truth for Today will be our guest speaker this morning.

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

Ladies are requested to wear a hat Sunday, May 8, in honor of Mother's Day and their ancestors.

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.

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

Dexter High School Graduation May 20 at 6:30. Our Dexter graduate is Avery Caroline Neely.

*The month of May is the pleasant time; its face is beautiful, the blackbird sings his full song, the living wood is his holding, the cuckoos are singing and ever singing; there is a welcome before the brightness of summer.*

Lady Gregory



### Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....David Carson  
Dismissal.....Ron Garner

### 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.....Rodney Williams

### LET THERE BE LIGHT

In my daughter's earliest days, I often named for her the things she encountered. I'd identify objects or allow her to touch something unfamiliar and say the word for her, bringing understanding - and vocabulary - to the vast world she was exploring. Though my husband and I might naturally have expected (or hoped) her first word might be "Mama" or "Daddy," she surprised us with an entirely different first word: her small mouth murmured "dight" one say - a sweet, mispronounced echo of the word "light" I'd just shared with her.

"Light" is one of God's first words recorded for us in the Bible. As the Spirit of God hovered over a dark, formless, and empty Earth, God introduced light into His creation, saying, *Let there be light* (Genesis 1:3). He said the light was good, which the rest of Scripture bears out: the psalmist explains that God's words illuminate our understanding (Psalm 119:130), and Jesus refers to Himself as *the light of the world*, the giver of the light of life (John 8:12).

God's first utterance in the work of creation was to give light. That wasn't because he needed light to do His work; no, the light was for us. Light enables us to see Him and to identify His fingerprints on the creation around us, to discern what is good from what is not, and to follow Jesus one step at a time in this vast world.

Kirsten Holmberg