



# TRUE LIGHT

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

**June 4, 2023**

## 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."*

Psalm 118:24

**We Welcome You  
To All Of Our  
Services**

## THE CREEP OF PRIDE

Thursday (June 1) began "Pride Month" in the United States. The month is meant to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community. However, there are a couple of things about this "celebration" that Christians need to be keenly aware of, and that need to be said loudly and clearly.

First, simply consider the irony of calling all this "pride." Considering that "pride" is the sin behind all other sins, it is tragically befitting of this month. All the way back in the Garden of Eden, the serpent gave the temptation (basically) to be equal with deity and the pride that temptation led to was not overcome by Eve. Ever since, pride has been behind every sin.

Each time a person sins, it is - at least in part - because he or she thinks they know better than God. That is the very concept behind pride. And, now, we have an entire month on our calendar celebrating people who think they have human sexuality figured out better than the One who created it. Each time we see the rainbow flag (which just keeps adding colors), we are reminded that these are people who are proud ... of pride. It is a symbol of sin, backed by the sin that is behind all other sins.

But the other thing I want us to consider is how pride continues to creep. I am old enough to remember when there were random "pride nights" held by various groups (maybe a ball team or a student group). Now, though, we have an entire month. But, has anyone noticed that all the symbolism started in the middle of May (if not earlier)? Just like people buy pumpkins for Halloween decorations in September, now we have pride displays weeks before "Pride Month." (And I'm willing to say that several companies and organizations will "just happen" to forget to change back to their normal logos and branding on July 1.)

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This creeping of sin, though, is no surprise, because that's how all sin works, and it is especially how pride works. Once it gets a foothold, if it is not repented of, it grows. We begin to think we can get a little more power, a little more control, a little more ... and more ... and more.

So, it is no wonder that "Pride Month" now basically starts a few weeks early. Oh, and don't forget that October is now also an LGBTQ+ month (history month). So, we are now force-fed these sins for 1/6 of our calendar ... and growing.

When will Christians wake up? When will we say something much stronger than "enough is enough." When will we say that any sin is too much?

We must stop ceding ground. We must speak clearly. This is sin. Period. And sin is nothing to take pride in.

And we must not continue to let it creep in around us, or eventually there will be nothing left for it to overtake.

Oh ... and pride? It goes before a fall (Proverbs 16:18). I'd rather not experience that fall.

Adam Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

*The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate (Proverbs 8:13) \* When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom (Proverbs 11:2) \* Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; Though they join forces, none will go unpunished (Proverbs 16:5)*

## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

June 4 - Julie Garner  
 June 6 - Rodney Britt  
           Luke Tanner  
 June 7 - Zander Northern  
 June 9 - Darri Thompson  
 June 11 - Ethan Flowers  
 Belated anniversary wishes to Wes & Ashley Hayes, who celebrated June 1.

## **CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS**

Velveeta Cheese \* Nuts \* Disinfectant Spray (i.e. Lysol) \* Bathroom Tissue Paper \* Light Bulbs \* Spaghetti Sauce

Pick up date: July 24, 2023

**Attendance for May 28: 120**  
**Contribution for May 28: \$4107**

## **WILLING TO SERVE**

### **June 4, 2023**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
 Opening Prayer.....David Carson  
 Scripture.....BJ Thomason  
 Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
 Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....David Carson  
 Prayer.....Wayne Reams  
 Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers  
 Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

### **Wednesday, June 7, 2023**

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
 Prayer.....Ron Garner  
 Dismissal.....Mike Duley

### **June 11, 2023**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Cameron Traw  
 Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
 Scripture.....Jason Karnes  
 Prayer.....Sam Garner  
 Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
 Prayer.....David Carson  
 Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers  
 Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

## **CONFIDENT IN GOD**

A 2018 study of adults in the United Kingdom found that, on average, "they checked their smartphones every twelve minutes of the waking day." But let's be honest, this statistic seems extremely conservative when I consider how frequently I search Google to find the answer to a question or respond to endless alerts that come to my phone throughout the day. Many of us consistently look to our devices, confident they'll provide what we need to keep us organized, informed, and connected.

As believers in Jesus, we have a resource infinitely better than a smartphone. God loves and cares for us intimately and desires for us to come to Him with our needs. The Bible says that when we pray, we can be confident *that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us* (1 John 5:14). By reading the Bible and storing God's words in our hearts, we can pray assuredly for things that we know He already desires for us, including peace, wisdom, and faith that He'll provide what we need (v 15).

Sometimes it may seem like God doesn't hear us when our situation doesn't change. But we build our confidence in God by consistently turning to Him for help in every circumstance (Psalm 116:2). This allows us to grow in faith, trusting that although we may not get everything we desire, He's promised to provide what we need in His perfect timing. Kimya Loder

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 In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different.  
John Steinbeck

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Jerel Jester** scheduled for a PET scan Tuesday, and surgery Wednesday to remove a melanoma on his neck \* **Ted Jacques** (Karla's husband) was in an automobile accident Wednesday and is recovering \* Alyson Mickey's son, **Jett**, had his adenoids removed and ear tubes June 2 \* **Darlene McGowan** recovering slowly from a fall \* **Louella Akers** is not doing well \* **Janet Wood** is home recovering from knee replacement surgery \* **Karen Forkum and Gloria Moore** struggling with many health issues \* **Marty Howard** having some knee pain as the result of a fall \* **Travis Cooper** is not doing well \* Trish Baldwin's friend from Bakersfield, **Kristin**, in the tragic loss of her brother last week

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** Louella Akers \* David Burleson \* Scott and Judy Flannery \* Sue Flowers \* Patsy (Hardy) Gregg \* Darlene McGowan \* Helen McGowan \* Jeff McGowan \* Ida Roberts \* Waynetta Rodgers \* David Terrill \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson \* Woody Wood

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

Melinda Akers \* Chastity Beard \* Cathy Bennett \* Gina Bogle \* Roxanne Carson \* Sherry Chambers \* Randy Cravens \* Barbara Denson \* Bill Fitzpatrick \* Ronnie Goins \* Patricia Greninger \* Nolan Hollowell \* LeAnn Jacques \* Tommy Jacques \* Pam Jeralds \* Holly Johnson \* Kristin Meadows \* Connie Lemmons \* Ponna Mahan \* Linda Morgan \* Paula Mason \* Mike Napier \* Betty Nicholson \* Keagan Owens \* Nikki Reif \* Tammy Telker \* Bobby Thornton \* Paula Walls

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

Dixie Billingsley \* DeeDee Burch \* Mary Burke \* Ruth Dauck \* Jerry Grimes \* Katie Hicks \* Grant Howard \* Clyde Jacques \* Lola Johnson \* Beckie King \* Eva Latham \* Nikki Lawrence \* Tim Lecroy \* Shug Lee \* Jerry Don McGowan \* Mary Provance \* Brenda Robinson \* Kevin Steed \* Traci Suiter \* Paige Tanner \* Heather Whitehead \*

### **Our Shut Ins**

Louella Akers \* Travis Cooper \* Sue Flowers \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson

### **Looking Ahead**

TODAY: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We encourage everyone to stay for the potluck and the 1 p.m. evening service following.  
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Our Summer Speaker Series begins Wednesday. Our first speaker will be Kason Lawrence from the congregation at Piggott. There is a list of speakers on the table in the foyer.  
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If you would like to participate in a goup gift for Bryce Rodgers and his fiancé, please see Millie by June 9.  
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CRC Day at Crowley's Ridge College is June 11. We will have a donation box in the foyer for contributions to their scholarship fund for Bible majors.  
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Ladies Lunch Out June 13 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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VBS is coming to Bernie July 23-26. Our theme this year will be "Noah's Ark Adventures." We will need lots of help - please see Ginger to let her know what you can do!

### **In Sympathy:**

*Sympathy is extended to Beverly Karnes in loss of her brother, Kirk Greenwood. Kirk's funeral was held Thursday in Oklahoma City.*