



# TRUE LIGHT

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

**October 22, 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 MYSTERY OF THE FALL SEASON

*I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong (Ephesians 3:16-17 NLT).*

Within a week's time, our world snapped into fall. The garden is taking one last breath as it bursts with dahlias in corals and reds. Subconsciously, I reach for my orange sweater before I slip out to cut a bouquet. Without trying, I'm mirroring nature's colors too.

I love fall - with its steaming cups of coffee and tea by the fire, the coziness of couch cuddling, and book reading. I love the candles flickering and soup and crusty sourdough bread always there to warm our bellies.

But I don't anticipate the cold winter that trails close on the heels of fall. I don't want to forget, but really enjoy this season.

For what it is.

For the wild and lavish colors in the trees.

For the staggering sunsets.

Seasons bring growth ... just like they bring change.

This next winter will lay open a clear choice for me: Will I choose to cultivate a heart and home of peace while it's cold and long with Daniel gone?

There are seasons that bear rich and abundant visible fruit - garden baskets overflowing with tomatoes, okra, and zinnias.

Then there are other seasons that seem fruitless, frozen, even dead. But far below that cold soil...

God is inviting us to grow, to let Him cultivate deep and unseen yet intimate connection through those "barren" days.

Don't be afraid if you are in a quiet season - a misunderstood or overlooked one. Don't be afraid if you are called off the normal path, even the "right" one.

Don't be afraid of the quiet.

Of discomfort.

Take a deep breath.

Be present for it.

For all of it.

Let God peel back the crusty layers of your heart so He can pour His holiness deep into your veins. The calling away feels salty. Expensive. Like a waste.

Maybe you water your broken chapter with tears, mixing it with oil too expensive to keep to yourself. Maybe it all feels so wrong, yet you know it is right. This season is for your good. What is watered in tears and purified by His fire will burst from your "fall" season into rich, brilliant life.

Roots will hold strong ... resilient enough for the next storm. He knows how to prepare you.

Come pick dahlias in the golden evening light with me. Gather colors and fill your home with visible reminders of His love and provision.

Melissa Troyer, www.heartlight.com

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**Reminder: our Gospel Meeting with Spencer Furby begins  
today and runs through Wednesday. Invite a friend!**

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

October 22 - Robin Mays  
 October 23 - Johnny & Betty McGowan (A)  
 October 24 - Bronwen Young  
 October 26 - Millie Dauck  
 October 27 - Mark McKuin  
 October 28 - Reeda Traw



## CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Brown Sugar \* Brownie Mix \* Butter Flavored Shortening \* Canned Chicken \* Cheddar Cheese Soup \* Vienna Sausage  
 Pick Up Date November 6



## WILLING TO SERVE

### October 22, 2023

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
 Opening Prayer.....David Carson  
 Scripture.....Ron Garner  
 Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
 Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....TBA  
 Prayer.....Rodney Williams  
 Scripture.....Jeff Rodgers  
 Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

### Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Song Leader.....Dylan Seabaugh  
 Prayer.....David Burleson  
 Dismissal.....Jeff Rodgers

### October 29, 2023

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
 Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
 Scripture.....Jason Karnes  
 Prayer.....Sam Garner  
 Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

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

## GOD IN THE DETAILS

It had been an *awful* week for Kevin and Kimberley. Kevin's seizures had suddenly worsened, and he'd been hospitalized. Amid the pandemic, their four young children - siblings adopted from foster care - were taking cabin fever to a new extreme. On top of that, Kimberley couldn't scrounge up a decent meal from the fridge. Oddly, at that moment, she craved carrots.

An hour later, there was a knock at the door. There stood their friends Amanda and Andy with an entire meal she'd prepared for the family. Including *carrots*.

They say the devil is in the details? No. An amazing story in the history of the Jewish people shows God is in the details. Pharaoh had commanded *Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile* (Exodus 1:22). That genocidal development turned on a remarkable detail. Moses' mother did indeed "throw" her baby into the Nile, albeit with a strategy. And from the Nile, Pharaoh's own daughter would rescue the baby whom God used to rescue His People. She would even pay Moses' mother to nurse him! (2:9).

One day from this fledgling Jewish nation would come a promised baby boy. His story would abound with amazing details and divine ironies. Most importantly, Jesus would provide an exodus out of our slavery to sin.

Even - *especially* - in the dark times, God is in the details. As Kimberley will tell you, "God brought me carrots!"

Tim Gustafson

Attendance for October 15 : 101

Contribution for October 15: \$ 4964

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

\* **Rodney Britt** has an appointment at Mayo Tuesday \* **Sue Flowers** remains on hospice care and has not been feeling well \* **Wayne Reams** improving following a brain bleed \* **Maura Thomason** diagnosed with degenerative disc disease \* **Gene Rowland** (Bonnie Howard's father) has had another brain bleed \* **Alan Woodward**, Jon Neely's brother-in-law, will have a bone marrow transplant this month for leukemia treatment \* **Linda Morgan** has been placed on hospice care \* **Ruth Dauck** struggling following her shoulder replacement surgery

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** David Burleson \* David Carson \* Travis Cooper \* Mike Duley \* Scott and Judy Flannery \* Karen Forkum \* Patsy (Hardy) Gregg \* Darlene McGowan \* Helen McGowan \* Jeff McGowan \* Donna McKuin \* Gloria Moore \* Ida Roberts \* Waynetta Rodgers \* David Terrill \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson \* Woody Wood

## Those dealing with cancer (non congregational) :

Melinda Akers \* Chastity Beaird \* Cathy Bennett \* Roxanne Carson \* Sherry Chambers \* Randy Cravens \* Barbara Denson \* Bill Fitzpatrick \* Patricia Greninger \* Nolan Hollowell \* LeAnn Jacques \* Tommy Jacques \* Pam Jeralds \* Holly Johnson \* Kristin Meadows \* Connie Lemmons \* Ponna Mahan \* Linda Morgan \* Mike Napier \* Betty Nicholson \* Keagan Owens \* Bill Peck \* Nikki Reif \* Ashley Smith \* Tammy Telker \* Bobby Thornton \* Mindy Tomah \*

## Other health issues (non-congregational):

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

## Our Shut Ins

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

## Looking Ahead

TODAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY: Our Gospel Meeting with Spencer Furby. We will have a potluck meal following morning worship and a light meal tonight following evening worship. We need help providing chips, sodas, cookies and brownies tonight - please check the sign up sheet on the table in the foyer. Be praying for a successful meeting and that many lives will be changed.

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Wednesday night fellowship meal will be catfish, chicken strips and the fixins. Desserts will be needed.

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November 4: Ladies Day at Dexter. The theme is "A Feast for the Soul." The registration deadline is today. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

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November 6: Children's Home Grocery Pick Up. Let's get the cart filled up!

## In Sympathy:

*Sympathy is extended to Beverly Karnes in the recent loss of her brother-in-law, Ival Gene Karnes. His funeral was held Friday.*

## IF YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW...

How many men did Solomon use to cut stone for the temple? \* The Bible says what bird is cruel to her young? \* What was the name of Ezekiel's father?

Answers: Eighty thousand (1 Kings 5:15-17)  
 Ostrich (Job 39:13-17) \* Buzi (Ezekiel 1:3)