



# TRUE LIGHT

February 4, 2024

## 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***

## SKATING ON THIN ICE

The temperature the last few days has been frigid and, added to that, we have snow covering everything. It's a beautiful sight to behold. Our house is located near a decorative pond with a fountain at one end. In spite of the sub-zero temperatures, that fountain has continued to run and that end of the pond isn't frozen solid. Our end looks like a beautiful ice skating rink, but it isn't.

While working in our office, I noticed two young people leaning down over the side of the pond and hitting the ice with a hammer. Then I noticed that they were wearing not ice skates, but roller blades. You see, I doubt that you can buy ice skates in our area because it just doesn't get cold enough for lengthy periods to freeze ponds hard enough for skating.

As I had suspected, even after hammering a small hole in the ice and seeing the thickness of it, one of the kids stepped down on the ice in her rollerblades. I went to get Jim and have him go out and warn them that they couldn't skate on that pond. It wasn't that I didn't want to tell them, but I thought that a man coming out and telling them might have more impact. They ran away as soon as he told them they couldn't skate.



We could have ignored them and just watched to see what would happen, but even though we didn't really know them, we cared about their safety. I doubt that they knew that was our motive. They probably thought he was just an older man who had forgotten how to have fun. (Little did they know that the last time it snowed, he was out on a sled with some of our grandchildren!)

As I thought about this incident, I began to think about times in our lives when we have known people - sometimes brothers and sisters in Christ - who were skating on thin ice. We tried to warn them about the danger they were getting close to which could damage their life or their family. Maybe it's parents who are allowing their children to attend events which are not suitable for Christian young people. Maybe it's allowing them to act and dress like the world. Maybe it's a warning to a husband you can see drifting away from his wife and children, or a wife who isn't respecting her husband as she should. It would always be easier to just sit back and see what happens. That way, we could still maintain a friendly relationship.

Sadly, when you try to help those getting as close to sin as they can, it is often not accepted as a loving action. "I don't need you to tell me what to do!" "I know my children better than you do and they know what is right and what is wrong!" "My child (or husband or wife) would never do such a thing!" This list of responses could go on and on, when all you really wanted was to save them from heartache and loss. Isn't that part of what Christianity is about? Shouldn't we be helping one another in our lives here on earth and helping each other get to heaven? Isn't that the life that Jesus lived while He was on this earth?

Those young people who were getting ready to "skate" on the pond are safe today because we took action to warn them of the danger of skating on that pond. Who will you help see the dangers that surround them? More importantly, who do you know that is skating on thin ice spiritually? Won't you warn them?  
Donna Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

*Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.*

(Galatians 6:1)

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

February 4 - Zachary Tanner  
 February 9 - Bill Pruitt  
 February 9 - Luke Worley  
 February 10 - Ron Garner  
 February 11 - Ronnie Moore



\*belated birthday wishes to Tim Flowers (1/29) and Ginger Beard (1/30)

### CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Hamburger Helper \* Paper Towels  
 \* 13-Gallon Trash Bags \* Cream of Chicken Soup \* Shampoo or Conditioner \* Vanilla Wafers  
 Pick up Date: February 19



## WILLING TO SERVE

### February 4, 2024

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Derek Mays  
 Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
 Scripture.....Jason Karnes  
 Prayer.....Sam Garner  
 Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Ron Garner  
 Prayer.....Rodney Williams  
 Scripture.....Derek Mays  
 Dismissal.....David Burleson

### Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Song Leader.....Dylan Seabaugh  
 Prayer.....Jacob Clayton  
 Dismissal.....Mike Duley

### February 11, 2024

Morning Worship:

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

Evening Worship:

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

## THE WONDER OF CREATION

While Tim was hiking on Root Glacier in Alaska, he came across something he'd not seen before. Though Tim studies glaciers professionally, the vast numbers of small balls of moss were completely unfamiliar to him. After tracking the bright green balls for many years, Tim and his colleagues discovered that, unlike moss on trees, the "glacier mice" are unattached and - even more surprisingly - move in unison, like a herd or flock. At first, Tim and his colleagues suspected they were blown by the wind or were rolling downhill, but their research ruled out those guesses.

They haven't yet discovered exactly how the moss balls move. Such mysteries highlight God's creativity. In His work of creation, God appointed the land to *produce vegetation* in the form of plants and trees (Genesis 1:11). His design included glacier mice too, though most of us won't see them firsthand unless we visit a glacier that provides a suitable environment for them.

Glacier mice have been charming scientists with their fuzzy green presence since their discovery in the 1950s. When God observed the vegetation He'd created, He declared *that it was good* (v 12). We're surrounded by God's botanical designs, each demonstrating His creative powers and inviting us to worship Him. We can delight in each of the trees and plants He's made - for they are good!

Kirsten Holmberg

Attendance for January 28: 94

Contribution for January 28: \$3646

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Rodney and Cindy Williams have both been sick but are doing better \* Mike and Judy Duley both diagnosed with bronchitis \* Linda Jones has been sick but is doing better \* Marty Howard as he recovers from a broken bone in his leg \* Brian Thomason has a consultation Feb. 19 with a neurosurgeon for carotid artery surgery \* Becky Johnson \* Roxanne Carson is a little stronger \* Larry Summers as he continues cancer treatments \* Rodney Britt as he continues treatments \* Joe Vincent (Amy Townsend Vincent's husband) undergoing treatments for sinus cancer \* Sue Flowers remains on hospice care and has not been feeling well \* Maura Thomason will be having a fluoroscopy and asteroid epidural on her spine April 11 \*

Continue praying for these members of our church family: David Burleson \* David Carson \* Scott and Judy Flannery \* Karen Forkum \* Patsy (Hardy) Gregg \* Darlene McGowan \* Helen McGowan \* Jeff McGowan \* Donna McQuin \* 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 \* Mike Napier \* Betty Nicholson \* Keagan Owens \* Bill Peck \* Nikki Reif \* Bobby Thornton \* Mindy Tomah \* Alan Woodward

## 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 \* Brenda Robinson \* Kevin Steed \* Traci Suiter \* Heather Whitehead \*

## Our Shut Ins

Sue Flowers \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson

## Looking Ahead

TODAY - First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck meal after morning service, followed by a 1 p.m. evening service. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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Wednesday fellowship meal will be baked spaghetti, garden salad, garlic bread. Desserts will be needed.

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February 9 - Ladies' social event in honor of Linda Jones at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room. Dinner will be served. Please see Cindy Burleson if you have any questions.

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February 13 - Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at La Cascada in Bernie. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

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February 17 - Wedding ceremony of Jess Lecroy and Linda Jones at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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February 19 - Children's Home grocery pickup. Let's get the cart filled up.

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March 8 & 9 - Inspiration 2024 at Dexter with guest speaker Lonnie J Jones.



Surely as cometh the winter I know; There are spring violets under the snow.

*In Sympathy:*

*Sympathy is extended to our brother Bill Pruitt in the recent loss of his daughter, Barbara Owens who passed away January 19. Services will be held at a later date.*

