



# TRUE LIGHT

March 3, 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**

## AN ABRAHAM KIND OF FAITH

In this world of constant turmoil, we need faith. If you listen to the news reports of high crime, drug abuse, sex abuse, gender confusion, political hatred and international wars you can become depressed real easy. But as Christians, we are to be a people of faith, not fear. Faith is more than belief, it is dependence and trust in God's word of promise.

The Hebrew writer says in 11:1, *Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.* He goes on to say in Hebrews 11:6, *Without faith it is impossible to please God.*

As I started to write this article, I found out that a close friend of mine lost his wife and, suddenly in grief, faith became raw and real. He and his wife have a strong faith and now he is experiencing hurt and hope at the same time. I need more than a definition of faith, I need a witness.

Hebrews 11 gives me just that, a great cloud of witnesses. This hall of faith made up of individuals young and old, men and women, prophets, judges, kings, slaves, harlots and many others who lived by faith, are now my encouragers to keep me living for God regardless of my circumstances because we all long for a better country - a heavenly one. *Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us* (Hebrews 12:1).

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Like Abraham, we trust in a God who gives life to the dead and call things that are not as though they already were. Abraham was willing to sacrifice Isaac because he knew that God could raise him from the dead and fulfill his word of promise. I need an Abraham kind of faith

as described in Romans 4: 17-21, *As it is written: I have made you a father of many nations.*

He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed - the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. Against all hope, Abraham - in hope - believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, *So shall your offspring be.*

Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead - since he was about a hundred years old - and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the presence of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

Here is an Abraham kind of faith:

- He believed God's word of promise.
- He believed in spite of the circumstances.
- He believed without wavering.
- He acted on it.
- He gave God the glory.

How would my decisions be different if I practiced an Abraham kind of faith?

My faith is much more than theological, academic, or emotional. It is real and raw. Faith offers me hope when I am down, love when I am lonely and the confidence that we are all together longing for a better country.

As you wake up each day, remember that you have a great cloud of witnesses cheering you on in your walk of faith. For me that cloud of witnesses increased recently, and now my sister cheers me on as well.  
Mike Kellett, via One Kingdom newsletter

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

March 8 - Joy Greer



## CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Salsa/Picante Sauce \* Coffee \* Cereal \*  
Tissues \* Velveeta Cheese \*  
Chocolate Chips  
Pick up date: May 20



## WILLING TO SERVE

### March 3, 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, March 6, 2024

Song Leader.....Dylan Seabaugh  
Prayer.....Jacob Clayton  
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

### March 10, 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

Attendance for February 25: 80

Contribution for February 25: \$3410

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Larry Summers** has been transferred to room 15 at Cypress Point for rehab \* **Helen McGowan's** scan showed a small spot on her kidney and she will undergo further testing \* **Woody Wood** had a scan Wednesday and has also been struggling with some blood pressure issues \* Several have had COVID or COVID like symptoms, including **Cody Boyt**, **Stan Dauck**, and **Justin Allen** \* **Marty Howard** as he recovers from a broken bone in his leg \* **Marty Watson** recovering from a few broken ribs following a fall \* **Becky Johnson** will be having additional surgery in a few months \* **Roxanne Carson**, **Rodney Britt**, and **Joe Vincent** currently undergoing treatments for cancer \* **Sue Flowers** continuing to decline but has had a few good days recently \* **Maura Thomason** will be having a fluoroscopy and a steroid epidural on her spine April 11 \* **David Vinson** diagnosed with wide spread cancer and recently suffered a stroke

**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 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 \* 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 following morning worship, and our evening service at 1 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to stay for both the potluck and evening service.  
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Our Wednesday fellowship meal will be hot dogs, soups and chili. Desserts will be needed.  
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March 8 & 9 - Inspiration 2024 at Dexter with guest speaker Eric Lyons.  
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March 10 - Daylight Saving begins. Don't forget to set your clock an hour ahead before bed Saturday evening.  
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March 12 - Ladies' Lunch Out at 11:30 at MaryAda's in Portageville. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer; if there is enough interest we will take the van.  
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March 17 - 20: Gospel Meeting at Gideon with guest speaker Brent Newton. The theme is on practical applications from James.  
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March 20-22 - Evangelism Seminar at the West End Congregation.  
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March 24-27 - Gospel Meeting at Fisk with guest speaker Todd Clippard.  
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April 7-10 - Our Gospel Meeting with Brent Newton.

## ENCOURAGED IN GOD

In 1925, Langston Hughes, an aspiring writer working as a busboy at a hotel, discovered that a poet he admired (Vachel Lindsey) was staying there as a guest. Hughes shyly slipped Lindsey some of his own poetry, which Lindsey later praised enthusiastically at a public reading. Lindsey's encouragement resulted in Hughes receiving a university scholarship, furthering him on his way to his own successful writing career.

A little encouragement can go a long way, especially when God is in it. Scripture tells of an incident when David was on the run from King Saul, who was trying to take his life. Saul's son Jonathan sought David out and helped him find strength in God. *Don't be afraid*, he said. *My father Saul will not lay a hand on you. You will be king over Israel* (1 Samuel 23: 15-17).

Jonathan was right. David would be king. The key to the effective encouragement Jonathan offered is found in the simple phrase *in God* (v 16). Through Jesus, God gives us *eternal encouragement and good hope* (2 Thessalonians 2:16). As we humble ourselves before Him, He lifts us as no other can.

All around us are people who need the encouragement God gives. If we seek them out as Jonathan sought David and gently point them to God through a kind word or action, He'll do the rest. Regardless of what this life may hold, a bright future in eternity awaits those who trust in Him.  
James Banks