



# TRUE LIGHT

September 15, 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."*

Psalms 118:24

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

## BEAR-LY LIVING

It's not unusual for communities to establish a sort of identity (and maybe raise a little revenue) by establishing some sort of unique celebration, event, etc. For example, my hometown is Metropolis, Illinois. Even though there are no tall buildings to "leap over with a single bound," there IS a "Superman Celebration." I now live in Paducah, Kentucky where the National Quilt Museum is located. Each year, our population increases temporarily because of "Quilt Week." I'm sure you can come up with many, many more examples of events and celebrations like this.

I recently became aware of one such event/celebration that may, at least to me, be among the most unique ones in existence. [Happening every October - this year's dates are October 2-8] This event - **Fat Bear Week** - takes place at Katmai National Park and Reserve in Alaska, but is also accessible online. The following information from the website of the National Park Services provides the following information about this unusual event:

Fat Bear Week is a celebration of success and survival. It is a way to celebrate the resilience, adaptability and strength of Katmai's brown bears. Bears are matched against each other in a "March Madness" style competition and online visitors can vote who is ultimately crowned the Fat Bear Week Champion. Over the course of the week, virtual visitors learn more about the lives and histories of individual bears while also gaining a greater understanding of Katmai's ecosystem through a series of live events hosted on explore.org. Join us this Fat Bear Week and vote daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. AKDT at [www.fatbearweek.org](http://www.fatbearweek.org).

Basically, here is the idea: People can go online and watch brown bears gorge themselves on salmon in preparation for their yearly winter hibernation. If you want to enter the competition, you can watch the bears actually get larger and vote for your favorite bear. I don't plan on participating, but I did read about one newcomer to the competition who had been given a name that may indicate how he might fare - 747!

When I first heard about Fat Bear Week a few days ago, I thought about how tempting it might be for some people to have a lifestyle like those bears. What if it were the case that all there was to life was eating and sleeping? Wouldn't that be great?

*Would it?*

Some of the most miserable people I know are those who think that life is all about pleasure and leisure. Not only are they unhappy, they have a way of making people around them miserable. The pleasure may or may not be food. It could be any number of things that are meant to focus on self-satisfaction. The leisure may or may not be actual sleep. It could just be the refusal to do anything that takes any effort. Other people are either ignored, overlooked, or sacrificed. Do you think that those bears at Katmai National Park give any consideration at all to all of the salmon that are being devoured? (By the way, according to what I read, one bear consumed forty-two "at one sitting.")

Some of the happiest and most pleasant people I know are those who think of others and spend time helping them. Their lives are full - in the best sense of the word.

Do you think it is just a coincidence that the One who expects His followers to live a life of service is also the One who said the following: *...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly* (John 10:10)? Those bears in Alaska are only doing what God created them to do. Sadly, some of us are not. Are you (am I) **bearly** living or living an abundant life?  
Jim Faugh, via A Legacy of Faith blog post (2022)



## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

September 19 - Pat Cooper  
Rodney Williams



## CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Vienna Sausages \* Cheddar Cheese  
Soup \* Canned Chicken \* Brownie Mix  
\* Brown Sugar \* Shortening  
Pick up date: December 16



## WILLING TO SERVE

### September 15, 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.....Rodney Williams  
Prayer.....Derek Mays  
Scripture.....Ron Garner  
Dismissal.....David Burleson

### Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....David Carson  
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

### September 22, 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.....Derek Mays  
Prayer.....Wayne Reams  
Scripture.....Sam Garner  
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

## THE CHURCH

When we hear the word "church," it's common to have an image of a physical structure. From what we read in Scripture, however, we're compelled to think "people" over "place," "believers," instead of "buildings." Indeed, the Greek word *ekklesia* (translated "church") means "assembly," and in most cases in the New Testament it refers to a gathering of believers in Jesus in a specific location.

God's special relationship with and plans for the church are reflected in the words and word pictures used to describe it. *You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light* (1 Peter 2:9). Peter's language is reminiscent of the way God had spoken of His covenant people in the Old Testament (see Exodus 19:5-6). Furthermore, believers in Christ are welcomed into a family of people who are crowned with mercy and dubbed as "beloved" (v 11 ESV).

What does this mean for how believers interact with each other? Those who are precious to God are to value and care for each other. Like other New Testament writers, Peter uses *one another* phrases to emphasize how we should relate to each other. First Peter 4:8-11 states that those who belong to the family of God should *love each other deeply* (v 8), *offer hospitality to one another without grumbling* (v 9), and use their gifts to serve each other so that God is honored in everything (v 10-11).

Arthur Jackson

Attendance for September 8: 134

Contribution for September 8: \$4064

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Gloria Moore** is at Mercy Hospital in Cape with pneumonia, dehydration and other health issues \* **Trish Baldwin** is improving \* **Geraldine Sturges** recovering from COVID \* **Gaye** and **Ron Miller** both not feeling well \* **Cathy Provance** struggling with knee and hip pain \* **Richard Owens** (Scott and Judy Flannery's son-in-law) seriously ill and in the hospital in St. Louis.

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** Rick Beaird \* David Burleson \* Janie Burleson \* David Carson \* Pat Cooper \* Scott and Judy Flannery \* Sue Flowers \* 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 \* Rodney Britt \* Roxanne Carson \* Sherry Chambers \* Tammy Clark \* Randy Cravens \* Barbara Denson \* Bill Fitzpatrick \* Audrey Galloway \* Emily Garner \* Patricia Greninger \* Stan Goodman \* Nolan Hollowell \* LeAnn Jacques \* Tommy Jacques \* Pam Jeralds \* Holly Johnson \* Kristin Meadows \* Connie Lemmons \* Ponna Mahan \* Mike Napier \* Betty Nicholson \* Keagan Owens \* Nikki Reif \* Bobby Thornton \* Mindy Tomah \* Joe Vincent \* Alan Woodward

## Our Shut Ins

Pat Cooper \* Sue Flowers \* Ida Roberts \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson

## Looking Ahead

Today through Sept. 18: Gospel Meeting at Highland Drive church of Christ with guest speaker Craig Simon. The theme is "Righteousness Exalts a Nation." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

September 18: Our Wednesday fellowship meal will be breakfast for supper. Desserts will be needed.

September 22: Drop by baby shower for baby Laken Waters from 1-3 in the fellowship room. Note this is rescheduled from the original Sept. 14 date. There is a registry for Laken at Amazon under "Keri Waters."

September 22-25: Gospel Meeting at Green Forest church of Christ with guest speaker Joe Wells. The theme is "Awaken." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

September 27-28: Ladies Fall Retreat at BYC. Hosted by West End church of Christ, the theme is "Bible Answers to Modern Questions." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery. If you plan to attend, preregistration and prepayment is required by September 20.

September 28: Children's Homes Homecoming and Open House. There are some Change for Children cans on the table in the foyer if you need one.

October 6: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck meal following morning worship and an early, 1 p.m. evening meal. Everyone is encourage to attend.

October 8: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Catch 22 in Dexter.

October 27-30: Our Gospel Meeting with Spencer Furby. Be praying for a successful meeting.

November 10: Wedding shower/potluck for Zachary Tanner and Bailee Williams following morning worship. They are registered at Amazon, Target and Walmart.

Congratulations to Luke Tanner and Caris Forester on their recent engagement!

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love* (1 Corinthians 13:13 NIV).

