



# TRUE LIGHT

## A BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE

December 1, 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**

After more than fifty-four years of marriage, it only makes sense that we did something right in selecting a mate for life. Now, granted, I have known several people who have remained married for many years who really don't seem to like each other, but remain married for a variety of reasons. This, however, is not usually the norm in marriages with longevity.

Sadly, in today's world people spend more time looking at the outside of a person and make that their deciding factor in whether or not they want to spend time with them. And even more sadly, they often use those people for their own gratification. This is far removed from what God's word teaches about relationships in life.

I believe there are two main ingredients in a marriage that lasts a lifetime and I was reminded of them the other day in my Bible study. I'm going to talk about them in reverse order of how they appeared in that text.

The first is **friendship**. A good healthy relationship with someone of the opposite sex should always begin with friendship. Spending time with the person you consider to be your friend is a great way to grow a relationship. You begin by enjoying talking with this person and learning about them and their life. You look forward to spending time with them, and most importantly, you learn that you can depend on them and share your joys and your sorrows. This is the foundation for a beautiful marriage.

From this comes the second ingredient for a beautiful marriage - **love**. You begin to develop a deeper feeling for that person, and you begin to look at each other in a different way. You find yourself wanting to be with him/her as often as you can. There is an attraction that is different, as God intended for it to be. In God's word this is described as *agape* love - that self-giving sacrificial kind of love. You want what is best for him/her and he/she wants what is best for you. When both friends feel this attraction, your conversations deepen and love begins to grow into a different type of relationship. This lays the groundwork for a successful marriage. I love him/her enough that I *always* want what is best for him/her, including purity in the relationship. On your wedding day you want to present yourself to your mate as one who wants to spend a lifetime together.



I love the lyrics to an old song: Grow old along with me/The best is yet to be./When our time has come/We will be as one - God bless our love/God bless our love. Verse three of this song has these beautiful lyrics: Grow old along with me/ Whatever fate decrees/ We will see it through/ For our love is true - God bless our love, God bless our love.

Oh, the passage I was studying comes from the Song of Solomon. We skim over it in our study sometimes, or get embarrassed when we have to teach it, but a deep dive into this book gives us a clearer understanding of what marriage should look like.

*This is my beloved and this is my friend (Song 5:16c)*

This post came from this beautiful line and the margin of my Bible now has this formula:

(Agape) Love + Friendship (companionship, loyalty, commitment, trust) = great marriage.

I know many of our readers are already married or single, so a post like this may not seem as important to you. May I say that you couldn't be more wrong. You know young people who need to be taught this formula found in God's word. It is a great source for teaching young women and young men what courting and marriage should be like. It is invaluable for those who are considering marriage. Take time to read it, study it, and enjoy what God intended to be the beauty of courtship and marriage.

Donna Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

December 1 - Stan Dauck  
Jesse Shelton  
December 2 - Beverly Karnes  
December 5 - Curtis McClard



## CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

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

## WILLING TO SERVE

### December 1, 2024

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Derek Mays  
Opening Prayer.....David Carson  
Scripture.....Steve Jones  
Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....David Carson  
Prayer.....Wayne Reams  
Scripture.....Sam Garner  
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

### Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....Rodney Williams  
Dismissal.....

### December 8, 2024

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
Scripture.....Steve Jones  
Prayer.....Jason Karnes  
Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Derek Mays  
Prayer.....Justin Allen  
Scripture.....Ron Garner  
Dismissal.....David Burleson

## GENERATION NOW

"Never trust anyone over thirty," said young environmentalist Jack Weinberg in 1964. His comment stereotyped an entire generation - something Weinberg later regretted. Looking back, he said, "Something I said off the top of my head ... became completely distorted and misunderstood."

Have you heard disparaging comments aimed at millennials? Or vice versa? Ill thoughts directed from one generation toward another can cut both ways. Surely there's a better way.

Although he was an excellent king, Hezekiah showed a lack of concern for another generation. When, as a young man, Hezekiah was struck with a terminal illness (2 Kings 20:1), he cried out to God for his life (vv 2-3). God gave him fifteen more years (v 6).

But when Hezekiah received the terrible news that his children would one day be taken captive, the royal tears were conspicuously absent (vv 16-18). He thought, "Will there not be peace and security in my lifetime?" (v 19). It may have been that Hezekiah didn't apply the passion he had for his own well-being to the next generation.

God calls us to a love that dares to cross the lines dividing us. The older generation needs the fresh idealism and creativity of the younger, who in turn can benefit from the wisdom and experience of their predecessors. This is no time for snarky memes and slogans but for thoughtful exchange of ideas. We're in this together.  
Tim Gustafson

Attendance for November 24: 99

Contribution for November 24: \$4000

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Mike Duley** at home and improving following a stay in the hospital for pneumonia and sepsis \* **Janet Woods** scheduled for some tests prior to a stent procedure \* **Judy Flannery** will have a biopsy December 5 for a few spots in a breast and lymph node \* **David Burleson** diagnosed with shingles, and is feeling a little better \* **Joe Thomason** remains at Mercy Hospital in Cape with infection and other issues \* **Jerry Collier** still having issues with double vision and other symptoms \* **Jeff McGowan** has been under the weather for several days \* **Corey Gunn**, Stan's brother in law, having some health issues \* **Cathy Provance** struggling with knee and hip pain \*

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** Trish (Baldwin) Swain \* Rick Beard \* Cody Boyt \* 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 McKuin \* Gloria Moore \* Ida Roberts \* Waynetta Rodgers \* Bettie Thurston \* Marty Watson \* Woody Wood

## Those dealing with cancer (non congregational) :

Melinda Akers \* Chastity Beard \* Cathy Bennett \* Rodney Britt \* Roxanne Carson \* Sherry Chambers \* Tammy Clark \* Randy Cravens \* Barbara Denson \* Bill Fitzpatrick \* Audrey Galloway \* Emily Garner \* Patricia Greninger \* Stan Goodman \* Renee 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: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck meal following morning worship and an early, 1 p.m. evening service. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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TODAY: Randy English will be our guest speaker.

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December 8: Bridal shower for Cassie Summers and Justin Cummings at 2 p.m. They would most like gift cards or contributions to a honeymoon fund, as well as some items for their kitchen and laundry room. They are registered at Target and Wal Mart. If you would like to contribute to a money tree, please see Millie or Ginger.

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December 9: Ladies Lunch out at 11:30 at Hickory Log in Dexter. If you would like to attend, you must sign the sign up sheet in the table in the foyer as reservations are required. Please also note this is a Monday instead of our usual Tuesday.

December 13: Ladies' annual ornament exchange and supper at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room. Bring a dish to share and a wrapped ornament valued at \$10 or less.

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December 16: The children's home van will be here to pick up groceries. Let's get the cart filled up.

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December 19: Ladies' holiday brunch at 10 a.m. at the home of Amy Thomason. Ham will be provided, please bring your favorite dish to share. We will also have an optional \$20 gift exchange. Bring bagged or canned pet food or other pet-related items to be donated to a local animal shelter if you'd like to be entered into a drawing for a door prize.

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December 25: Christmas dinner at noon in the fellowship room. If you would like to attend, please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer. Last year we cancelled the dinner due to lack of interest.

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December 31: New Year's Eve get-together at 7 p.m. Bring snacks and games to play and help us welcome in 2025!