



# TRUE LIGHT



January 26, 2025

## 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**



## WINTER GARDENING



A temperate day in the middle of winter beckoned. I ventured outside with only a light sweater - no gardening gloves. The sky was clear above me as I moved along our deck to the flower pots that just a few months ago had held vivid, flowering geraniums, and begonias, and petunias. Now only the skeletons stood, the remnants brown and brittle.

I pulled one dead geranium from a terra cotta pot and then another. I ended up clearing all the pots - not really having intended to, but I liked the results and so moved to the planter boxes surrounding the back deck. Then I went to the shed and picked the hoe and the pruners off the wall and on my way back to the beds, trimmed back the indigo and oregano in the miniature herb garden. By the time I was done with all the pots, beds, and boxes, my hamstrings were tight and my fingernails were dirty, but what a sense of satisfaction.

The tilled dirt looked dark and rich and ready for spring planting. Some years this chore doesn't get done until the moment I'm ready to replant in April. When this happens, there's no period of time that could be called, "ready and waiting." What a shame because there is something beautiful in "ready and waiting." There's something beautiful about clearing out clutter - the ugly stuff, the stuff that isn't serving a purpose - and being left with what is clean and ready and waiting. We may have less, but here's a great example of when "less is more."

While I was admiring my debris-free planter boxes, the evergreens suddenly became noticeable. These plants, while not "showy" in the petunia sense, maintain their color in spite of seasonal changes around them. "I want to be an evergreen," I thought, looking at my dwarf fir, "steady and lovely no matter the circumstances swirling around me."

I also noticed how just one evergreen, whether a boxwood or juniper or a fir, kept an entire planter box from looking barren. This was God's reminder that it doesn't take much for life to be pleasing and winsome, even joyful. It just takes something of lasting value to be our focus.

And what is of ultimate lasting value? The Ever-Loving, Ever-Gracious, Ever-Faithful Savior planted in a ready and waiting heart - more than evergreen, He is Everlasting.

Lisa Mikitarian, www.heartlight.com



*Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom (Isaiah 40:30 TNIV).*



## SEEING JESUS

At four months old, Leo had never seen his parents. He'd been born with a rare condition that left his vision blurred. For him, it was like living in a dense fog. But then eye doctors fit him with a special set of glasses.

Leo's father posted the video of Mom placing the new glasses over his eyes for the first time. We watch as Leo's eyes slowly focus. A smile spreads wide across his face as he truly sees his mom for the first time. Priceless. In that moment, little Leo could see clearly.

John reports a conversation Jesus had with his disciples. Philip asked Him, *Show us the Father* (John 14:8). Even after all this time together, Jesus' disciples couldn't recognize what was right in front of them. He replied, *Don't you believe that I am the Father, and that the Father is in me?* (v 10). Earlier Jesus had said, *I am the way and the truth and the life* (v 6). This is the sixth of Jesus' seven "I am" statements. He's telling us to look through these "I am" lenses and see who He truly is - God Himself.

We're a lot like the disciples. In difficult times, we struggle and develop blurred vision. We fail to focus on what God has done and can do. When little Leo put on the special glasses, he could see his parents clearly. Perhaps we need to put on our God-glasses so we can clearly see who Jesus really is.

Kenneth Petersen

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

January 28 - Melissa Shelton  
January 29 - Tim Flowers  
January 30 - Ginger Beaird  
February 1 - Jerry & Pam Collier (A)



**CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS**

Muffin Mixes \* Instant Rice \* Dish-washing Detergent \* Pasta (Bow Tie, Penne, Rotini) \* HE Laundry Detergent \* Stick Deodorant  
Pick up date April 28, 2025

**WILLING TO SERVE**

**January 26, 2025**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Kyle Ward  
Opening Prayer.....David Carson  
Scripture.....Ryan Young  
Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
Prayer.....Wayne Reams  
Scripture.....Sam Garner  
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

**Wednesday, January 29, 2025**

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....Ron Garner  
Dismissal.....Mike Duley

**February 2, 2025**

Morning Worship:

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

Evening Worship:

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



**SEVEN MINUTES OF TERROR**

When the Mars rover *Perseverance* landed on that red planet on February 18, 2021, those monitoring its arrival endured "seven minutes of terror." As the spacecraft ended its 292-million-mile journey, it went through a complex landing procedure it had to do on its own. Signals from Mars to Earth take several minutes, so NASA couldn't hear from *Perseverance* during the landing. Not being in contact was frightening for the team who had put so much effort and resources into the mission.

Sometimes we may experience our own times of fear when we feel we're not hearing from God - we pray but we don't get answers. In Scripture, we find people getting answers to prayer quickly (see Daniel 9:20-23) and those not getting answers for a long time (see Hannah's story in 1 Samuel 1:10-20). Perhaps the most poignant example of a delayed answer - one that surely struck terror in the hearts of Mary and Martha was when they asked Jesus to help their sick brother Lazarus (John 11:3). Jesus delayed, and their brother died (vv 6-7, 14-15). Yet four days later, Christ answered by resurrecting Lazarus (vv 43-44).

Waiting for answers to our prayers can be difficult. But God can comfort and help as we *approach [His] throne of grace with confidence, ... [that] we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need* (Hebrews 4:16).

Dave Branon

How many can you find in this bulletin? Bring your answer to the banquet tonight for a chance to win a prize!



**Attendance for January 19: 110**

**Contribution for January 19: \$3993**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Darlene McGowan** will be going to Winchester Place tomorrow for rehab following a hospital stay \* **Lexy Davis** has been sick with a stomach virus \* **Kendra Summers** recovering from a couple of falls resulting in fractured vertebrae and a fractured shoulder \* **Janet Woods** recovering at home from stent surgery \* **Janie Burleson** is continuing to slowly improve \* **Ida Roberts** has been placed on palliative care \* **Cathy Provance** will be having hip replacement surgery in the next six to eight weeks \* **Jerry Collier** still having some issues with double vision and has begun therapy

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** Janie Burleson \* David Burleson \* David Carson \* Pat Cooper \* 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 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 \* 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: Congregational Valentine's Banquet following evening worship. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

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January 29: Our Wednesday fellowship meal will be breakfast for supper. Desserts will be needed.

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February 1: Bridal shower for Jacob Clayton and Raysha Adams at 2 p.m. in the fellowship room. They are registered at Wal Mart, and found under "Kentucky" for the state. They would also appreciate gift cards for home improvement stores. For more information, please see Millie or Cindy Williams.

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February 2: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck meal after morning worship, followed by a 1 p.m. evening service. Everyone is encouraged to attend the potluck and evening service.

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February 2: Eddie Cloer from Truth for Today will be our guest speaker.

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February 11: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at La Estancia Mexican Restaurant in Malden. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

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February 21-23: Challenge Youth Conference Pigeon Forge, TN

**BIBLE TRIVIA:**



What will bring "health to thy navel and marrow to thy bones"? \* Which town in the Bible had silver heaped up like dust and fine gold like the dirt of the streets? \* In which book of the Bible do we have mention of "sea monsters"? \* In what two books of the Bible does it talk about men drinking their own urine and eating their own refuse? \* Which book of the Bible mentions men "fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands?"

Answers: Fearing the Lord and departing from evil (Proverbs 3:7,8) \* Tyre (NIV); Tyrus (KJV) (Zechariah 9:3) \* Lamentations 4:3 \* 2 Kings 18:27 and Isaiah 36:12 \* Acts 27:17

To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold.

Aristotle

