



# TRUE LIGHT

## BIBLE SCHOOL EXCUSES

March 2, 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."*

Psalm 118:24

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

A few weeks ago at Central, I preached a sermon on parenting. In part of the sermon, I mentioned that parents miss out on a powerful blessing when they do not "take the help" that Bible school provides. After all, parents who are striving to instill God's Word into the hearts of their children should be utterly grateful for those kind and good teachers who provide instruction to their children.

After mentioning that, I gave some excuses that I have heard over the years as to why parents do not bring their kids to class. I mentioned four in the sermon, but I want to list five commonly-heard ones here.

- **IT'S TOO EARLY.** Really? Just tell that to your kids' school on Monday when they roll in at 10:30. Typically, this excuse is simply code for "we filled our Saturday with so much activity that we wanted to sleep in."
- **MY KID IS SHY/DOESN'T KNOW ANYONE.** Now, the "shy" part I get but we still have our kids go to school or stay on the ball team or in the play group over time, don't we? And what happens? It may take a little while, but they - at the very least - get comfortable around those other kids. And, possibly, they make a really good friend. Yes, it takes time, but this excuse just doesn't hold water.
- **I'M AFRAID MY CHILD WILL BE EMBARRASSED BECAUSE HE DOESN'T KNOW MUCH.** No offense, but that's why it's called Bible **school!** They didn't know math when they started school, either, but they've learned. And who is more patient with learning than a kind and gracious Bible class teacher? They are eager to help your child know more about the wonders of God's Word!



- **THEY HAD A BAD EXPERIENCE IN THE PAST.** Of all the excuses, this is the one that has the most weight, and it is sad that it does happen at times. But we cannot let a bad experience keep us from having our children grow. I'm certain not every day in English class or art class has been perfect, either, but we have them go. They probably didn't like their basketball coach or their choir director every single day of their lives, but they kept going because we think it is important.
- **IT'S BORING.** This. Drives. Me. Crazy. I've sat through some boring Bible classes (Okay, okay ... I've *taught* some boring Bible classes!) but to let the kid decide what is boring and what is not and make that the determining factor? Lovingly but bluntly, that's a terrible way to parent.

Here's the thing: when it comes down to it, all the excuses that parents give typically boil down to two things, and it has little-to-nothing to do with those actual excuses. Either (1) the parents just don't want to deal with a kid who is whiney about going to Bible class, or (2) the parents don't really want to go either so they use their kid as an excuse.

But, parents, please ... take the help! Over the years, you will be so grateful you did because you will see your child learn things from Scripture that you know they picked up in Bible class. You will hear them say things that were clearly taught by a loving teacher. Oh, and while you're at it ... go to your class, too. You might just be amazed at what YOU learn!

Adam Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

*Train up a child in the way he should go. And when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)*

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

March 2 - Mark Clayton  
March 5 - Steve Ward  
March 8 - Joy Greer



**Attendance for February 23: 102**

**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

**Contribution for February 23: \$4209**

**WILLING TO SERVE**

**March 2, 2025**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Aiden Owens  
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

**Wednesday, March 5, 2025**

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....Sam Garner  
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

**March 9, 2025**

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
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

**PRESERVED**

While I was clearing out the garden in preparation for spring planting, I pulled up a large clump of winter weeds ... and leapt into the air! A venomous copperhead snake lay hidden in the undergrowth just below my hand - an inch lower and I would have grabbed it by mistake. I saw its colorful markings as soon as I lifted the clump; the rest of it was coiled in the weeds between my feet.

When my feet hit the ground a few feet away, I thanked God I hadn't been bitten. And I wondered how many other times He had kept me from dangers I never knew were there.

God watches over His people. Moses told the Israelites before they entered the Promised Land, *The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged* (Deuteronomy 31:8). They couldn't see God, but He was with them nonetheless.

Sometimes difficult things happen that we may not understand, but we can also reflect on the number of times God has preserved us without our ever being aware!

Scripture reminds us that His perfect, providential care remains over His people every day. He's always with us (Matthew 28:20).

*March bustles in on windy feet and sweeps my doorstep and my street. -Susan Reiner*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Jerry Burleson** waiting on test results. His last PSA test showed his numbers had doubled \* **Regina Halterman** fell last week and broke her arm \* **Darlene McGowan** remains in Winchester Place for rehab \* **Scott Burleson** remains in Mercy hospital at Cape \* **Linda LeCroy** has been sick for some time \* **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 \* **Pam Jeralds** had a scan last week

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** Cody Boyt \* 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 \* 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 \* 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 a 1 p.m. evening service. Everyone is encouraged to attend both the potluck and early service.

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March 5: Our Wednesday fellowship meal will be hot dogs, chili and soups. Desserts will be needed.

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March 6: Ladies Retreat planning meeting at 6:30 in the fellowship room.

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March 9: Daylight Saving Begins. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour before bed Saturday night.

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March 11: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Dexter Pizza Company in downtown Dexter. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

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March 14 & 15: Inspiration 2025 at Dexter church of Christ. The theme is "Branded" with guest speaker Joe Wells. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

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March 16: 60th birthday party for Brian Thomason in the fellowship room following evening worship. Everyone is invited to attend - no gifts, please.

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March 16-19: Gospel Meeting at Gideon with guest speaker Brent Newton.

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March 22: Fish Fry and Silent Auction for Bootheel Youth Camp at Dexter church of Christ.

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April 6-9: Our Gospel Meeting with Bryan McAlister. Be praying for a successful meeting.

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April 20: Easter dinner will be served potluck style in the fellowship room following morning worship.

**BIBLE TRIVIA:**

Who was the brother of Zered? \* If Cain was avenged sevenfold, how many times would Lamech be avenged? \* To how many people did God say, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth"?

Answers: No one. Zered was a valley (NIV) or brook (KJV) \* Seventy-seven (Genesis 4:24) \* Six - Adam, Eve, Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth (Genesis 1:28; 9:1)