



# TRUE LIGHT

March 30, 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**

## GETTING INTO THE LANE (OR SOMETHING MUCH MORE IMPORTANT)

I'm not sure that I can think of a sport (at least one that I follow) that has exactly the same rules in place that were in place when I was growing up. Before some smart aleck suggests that the only sports that existed when I was growing up were the original Olympic Games, I can assure this is not the case!

There are a variety of reasons for changes in the rules for certain sports. Sometimes, those reasons involve concern for the safety and protection of the participants. Maybe there is an effort to speed up the game, to make the event more exciting, to include more participants, or any number of other reasons for changing the rules.

Since we find ourselves in the middle of "March Madness," I am taking advantage of that to discuss one change that, as far as I can tell, was made in the sport of basketball for none of the reasons I've mentioned (with the possible exception of speeding up the game - but I really doubt that). I'm thinking that the change belongs in the "any number of other reasons" category.

It used to be the case that, when a player was attempting a free throw, the players who were lined up along the lane had to wait until the ball hit the rim of the basket before they could get into the lane. For quite some time now, that has no longer been the case. According to the present rules, the players only need to wait until the ball leaves the hands of the player attempting the shot before they can get into the lane.

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I've not seen any documentation on this, but I have an idea that the primary reason for changing the rule was that the original rule was being violated so often the officials basically had two choices. They could either blow their whistles every time the rule was broken or ignore repeated violations of the rule.

The first choice had the potential of infuriating the fans who had come to see the athletes perform and not to see officials blow their whistles. The second choice would result in the officials having to make a judgement about the seriousness of the infraction. Everybody would agree that a player could not just "park" in the lane while somebody was attempting a free throw, but how soon was too soon?

It may surprise you (or not) to learn that the "solution" was/is not a solution. At times, I've seen players getting into the lane just before the ball leaves the hands of the player attempting a free throw. Just like "in the old days," sometimes a whistle is blown and sometimes it is not.

College fans may have seen a game in a recent tournament during which the decision was made to blow the whistle with very little time left in the game. That decision arguably had a significant impact on the game's outcome.

Believe it or not, this is **not** a post about basketball. It is about every aspect of our lives.

The following sentence reflects only my opinion. It is not presented as a fact or an absolute truth. It is, however, a very firm opinion of mine.

**I believe every segment of our society would benefit from setting standards and expecting people to live up to those standards instead of lowering standards to the level of conduct of the people.**

I've seen far too many families, churches, communities, and societies ruined because it was more "convenient" to relax standards than it was to enforce them. I'm afraid that even souls are in danger because of this attitude.

I am afraid that many believe the definition of the word "grace" is "a casual disregard for and/or willful refusal to accept God's standards." That is *not* the case. It is absolutely true that *The Lord ... is not willing that any should perish...* (2 Peter 3:9), but it is also true that He is not willing to "change the rules" just because I don't like them or ignore them.

**It is not about getting into the lane. It is about getting into heaven.**

Jim Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

April 1 - Cassie Cummings  
April 3 - Ron & Gaye Miller (A)



Attendance for March 23: 109

## 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 March 23: \$3103

## WILLING TO SERVE

### March 30, 2025

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
Scripture.....Sam Garner  
Prayer.....Jason Karnes  
Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

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

### Wednesday, April 2, 2025

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

### April 6, 2025

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Aiden Owens  
Opening Prayer.....David Carson  
Scripture.....Steve Jones  
Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Brandon Chesser  
Prayer.....tba  
Scripture.....tba  
Dismissal.....tba

## THE FROSTING OF FAITH

Hand in hand, my grandson and I skipped across the parking lot to find a special back-to-school outfit. A preschooler now, he was excited about *everything*, and I was determined to ignite his happiness into joy. I'd just seen a coffee mug with the inscription, "Grandmas are moms with lots of frosting." Frosting equals fun, glitter, joy! That's my job description as his grandma, right? That ... and more.

In his second letter to his spiritual son Timothy, Paul calls out his sincere faith - and then credits its lineage both to Timothy's grandmother, Lois, and his mother, Eunice (2 Timothy 1:5). These women lived out their faith in such a way that Timothy also came to believe in Jesus. Surely, Lois and Eunice loved Timothy and provided for his needs. But clearly, they did more. Paul points to the faith living in them as the source of the faith later living in Timothy.

My job as a grandmother includes the "frosting" moment of a back-to-school outfit. But even more, I'm called to the frosting moments when I share my faith: Bowing our heads over chicken nuggets. Noticing angelic cloud formations in the sky as God's works of art. Chirping along with a song about Jesus on the radio. Let's be wooed by the example of moms and grandmas like Eunice and Lois to let our faith become the frosting in life so others will want what we have.

Elisa Morgan

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Janie Burleson** has been moved to Cypress Point for rehab \* **Steve Jones** remains in St. Francis Hospital in Cape and is doing better following surgery for kidney issues \* **Judy Flannery** has been moved to a rehab facility in Chesterfield following surgery for a broken femur and is improving \* **Jeff McGowan** will be seeing his cardiologist this week \* **Geraldine Sturgess** remains at Poplar Bluff hospital for low heart rate. She is in room 2054 \* **Jerry Burleson** has finished his radiation treatments \* **Jerry Mickey** has been diagnosed with fibromyalgia and is seeking treatment options \* **Darlene McGowan** remains in Winchester Place for rehab \* **Scott Burleson** is at home following an extended stay in the hospital \* **Cathy Provance** will be having hip replacement surgery in the next six to eight weeks

**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 \* 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 \* Betty Nicholson \* Keagan Owens \* Nikki Reif \* Bobby Thornton \* Mindy Tomah \* Joe Vincent \* Alan Woodward

## Our Shut Ins

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

## Looking Ahead

April 2: Wednesday fellowship will be barbecue, baked potatoes, coleslaw and baked beans. Desserts will be needed.

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April 6-9: Our Gospel Meeting with Bryan McAlister. The theme will be "Won with Christ in a Romans One World." There are flyers available on the table. Be praying for a successful meeting.

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April 6: We will have a potluck meal following morning worship, and a light meal following our 5 pm evening worship. If you can help provide snacks for the evening meal, there is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer.

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April 15: Ladies Lunch Out. Note this is one week later due to our Gospel meeting. We are planning a "day trip" to Jackson for lunch at Hickory House Restaurant in Jackson and some shopping. We plan to take the van, and leave the building at 9:30. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer. If you would like to go, plan to keep the day free as we don't have an estimated return time.

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April 20: Easter dinner will be served potluck style in the fellowship room following morning worship. There's a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

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April 28: Children's Home Grocery Run. Let's get the cart filled up.

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May 1: Ladies Retreat planning meeting in the fellowship room.

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June 8: Baby shower for Kayli and Kason Lawrence. They are expecting a baby girl. More details to follow.

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June 22: Potluck style bridal shower for Luke Tanner and Caris Foriester. More details to follow.

BIBLE TRIVIA: Who was the first man to say, "I have sinned," in the Bible? \* the Bible character Zaphenath-Paneah was known by another famous name. What was that name? \* In Zechariah's vision, the flying scroll was how wide?

Answers: Pharaoh (Exodus 9:27) \* Joseph, son of Jacob (Genesis 41:45) \* 15 feet (Zech. 5:1,2)