



# TRUE LIGHT

June 1, 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***

## RESURRECTION 2.1: IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Years ago, one of the songs youth groups sang had these words:

Have you seen Jesus my Lord,  
He's here in plain view.  
Take a look, open your eyes;  
He'll show it to you.

What if these words are much more than lyrics to an emotional youth group song from long ago and far away? What if this song speaks the truth about Jesus' promise to meet us in our world today?

As we think about Jesus' resurrection, we must not confine the reality of the risen Christ to a few Sunday appearances after his resurrection (John 20:19-28), a fishing trip with a few of his apostles (John 21:1-14), or the forty days he showed himself alive with many convincing proofs (Acts 1:1-3).

As important as Jesus' historical bodily post-resurrection appearances were to his disciples, Jesus promised more than these appearances. The Christ promised to be present with us as we live as his disciples in an authentic community (Matthew 18:20 and the context of chapter 18), genuine compassion (Matthew 25:40 and the context of chapter 25), and on mission making disciples (Matthew 28:18-20).

I believe if we spent more time reading the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), we would find many ways Jesus promised to be present with us today. We often overlook one of these times that the Lord assured he would be present: The Lord's Supper - also called The Eucharist, Holy Communion, and The Supper.

Unfortunately, much of our modern church practice has reduced The Supper to an assembly line, get-it-done-in-a-hurry, passing of crackers and juice. Often, this practice drains our holy encounter with Jesus of his anticipated presence and spiritual mystery. This modern celebration of The Supper reduces the body and blood of Jesus to a small crumble of cracker and a quick sip of wine or grape juice. For many churches, it's a seldom held occurrence. For others, it's treated almost as a nuisance, or interruption: something to get done in a hurry to keep our worship productions on schedule. Even when churches claim The Supper is cherished and celebrated weekly (cf. Acts 16:20), some allow it to become routine, merely symbolic, and quickly administered.

What if Jesus is present in our celebration of the Supper? What if he does meet us as our host in the breaking of the bread? What if the sharing of The Supper is a time when Jesus steps through the boundaries of history and fulfills our anticipation of his presence while we await the Kingdom in all its fullness? What if we, too, are supposed to recognize Jesus among us in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup? What if there is as much mystery, Kingdom, and presence in our celebration of The Supper as there is the memory of what he accomplished at Golgotha and the empty tomb?

When Jesus shared The Supper with his disciples before his death, he made some compelling claims. The bread is his body - nowhere does Scripture say it represents his body or is an emblem of anything: it is his body, and we are his body as we share in taking the bread. The wine is his blood: it was poured out for many and is the seal of a new covenant that brings grace and the forgiveness of sin. Even more, for early believers, Jesus' promises to be present and be recognized among them were more than mere echoes from the past. They were opportunities to encounter their living Lord:

*When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the Kingdom of God." After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the Kingdom of God comes" (Luke 22:14-17).*

*When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread (Luke 24:30-35).*

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## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

June 1 - David & Loretta Carson (A)  
Tim & Kim Flowers (A)  
June 4 - Julie Garner  
June 6 - Rodney Britt  
Luke Tanner



## CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Instant Rice \* Muffin Mixes \* Pretzels \*  
Pasta (Bow Tie, Penne, Rotini) \* Paper  
Towels \* Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen

Pick Up Date August 18

Contribution for May 18: \$4223

Attendance for May 25: 105

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Jim Ward** has been sick for several weeks now \* **Janie Burleson** is still struggling with illness \* **Cathy Provance** still waiting for hip replacement surgery \*

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** Cody Boyt \* Jerry Burleson \* David Burleson \* David Carson \* Pat Cooper \* Sue Flowers \* Karen Forkum \* Patsy (Hardy) Gregg \* Darlene McGowan \* Helen McGowan \* Jeff McGowan \* Donna McQuin \* Gloria Moore \* Bettie Thurston \* Woody Wood

## Those dealing with cancer/other illness (non congregational) :

Melinda Akers \* Chastity Beaird \* Cathy Bennett \* Rodney Britt \* Scott Burleson \* 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 \* Jerry Mickey \* 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 \*

## Looking Ahead:

TODAY: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck lunch following morning worship, and an early, 1 p.m. evening service. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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June 4: Our Summer Speaker Series begins with Jay Lyles. Jay is the minister for the Slicer Street church of Christ in Kennett. There is a list of speakers on the table in the foyer.

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June 7: Celebration of Life service at 10:30 a.m. for Brian Thomason at the building.

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June 8: CRC Day for Crowleys Ridge College. There will be a box in the foyer for donations to Crowleys Ridge for Bible major scholarships.

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June 8: Baby shower with the Gideon congregation for Kayli and Kason Lawrence at 2:30 in the fellowship room. They are expecting a baby girl and are registered at my.babylist.com.

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June 10: Ladies Lunch Out at Malden Country Club at 11:30. Since we had no attendees last month, we will try again! There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

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June 12: Ladies Retreat Planning Meeting at 6:30 in the fellowship room.

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June 22: Potluck style bridal shower following morning worship for Luke Tanner and Caris Foriester. They are registered at theknot.com.

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June 28: Youth Rally at Green Forest church of Christ with guest speaker Joe Wells. The theme is "Rooted." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

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June 29: Seniors Rally at Valley View in Jonesboro with guest speaker John W. Smith. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

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July 6: Session 3 of Bootheel Youth Camp begins. Forms will be available soon.

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July 20-23: Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is "Untangled: Wild About God's Plan." We will need lots of help and lots of cookies. Be praying and planning for a successful VBS.

## In Sympathy:

*Sympathy is extended to the family of our brother Marty Watson, who passed away May 29. There will be a memorial service for Marty at a later date.*



## WILLING TO SERVE

### June 1, 2025

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
Scripture.....Ryan Young  
Prayer.....Jason Karnes  
Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

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

### Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Song Leader.....Chase Burch  
Prayer.....Sam Garner  
Dismissal.....Matt Ward

### June 8, 2025

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Ralph Mullins  
Opening Prayer.....David Carson  
Scripture.....Steve Jones  
Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
Prayer.....Sam Garner  
Scripture.....Justin Allen  
Dismissal.....Wayne Reams

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Let's challenge each other to more: More than crackers and juice \* More than a routine ritual to get done in a hurry \* More than an intrusion into our song and sermon filled services designed to entertain and delight.

Let's challenge each other to more: More openness to mystery \* More anticipation of the Lord's presence \* More Jesus!

Near the close of the first century, Jesus spoke to the believers at Laodicea. These people had never seen him - except for John who sent them this letter. However, Jesus gave them a promise. He promised them, and us:

*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me (Revelation 3:20).*

Jesus' promise to come in and eat with us was NOT given to unbelievers. This promise was an altar call to believers whose faith had grown stale, whose worship had become routine, and whose discipleship had grown lukewarm (Revelation 3:14-16). That promise remains viable for us today. We need to open our hearts more: to our living and resurrected Lord.

Jesus longs to be real to us today, just as he was fully present to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, the ten apostles in the upper room, and to doubting Thomas a week later. Resurrection 2.1 reminds us that our resurrected Lord stands at the door and knocks. Will we open the door to him? Or, will we settle for an assembly line delivery of crackers and juice, satisfied with little more than a distant memory of a once vibrant and resurrected Lord?

If you are like me, you want more. So, let's anticipate more as we eagerly expect the Lord's coming.  
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