



# TRUE LIGHT

IT'S HOT! BE THANKFUL.

August 17, 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**

I've been doing a lot of thinking recently about gratitude. Scripture commands Christians to be thankful in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18). We have a very brief, but important command to "be thankful" (Colossians 3:15).

As is often said, we are not commanded to be thankful for every circumstance, but *in* every circumstance.

What has me thinking about this a lot lately has been the very hot weather that enveloped so much of the country, including where I live. Even though it is summertime, this was quite a little heat wave and it was profoundly uncomfortable for several days (especially those days when we had to work outside).

There were lots of jokes and internet memes, some of which were funny. But there was also a lot of complaining. And, I admit, I started out with some of those complaints, too. But, are there not some things to be thankful for, even when the sweat is flowing just from walking out your front door?

Absolutely! So, in the midst of the heat, I tried to remind myself to be thankful...

- for cool breezes
- For abundantly clean water
- For cooler buildings, including my own house
- For moments of shade
- For how the body is able to sweat and do other things to help endure
- For lemonade (especially homemade)
- For those who have to work outside and are willing to do so
- For the reminder that, because it's hot, the cold is coming (Genesis 8:22)
- For the heat "forcing" some slower times with family to relax or enjoy a TV show

And there are more. But are these not a good starter list? So, how about, as the temperatures get up there throughout the [rest of] summer, instead of complaining, you find reasons to show gratitude? You'll still sweat a lot and may have to stay inside a little more, but it will make the heat far more bearable and will change your attitude about other things, too.

Adam Faughn, via A legacy of Faith blog post

### DRAWN BY DISASTER

In 1717, a devastating storm raged for days, leading to widespread flooding in northern Europe. Thousands of people lost their lives in the Netherlands, Germany, and Denmark. History reveals an interesting and customary - for that time - response by at least one local government. The provincial authorities of the Dutch city of Groningen called for a "prayer day" in response to the disaster. A historian reports that the citizens gathered in churches and "listened to sermons, sang psalms, and prayed for hours."

The prophet Joel describes an overwhelming disaster faced by the people of Judah that also led to prayer. A massive swarm of locusts had covered the land and *laid waste [its] vines and ruined [its] fig trees* (Joel 1:7). As he and his people reeled from the devastation, Joel prayed, *LORD, help us!* (1:19 NLT). Directly and indirectly, both the people of northern Europe and Judah experienced disasters that originated with the effects of sin and this fallen world (Genesis 3:17-19/ Romans 8:20-22). But they also found that these times led them to call out to God and seek Him in prayer (Joel 1:19). And God said, *Even now ... return to me with all your heart* (2:12).

When we face difficulties and disaster, may we turn to God - perhaps in anguish, perhaps in repentance. *Compassionate and abounding in love* (v 13), He draws us to Himself - providing the comfort and help we need.

Tom Felten

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

August 19 - DeeDee Burch  
August 22 - Terri Ward  
August 24 - Donna McKuinn



Attendance for August 10: 108

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Sue Flowers** is in her final days and is being kept comfortable \* **Ron Garner** is home and slowly improving. He will begin physical therapy Tuesday. Please no visitors at this time \* **Alyson Mickey**, still having some issues from a seizure last week \* **Steve Jones** recovering from kidney surgery \* **Roxanne Carson** is home and improving \* **Faye Dockins** as she undergoes radiation treatments, and continues to deal with macular degeneration \* **Pat Cooper** hasn't been feeling well lately \* **Bettie Thurston** is at Winchester on hospice care and is some better \* **Cathy Provance** still waiting on a date for hip replacement surgery \* **Billy Cobb** (son in law of Wes and Myra Robinson) diagnosed with esophageal cancer

**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 \* Helen McGowan \* Jeff McGowan \* Donna McKuinn \* Gloria Moore \* Bettie Thurston \* Woody Wood

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

Melinda Akers \* Chastity Beaird \* Cathy Bennett \* Rodney Britt \* Jeanie Buck \* Scott Burleson \* Roxanne Carson \* Sherry Chambers \* Tammy Clark \* Randy Cravens \* Barbara Denson \* Bill Fitzpatrick \* Misty (Owens) Franklin \* Audrey Galloway \* Emily Garner \* Patricia Greninger \* Stan Goodman \* Renee Goodman \* Christy Heskett \* Nolan Hollowell \* LeAnn Jacques \* Tommy Jacques \* Pam Jeralds \* Holly Johnson \* Kristin Meadows \* Jerry Mickey \* Connie Lemmons \* Ponna Mahan \* Betty Nicholson \* Keagan Owens \* Nikki Reif \* Joe Richardson \* Bobby Thornton \* Mindy Tomah \* Alan Woodward

## Our Shut Ins

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

## Looking Ahead:

TOMORROW: Children's Homes grocery run. Let's get the cart filled up.  
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August 20: Our Wednesday summer series speaker will be Kason Lawrence. Kason is the minister for the Piggott congregation.  
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August 24: Kevin Lawrence will be our guest speaker for both services.  
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September 4: Ladies Retreat planning meeting at 6:30 in the fellowship room.  
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September 13: Ladies Day at the Arnold congregation beginning at 10 a.m. The theme is "Good Works Café" with guest speaker Kathryn Baker. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.  
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September 14: Nathan Ferguson will be here to talk about the mission work in Chimala  
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September 18-20: St. Louis area wide lectureships at the Arnold church of Christ. The theme is "Real Relationships: How the Gospel Changes the Way we Interact with People." There is more information posted on the bulletin board by the nursery, and some brochures on the table in the foyer.  
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September 27: Children's Homes 70th anniversary homecoming and open house. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.  
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October 10 & 11: Ladies Retreat at BYC hosted by the Bernie congregation! We will have a wonderful weekend filled with women of great faith, have great food, and great fellowship. We also have beautiful t shirts for pre-purchase whether you are able to make the retreat or not. Picture and order forms are on the table in the foyer.

It's back to school time! If you are a student, educator or support staff heading back to school, we are happy to celebrate you today. Please take a treat from the table in the foyer on your way out this morning!



## 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 August 10: \$4316

## WILLING TO SERVE

**August 17, 2025**

### Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Chase Burch  
Opening Prayer.....Jason Karnes  
Scripture.....Darrin Shipman  
Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

### Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
Prayer.....David Burleson  
Scripture.....Sam Garner  
Dismissal.....Matt Ward

**Wednesday, August 20, 2025**

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....Darrin Shipman  
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

**August 24, 2025**

### Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
Scripture.....Jordan Ross  
Prayer.....Jason Karnes  
Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

### Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Chase Burch  
Prayer.....Justin Allen  
Scripture.....Darrin Shipman  
Dismissal.....David Burleson

LIVE EVERY DAY AS IF IT WERE YOUR LAST

Wow, do we ever get caught up in this world in which we live. Days rush by and we seem to stay so busy that we feel as though we are caught up in a whirlwind. Even at my age (which is much older than many of our readers), I sometimes have to just stop and catch my breath. Retirement isn't all it's cracked up to be!

However, I was reminded recently that each day we live is a gift from God, and no one knows when it will be your last day here on earth. The son-in-law of some of our dear friends passed from this life suddenly while he was on vacation. He was enjoying some time off and looking at God's beautiful creation when he left this life. I didn't know him personally, but only heard great things about him and his family. He was an elder in the congregation where he attended and worked as a physical therapist in our community. Many people came to pay their respect to his family at both the visitation and funeral.

As I sat at that funeral, I was reminded again of the importance of a life well lived, and the even greater importance of being spiritually prepared for this life to end.

In all of our busyness, we need to start each day with thankfulness to God for the breath of life, and end each day with prayers of gratitude for our ability to still be able to serve others with purpose.

*Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit' - yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes (James 4:14).*

Donna Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post