



TRUE LIGHT

WHEN THE WAY OUT IS THROUGH

August 24, 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**

Most folks are at least a little familiar with the LORD's deliverance of his people from the Egyptian army through the Red Sea. Many folks have seen the old Charlton Heston movie, "The Ten Commandments" since it is on TV most Easter weekends. Several new generations have been reacquainted with the story through "The Prince of Egypt" that was seen by kids, parents, and grandparents. This great story of deliverance is a reminder that God will see us through when we reach one of those difficult times in life. When there is no way out or around our problems, the LORD will help us find a way through those problems.

Here's the story in a nutshell. Israel is stuck between the Red Sea and Pharaoh's army of soldiers and their charioteers on their back side. The Red Sea blocks their way from going forward (Exodus 14:5-12). They have every right to be afraid because Pharaoh's charioteers were feared by the armies of all other nations. The Israelites were untrained for war, having been slaves for 400 years. All Israel had to lead them into battle was an 80-year-old shepherd with a stick! So if deliverance was going to come for God's people, their obedience and the LORD's grace and power would have to produce it. That is exactly what happened.

God's deliverance involved five incredible steps of grace and power:

1. God's presence in the pillar of fire and the cloud moved from in front of the people to their rear to protect them (Exodus 14:19-20).
2. Moses obeyed the LORD and stretched out his staff over the waters. God then parted the waters and dried the land in between with an east wind (Exodus 14:21).
3. The Israelite people passed safely between the wall of waters on dry ground to the other side (Exodus 14:22).
4. The presence of God in the pillar of fire and the cloud confused the Egyptians as they tried to pursue the Israelites through the sea. Their wheels jammed in the mire of what had been dry ground, further adding to the confusion (Exodus 14:23-25).
5. When Moses obeyed and stretched his staff over the waters a second time, the waters buried and destroyed the army of Pharaoh (Exodus 14:26-28).

This great story of deliverance is a powerful reminder to us as a people and as individual disciples that the LORD will make a way through for us when there seems to be no way! God's gracious and powerful presence will lead us, accompany us, and protect us until he gets us safely to where he wants us to be. This is great news. This is an incredible promise - one that God's people put to music in the celebration song after their great victory:

In your unfailling love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling -- (Exodus 15:13).

This is our story. It is not just a Bible story. This story reminds us of the character and courage that is in our spiritual DNA. We have the same God with the same power today as those people had in their day. We have the same promise that the LORD will get us to our destination (Philippians 1:6). Yet the nagging doubt and repeated complaint that I hear goes something like this:

"Yeah, Israel only had an 80-year-old shepherd with a stick to lead them to battle, but that old shepherd was Moses. We don't have anyone near the leadership quality of Moses. So it's hard for me to wait or to follow or to trust when our leaders don't seem to have it together. There doesn't seem to be a plan. If our leaders have one, they sure don't seem to be executing it!"

That's why after reading this story from the Bible many times, what I found this last time was so unexpected and powerful - something that I seemed to have missed. Moses didn't know God's plan! What Moses first told God's people to do was only half right. Yet while he didn't know the LORD's plan, he knew the LORD! While he didn't know the way the LORD was going to deliver his people, he did know to obey the LORD in all that he asked:

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

August 24 - Donna McQuin
 August 25 - Justin Beaird
 Bettie Thurston
 August 27 - Charlie Garner
 Karen McGowan
 August 31 - Wayne & Marietta Reams (A)



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

TO BE ANNOUNCED



WILLING TO SERVE

August 24, 2025

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Chase Burch
 Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
 Scripture.....Jordan Ross
 Prayer.....Jason Karnes
 Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
 Prayer.....Justin Allen
 Scripture.....Darrin Shipman
 Dismissal.....David Burleson

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
 Prayer.....Wayne Reams
 Dismissal.....Mike Duley

August 31, 2025

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
 Opening Prayer.....Jason Karnes
 Scripture.....Darrin Shipman
 Prayer.....Zack Tanner
 Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Chase Burch
 Prayer.....David Burleson
 Scripture.....Sam Garner
 Dismissal.....Matt Ward

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As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD... Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground - (Exodus 14:10-16).

What Moses told the people was only half correct. God would work deliverance, and the pursuing army would be destroyed. Moses was also half wrong! The people were not to stand still and wait. They were to advance toward God's future following Moses' lead. They were to let the LORD handle the deliverance part, and they were to obey the LORD's call to cross the sea!

What do we do when there is no way around or past our problems and challenges? We go through them trusting the LORD will sustain, empower, and guide us!

But our leaders are not Moses! Yes, but our assurance isn't based upon having a Moses. Our assurance is based upon our leaders being committed to obey the LORD even if they don't know the way through what they are facing.

Sometimes the only way out or around our challenges is for us to go through them. In the middle of our fearful journey, let's remember that deliverance is the Lord's work. Obeying is ours.
 Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

Attendance for August 17: 122

Contribution for August 17: \$3951

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jerry Burleson got good news from his cancer doctor Monday * **Carol Young** (Josh Young's mother) recovering from outpatient surgery Tuesday * **Ron Garner** is continuing to improve * **Alyson Mickey**, still having some issues from a seizure last week * **Steve Jones** recovering from kidney surgery * **Faye Dockins** as she undergoes radiation treatments, and continues to deal with macular degeneration * **Bettie Thurston** is at Winchester on hospice care and is some better * **Cathy Provance** still waiting on a date for hip replacement surgery *

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Cody Boyt * Jerry Burleson * David Burleson * David Carson * Pat Cooper * Karen Forkum * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * 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 * Jeanie Buck * Scott Burleson * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Tammy Clark * Billy Cobb * 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 * David Terrill * Bettie Thurston

Looking Ahead:

TODAY: Kevin Lawrence will be our guest speaker for both services.

August 27: Our final Wednesday summer series speaker will be Spencer Furby, minister at Valley View church of Christ in Jonesboro.

August 28: Funeral for Sue Flowers at the building. Visitation will be from 10-noon, with the service following. Burial will be at Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

September 4: Ladies Retreat planning meeting at 6:30 in the fellowship room. If you can help clean up books for our retreat craft, plan to be at the building by 6.

September 9: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Main Street Café in Bernie. A sign up sheet is on the table in the foyer if you like to attend.

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.

September 14: Nathan Ferguson will be here to talk about the mission work in Chimala

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.

September 27: Children's Homes 70th anniversary homecoming and open house. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

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.