



TRUE LIGHT

September 14, 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**

WHAT SORT OF MAN IS THIS?

What's the most important question you've ever asked someone?

Will you marry me? How are we going to live through this? Did I lose the baby? Should we move? Why should I try to go on living if my life is going to be like this forever? Where should I go to college and what should I major in? Will you still love me if I say, "No"? What are we going to do now? Is it a boy or a girl? Should I take this job? Is there any money left? Will our marriage survive this? Do you think we should adopt? Was the surgery successful? Should I be baptized? Is it cancer?

My guess is that none of these questions grabbed at your heart unless it was a question you asked at some point in your life. Our questions become a lot more urgent when we're the ones in the boat, the seas around us are raging, and we don't know what to do. That was certainly true for Jesus' early disciples.

And when he [Jesus] got into the boat, his disciples followed him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?" - (Matthew 8:23-37 ESV).

This may well be the most important question any of us asks: *What sort of man is this...?* And this is not a question we ask just once. Each of us needs to keep asking it in all of our own life's unique circumstances. Because life is, after all is said and done, about navigating storms. These storms come and they go. They rain and they blow. Their waves rock and they roll. And through it all, we need to keep asking, *What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?*

Sometimes we find ourselves caught in a building storm. We see the storm clouds collecting on the horizon. We've seen the warning signs. We've felt the dread of knowing difficult times are coming. As the storm intensifies, we need to know that we are not alone. We need to know that Jesus and his people will walk with us.

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Sometimes we find ourselves in the middle of a storm in life, and we are frozen with fear. At that moment, we need someone to act for us. We need to know that when we don't know what to pray or how to pray, the Holy Spirit prays for us (Romans 8:26) and that the prayers of Jesus' disciples surround us.

Sometimes we find ourselves feeling like Jesus isn't even listening to us. We're tired of the shallow answers and throw away cliches that don't fit into the frustration playing out in our lives. We're angry. Yet more than angry, we're hurt. We don't understand why our prayers aren't answered, and other prayers seem to be answered. We can't fathom why the Lord of heaven and earth can't just blink away our challenges and bring us to a new day. We need help. We need to know that the Lord isn't sleeping while we're praying. We need to know he is not ignoring us while we plead with tear-stained cheeks.

Sometimes we find ourselves trusting that Jesus is in control. WE have this strangely wonderful calm in the face of our storm. We can't say why, exactly, but we do. We feel as if Jesus has been here before and can handle our mess and guide us to a safe harbor. So we wait until the storm rages knowing that the storm will pass, or the Lord will still the seas and order the winds to cease.

Sometimes we find ourselves enjoying the calm after the storm. We love the peace and good times. We bask in the sun of God's goodness and obvious grace. We share in the gentle presence of those we love. Life seems easy. Our world feels comfortable. Our future looks bright. Yet we know that sooner or later, storms will come.

As we reflect back on this event in the life of Jesus' disciples, let's take with us four concepts to go with our key life question.

First, we need to notice that the disciples were in this *together!* They weren't trying to cross the Sea of Galilee - or do life - alone. We can't do life alone on our own. We need each other. We need to have others who share the journey and remind us that they, too, have similar struggles. That storms come and go, yet God's people endure.

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES



September 14 - Gaye Miller
Mindy Pruitt
Jason & Melissa Shelton (A)
September 16 - Steve and Terri Ward (A)
September 19 - Pat Cooper
Rodney Williams

CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

TO BE ANNOUNCED



Contribution for September 7: \$4625

Attendance for September 7: 124

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sharon Durham had surgery Friday to repair a fracture in her spine * **Steve Jones** had some stents put in his kidneys last week. He has also been diagnosed with stage 2 prostate cancer and will determine a course of treatment soon * **Alyson Mickey**, still having some issues from a recent seizure * **Faye Dockins** as she undergoes radiation treatments, and continues to deal with macular degeneration * **Cathy Provan**'s surgery postponed for the near future * **Woody Wood** has been having trouble with a hip injury

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Cody Boyt * Jerry Burleson * David Burleson * David Carson * Pat Cooper * Karen Forkum * Pat-sy (Hardy) Gregg * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Donna McKuinn * Gloria Moore * 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 * 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

Looking Ahead:

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

TOMORROW: Deadline for ordering t shirts for the ladies retreat. There are forms on the table in the foyer.

September 17: Our Wednesday night fellowship meal will be breakfast for supper: Waffles, sausage, egg casseroles, biscuits and gravy. Desserts will be needed. If you can help prepare fellowship meals this year, please let Stan know.

September 18: Ladies Retreat planning meeting at 6:30 in the fellowship room.

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 26: Estate and Trust planning informational meeting at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend; a light meal will be served.

September 27: Children's Homes 70th anniversary homecoming and open house. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery. Don't forget to get your change for children cans filled up.

October 5: First Sunday potluck and fellowship meal. We will have a potluck meal following morning service and an early evening service immediately following the potluck. Everyone is encouraged to attend both the meal and early evening service.

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.



Congratulations to our newest sisters in Christ, Cathy Hampton and Carol Young. Cathy was baptized into Christ Sunday following evening worship, and Carol was baptized Tuesday afternoon. If you haven't had the

opportunity to meet these two please take the time to do so. Welcome to the family, Cathy and Carol.

WILLING TO SERVE

September 14, 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.....David Carson
Prayer.....David Burleson
Scripture.....Sam Garner
Dismissal.....Matt Ward

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

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

September 21, 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

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Second, we can cry out to the Lord for help together. Notice how they said it, *Save us, Lord; we are perishing*. The Lord welcomes our cries, even when they are cries of panic and fear. He doesn't discard our request when a strong faith is hard for us to muster: a little faith, with the Lord, goes a long way (Matthew 7:20).

Third, the Lord doesn't rebuke the disciples, but the wind and the seas. This distinction is important for us to notice. Rather than berating the disciples for their lack of faith, Jesus uses a term that looks like a term of endearment to address the disciples. He calls his disciples "little-faith-ones" - *oligoipistoi* - a single word which literally means, "ones with little faith." Our Lord transforms the least into the greatest, the last into the first, and the lost into the found. The Lord of heaven and earth moves mountains and stills raging seas when all his disciples can muster is just a little faith (cf. Matthew 6:30; Matthew 17:20)!

Fourth, what seems like troubled seas and dangerous storms to us are no threat to the Lord of heaven and earth. Jesus is God for the disciples in this moment of desperation and fear:

Who is like you, LORD God Almighty? You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you. You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them- (Psalm 89: 8-9).

He longs to be God for us in our moments of desperation and fear. Despite sometimes appearing to be silent, we are reminded that the Lord's apparent lack of attention doesn't mean his lack of care or his lack of presence. Even in the Lord's silence we are known even when it appears we are alone.

No matter the season and no matter the seas, let's keep asking: *What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?* Jesus has promised to be with us and show himself to us and make his home with us (John 14:15-23). So let's approach each new day, each new experience, and every fresh storm as an opportunity to learn something new about our Savior who will never abandon us or forsake us (Romans 8:35-39). And in those persistent times of struggle, fear, and loneliness, let's remember an old promise from our ever-present and always near Lord: *Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you...*

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