



TRUE LIGHT

September 7, 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**

ONE DAD CHANGES EVERYTHING

My heart broke. As I gathered in the news of Charleston that Wednesday night, my heart broke at the slaughter of people who came for sanctuary and a time of holy rest in the grace of God. These people of faith were murdered because of hate.

My heart broke. I received a Sunday morning email from our translator in Pakistan. He told about the woman and children killed and dismembered by suicide bombers. These women and children had been sharing a Sunday dinner-on-the-grounds while their husbands prayed inside. My heart broke for all whose lives were murdered, bodies damaged, and families wounded because of hate.

My heart broke. I have watched while the press has remained largely silent about the methodical rape, selling of young kidnapped girls on the slave markets, beheadings, and crucifixions of fellow Christians at the hands of those who hate. My prayers and support have been offered for the families, churches, cities, and countries as they have endured such barbaric hate.

In my own small way, I have come to understand a little of the deep emotion of God as he watches the world that was once very good (Genesis 1:26-31) become filled with evil:

GOD saw that human evil was out of control. People thought evil, imagined evil - evil, evil from morning to night. GOD was sorry that he had made the human race in the first place; it broke his heart (Genesis 6:5-6 MSG).

What do I tell my son about raising his boys in such a world? What do I tell my grandsons about what it means to be God's man in such a world? How do I help you understand that our efforts at sharing grace, our desires to tear down walls of racial bigotry, and our prayers to end racial and religious hatred are not in vain?

Where are we supposed to turn as darkness descends, and all we can think to do is to adopt the plaintive cry of our Savior and say, "Oh God our God why have you forsaken us?" (Mark 15:33-34).

The plan in our series entitled, "Saved at Sea," was for us to study the story of Noah this week. We need today's men of God to be the men the Father has called us to be! We need to be like Noah, who was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God (Genesis 6:9). While we know that Noah wasn't a perfect man because of what we read later in the story (Genesis 9:20), he was God's man. He was God's man in a time when there weren't any others - except perhaps for his sons (Genesis 8:1).

In reading the Bible story of Noah (Genesis chapters 5-9), we can divide the story into four parts. We have already taken a peek at the first two parts, **Breaking God's Heart** (Genesis 6:5-6; Genesis 6:11-12) and **Being God's Man** (Genesis 6:8-9); (Genesis 8:1). The world broke God's heart with its evil. Violence erupted and multiplied in the lives of people made for so much more. Noah had distinguished himself from the wickedness of the world because of his righteous life.

Stage three of the story is the account of Noah's obedience as he focuses on **Building the Boat of God**. He built the ark based on the specifications God had given him. A theme that runs through this stage of the story is that Noah did all that the LORD commanded him to do (Genesis 6:22; Genesis 7:5; Genesis 7:9; Genesis 7:16).

The final stage of the story focuses on **Bringing God's Future** to the destroyed world. This involved those God saved on the ark: Noah, his family, and the animals. Noah had not brought every animal on the face of the earth into the ark, but the key type or exemplar pair of each animal - according to its kind (Genesis 6:19-20; Genesis 7:2-7; Genesis 7:14). God also had Noah bring his sons and their wives along with his own wife into the ark (Genesis 7:7; Genesis 7:13).

The LORD then shut Noah in the ark with his family and the animals. God had chosen this group of people and animals to re-begin life on earth. The ark protected Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark from both the flood and the wickedness and violence on the face of the earth (Genesis 7:17-23).

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

September 7 - Laken Waters
 September 9 - Alex Garner
 September 10 - Steve Jones
 September 14 - Gaye Miller
 Mindy Pruitt
 Jason & Melissa Shelton (A)



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

TO BE ANNOUNCED



Attendance for August 31: 106

Contribution for August 31: \$4568

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sharon Durham will have surgery Friday to repair a fracture in her spine * **Steve Jones** diagnosed with stage 2 prostate cancer * **Alyson Mickey**, still having some issues from a recent seizure * **Faye Dockins** as she undergoes radiation treatments, and continues to deal with macular degeneration * **Sathy Provance** still waiting on a date for hip replacement surgery * **Ralph Mullins** (Amy's brother-in-law) had five bypasses Wednesday in Little Rock and is doing well * **Woody Wood** has been having trouble with a hip injury

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Cody Boyt * Jerry Burluson * David Burluson * 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 Burluson * 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: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck meal following morning worship and an early, 1 p.m. evening service. Everyone is encouraged to attend both the potluck meal and evening service.

TUESDAY: 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'd like to attend.

September 10: Our Wednesday night fellowship meal will be bbq, baked beans, baked potatoes and coleslaw. Desserts will be needed. If you can help prepare fellowship meals this year, please let Stan know.

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: 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 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 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.

In Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to the family of our sister Bettie Thurston, who passed away August 29. Her funeral was held yesterday. Sympathy is also extended to Jeanie Robinson in the passing of her mother-in-law, Helen, September 4. Helen's visitation will be Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. with the funeral following at Mathis Funeral Home, Dexter.

WILLING TO SERVE

September 7, 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 Burluson

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

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

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

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God then brought Noah, his family, and the animals out of the ark. The LORD entered into a covenant with Noah and his family (Genesis 6:8), the animals that had been spared, and the earth itself promising never to destroy the world with a flood again (Genesis 8:18-22; Genesis 9:8-17). Then God gave Noah's family and the animals the charge to bring life in its beauty and diversity back to the earth (Genesis 9:1; Genesis 9:7).

As we look at this powerful and bewildering story of God's work through one dad, we should take some lessons with us for men and dads in our day. This example is especially important for us when our day seems so filled with evil and violence. So let's grab three important principles from the story of Noah.

God can take one man, one faithful dad, and use him to help his family stand against the strong tide of an immoral and violent culture. God notices that man, that dad, and remembers what he does to share his faith, bless his world, and live a holy life (Genesis 6:8-9; Hebrews 6:10). God uses that man, that dad, to bring new life and fresh hope!

God can take such a dad and use his efforts and his life to save his family in every way they can be saved - morally and spiritually - because of his faith (Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 6:18). There is no greater gift that a father can give his family than faith and salvation!

God can even take that man, that dad, and use him to bless the earth and its creatures (Genesis 6:18-20). The Creator made us with a special connection to our planet. He made us of the stuff of earth (Genesis 2:7). He made this man to care and nurture the earth as his holy representative (Genesis 1:26-31; Genesis 2:15). In Noah, we see that true righteousness brings God's blessings to earth because of the presence of the Lord's man (Genesis 9:7-17). Being a good man, a good dad, opens all sorts of doors to make a difference in countless people to find the Father's grace!

In these days of violent evil, we close with the words of David's plea to be our prayer:

Bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure - you, the righteous God who probes minds and hearts (Psalm 7:9).

And to God's men, to God's dads, we hold up Noah and say, "Rise up O man of God. We need you to be God's man like Noah." God releases great power through the life of one man of God!

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