



# TRUE LIGHT

NO LONGER ANY SEA

October 26, 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**

[Everywhere you look] there are bitter reminders of the religious hatred, political instability, and the personal viciousness that lie in the hearts of fallen humanity. We live in the world with "the hurt" and it is a force we cannot manage.

Our world is in bondage to decay, and it cries out for liberation (Romans 8:18-25). In the worst of times, the problems of our world's brokenness overwhelm us. They not only overwhelm us individually, but they can overwhelm us as nations and as a world-wide community. Our impotence in dealing with this current hurt is a reminder that we can be overwhelmed at every human level with "the hurt" at almost any time!

We don't need theology to tell us something's broken with our world. We see the results of this brokenness all around us. We know "the hurt" is real. I know it personally. I was not allowed the immunity of childhood to protect me from "the hurt." Daddy Gordon, my grandfather on my mother's side, died without warning when I was 5. We had been fishing in the Gulf of Mexico the day before. The next night he was gone. I had to face "the hurt" with no tools through the emotional mist of a kid's confusion.

Gary, a friend with who I had tried to share Jesus in ninth grade, was killed riding on a motorcycle going to buy drugs. The guy driving the motorcycle was supposed to be a Christian. I had to face "the hurt" again when I was 15, still in the angst of being a teenager.

My father, Daddy Al, died when I was 25 after a lengthy illness. Once again, now in the earliest stages of marriage and fatherhood, I had to face "the hurt." Only this time, I was more fully aware of the finality and all that is lost to "the hurt" even when that loss is framed by faith. The first three decades of my life were marked by life-shattering losses to "the hurt." However, compared to what many in our world face, I lived a blessed life!

The brokenness of our world - dealing with the overwhelming nature of "the hurt" - is our inescapable reality as mere mortals. We must have an answer for life's biggest inescapable, "the hurt," or all of our other answers pale in significance. When the surging waves of our mortality overwhelm us, we have to have an answer for "the hurt" or the surging seas will swallow us in death and the winds of hell will rip apart all that we hold dear.

*But thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

I love that phrase from the apostle Paul (Romans 7:25). Only now it is my exclamation of anticipated joy as I look at our passage today from Jesus' Revelation to John (Revelation 33:1). Notice what is said at the end of the first verse: *...and there was no longer any sea!*

How is that good news?

Why is this reason to rejoice? I love the sea. There is some primal connection with me to waters of our creation. Why is this good?

In the book of Revelation and much of the Bible, the sea is the source of the monsters of hell (Revelation 13:1). In the Old Testament, the sea was symbolic of the monsters of chaos we cannot control: our primal fear of weather, oceans, fire, winds, and all the disasters of our fallen world (Isaiah 27:1-5). The time is coming when all the chaos and monsters from hell are gone! But what does that mean for you and me?

Jesus' promise to us through John means that "the hurt" will be ended! John describes it in these ways. There will be *a new heaven and a new earth* (Revelation 22:1). We will have connection with the best of God's original creative intention, but we will now be able to enjoy it in perfection, forever. The apostle Paul illustrated this contrast by telling us that in this life we see the seed of God's life for us, but then we will enjoy it in full bloom (1 Corinthians 15:35-49).

Jesus' promise to us through John means that God's people will become the Son's bride - the Church in all its imperfections, now perfected and beautified in the presence of her Savior (Revelation 22:2). All that is good and joyous and eternal about heaven's hope will become present with God's people as they participate in the greatest wedding celebration of all time.

Jesus' promise to us through John means that there will be no longer any separation between us and the Father (Revelation 21:3). The Father will be present with us face to face. We will be like and will be able to see him as he is (1 John 3:1-3). Jesus' promise to us through John means God *will wipe away every tear* from our eyes. One of God's first acts is to acknowledge our pain and then remove it forever (Revelation 21:4):

- Death is gone - so no mourning
- Pain is gone - so no more crying and hurting
- Evil is gone. So what we can't control, the impact of evil people and a broken world - Gone.

These are gone... but not just gone, banished... not just banished, but completely removed with even the residue and reminders of them taken from us and absorbed in the grace, glory, and holiness of God's presence with us. All things will be made new by their Creator (Revelation 1:5).

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## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

October 26 - Millie Dauck  
Matt & Shyann Ward (A)  
October 28 - Lexy Davis  
November 1 - Kathy Caudle  
November 2 - Jerry Burleson



## CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Bottled fruit juice \* Fruit cups \* Pudding/gelatine cups \* Snack cakes \* Baked beans \* Flour \* Miracle whip \* Alfredo sauce \* Ramen noodles \* Cereal \* Pop tarts \* Canned frosting \* Vinegar  
**Pick-up Date December 15, 2025**

## WILLING TO SERVE

### October 26, 2025

#### Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
Opening Prayer.....Jason Karnes  
Scripture.....Jordan Ross  
Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

#### Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Chase Burch  
Prayer.....David Burleson  
Scripture.....Sam Garner  
Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

### Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....Ron Garner  
Dismissal.....Mike Duley

### November 2, 2025

#### Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Chase Burch  
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
Scripture.....Darrin Shipman  
Prayer.....Jason Karnes  
Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

#### Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....David Carson  
Prayer.....Rodney Williams  
Scripture.....David Burleson  
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

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This is what being "saved at sea" ultimately means! All of our other messages about being "Saved at Sea" are anticipatory to this one, great, and final deliverance when *there is no longer any sea!*

Now, all victories at sea are temporary. They are real, but they are only temporary. On this promised day, we won't just be saved at sea, but Jesus will permanently save us from the sea and all it symbolizes. The sea will be no more. Nothing that separates us from God and his goodness will be allowed to exist in his presence. We will be perfected, a beautiful bride for the King of Glory. And the world as we know it, both spiritual and physical, will be ours to enjoy. Only from this moment on, it will be re-created unspoiled, untainted, uncorrupted, and undefiled for us to share in the presence of God forever.

The only adequate words left for us are those at the close of John's Revelation of Jesus Christ:

*Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy."*

*"Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, and Beginning and the End."*

*"Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood."*

*"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."*

*The spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes to take the free gift of the water of life (Revelation 22:10-17).*

Yes, come Lord Jesus and bring an end to "the hurt"! Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

Attendance for October 19: 122

Contribution for October 19: \$3425

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Rick Beard** will have valve replacement surgery, two heart bypasses and rotator cuff surgery over the next few weeks and months \* **LaRhonda Billingsley** recovering from hip replacement surgery \* **Terri Ward** will have gall bladder surgery November 21 \* **Steve Jones** waiting for results from his PET scan \* **Faye Dockins** has discontinued radiation treatments and will be staying with her daughter in Tennessee **Deborah Sturgess** has been struggling with knee issues \* **Cathy Provance** will have surgery November 10 \* **Woody Wood** having hip issues \* **Janet Wood** recovering from a fall \* **Lisa Clark** (friend of Chase Burch) has been diagnosed with late stage lung cancer. She is a member of the Slicer Street congregation \* **Joyce Walker** (friend of Jeff and Karen McGowan) \* **Christina Whitaker** (sister of Nicole Garner) recovering from a broken pelvis following an automobile accident

**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 \* Woody Wood

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

Melinda Akers \* Chastity Beard \* 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 \* 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:

Tonight: Youth Night at Shady Acres church of Christ at 5 p.m. with guest speaker TJ Kirk.

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October 30: Our Wednesday night fellowship meal will be bbq, baked potatoes, coleslaw and baked beans. Desserts will be needed. We are still looking for volunteers to help prepare meals.

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November 2: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck meal following morning worship and an early afternoon service. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

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November 2: Kevin Lawrence will be our guest speaker.

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November 2-5: Gospel meeting at Fruitland with guest speaker Spencer Furby. The theme is "A Remarkable Savior." Monday through Wednesday meeting times are at 6:30.

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November 11: Ladies Lunch Out at the Huddle House in Dexter at 11:30. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

## BIBLE TRIVIA

Who in the Bible asked God to put his tears in a bottle? \* What was the name of the archangel who debated with the devil? \* What does the word Ichabod mean? \* The apostle Peter was known by three names. What were they? \* What was the name of the runaway slave who went back to his master? \* Who said, "Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves?" \* What is the name of the partially blind man who was ninety-eight years old and was very fat who fell off his seat and broke his neck?

Answers: David (Psalms 56:8) \* Michael (Jude 9) \* The glory is departed (1 Samuel 4:21) \* Cephas (John 1:32); Simon (Matthew 10:2); Simeon (Acts 15:14) \* Onesimus (Philemon 10-12) \* Goliath (1 Samuel 17:43) \* Eli (1 Samuel 4:15,18)