



TRUE LIGHT

SOMEBODY IS WATCHING

November 9, 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 recently watched a segment on a sports network on what was then an upcoming "rivalry" football game. I didn't pay much attention because I had never heard of the two schools/teams involved.

Even though I was not all that interested, one thing in the report did make me do some thinking. At one point in the segment, each of the coaches was shown talking with the players before the game. This meeting was not the "pep talk" in the locker room just before the game. The players were not suited up for the game. Instead, each meeting took place in what looked to be an "auditorium type setting." In each instance, the coach was telling his players something that - to him and to them - was important. In each instance, the young men seemed to be respectful and attentive as they listened to their coach's instructions and encouragement.

There was one factor that, to me, served as evidence of that respect and attention. In each instance, I noticed that something was missing. I saw no evidence of a cell phone, a tablet, or anything else that would distract the players from the message of the coach.

I saw that report on a Saturday. The next day people assembled in another "auditorium type setting" in various places. The stated purpose for those assemblies was to worship. One part of that worship involves a man who, in some ways, was doing something that was somewhat similar to what those football coaches did.

Sadly...a message from a coach about a "game plan" seems to be more important to some people than a message from a man of God about the Word of God.



While there may have been some similarities in the two events, there was one major difference. The coaches I saw on Saturday were trying to prepare people for a game. The men who were preachers on Sunday were trying to prepare people for eternity. Sadly, though, a message from a coach about a "game plan" seems to be more important to some people than a message from a man of God about the Word of God. The evidence for that has to do with the absence of electronic devices.

It is not at all uncommon for electronic devices of nearly every kind to be used by multiple people while a preacher is preaching (or - for that matter - during the entire time of "worship"). Sadly, this practice is sometimes even a "family affair." In some cases, dad, mom, and the kids are all scrolling, texting, playing games, watching cartoons, etc. while the gospel is being preached.

To use an expression that my late father-in-law used to use - *In all fairness*, I realize that some people use their electronic devices as their Bibles. To use another and more well-known expression - *Give me a break!!* That is **not** what is going on in most instances.

I've been one of those men standing in front of people and attempting to deliver something that I've prayed about and worked on for quite awhile. Based on my observations and on what I've been told by others, the vast majority of those who are using electronic devices during a time set aside for worship are *not* looking up scriptures. Instead, those devices are being used to totally disengage from anything and everything going on in that assembly.

Those coaches and those players from two schools unknown to me had no idea that a guy about whom they've never heard and who lives in a town to which they've probably never been would be watching how they conducted themselves during those team meetings. What they did (or did not) do made an impression on me.

Maybe we need to realize that Somebody is watching how we conduct ourselves when we are supposed to be worshiping Him. It seems to me that we need to focus on pleasing Him instead of entertaining ourselves.

Jim Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

November 10 - James Wood
 November 11 - Owen Hays
 November 13 - Loretta Carson
 Karlie McQuin
 November 15 - Jase Foster



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

November 9, 2025

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
 Opening Prayer.....Jason Karnes
 Scripture.....Steve Jones
 Prayer.....Zack Tanner
 Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

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

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

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

November 16, 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.....Jordan Ross
 Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

THE JESUS LABEL

“Son, I don’t have much to give you. But I do have a good name, so don’t mess it up.” Those wise, weighty words were uttered by Johnnie Bettis as his son Jerome left home for college. Jerome quoted his father in his American Professional Football Hall of Fame acceptance speech. These sage words that Jerome has carried with him throughout his life have been so influential that he closed his riveting speech with similar words to his own son. “Son, there’s not much that I can give you that’s more important than our good name.”

A good name is vital for believers in Jesus. Paul’s words in Colossians 3:12-17 remind us who it is that we represent (v 17). Character is like the clothing that we wear; and this passage puts the “Jesus label” of clothing on display: *As God’s chosen people... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another... And over all these virtues put on love* (vv 12-14). These aren’t just our “Sunday clothes.” We’re to wear them everywhere, all the time, as God works in us to reflect Him. When our lives are characterized by these qualities, we demonstrate that we have His name.

May we prayerfully and carefully represent Him as He provides what we need.

Arthur Jackson

In November, the earth is growing quiet. It is making its bed, a winter bed for flowers and small creatures.
 Cynthia Rylant

Attendance for November 2: 98

Contribution for November 2: \$4485

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Rick Beard recovering from valve replacement surgery and two heart bypasses. He was expected to be in the hospital at least until today * **Cathy Provance** scheduled for hip replacement surgery tomorrow * **Terri Ward** will have gall bladder surgery November 21 * **Gloria Moore** has been diagnosed with colon cancer * **Steve Jones** waiting for results from his PET scan * **Faye Dockins** is at home and having some in-home physical therapy * **Deborah Sturgess** has been struggling with knee issues * **Woody Wood** having hip issues * **Janet Wood** recovering from a fall *

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 * Lisa Clark * 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 * Joyce Walker * Christina Whitaker * Alan Woodward

Our Shut Ins: Pat Cooper * David Terrill

Looking Ahead:

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.

November 12: Our Wednesday night fellowship meal will be fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and rolls. Desserts will be needed.

November 22: Bernie is having its annual Christmas in the Park starting at 5 p.m. In the past we’ve had a table there. If you are interested in helping with a table, please see Amy.

November 26: No fellowship meal this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

December 5: Annual Ladies Ornament Exchange at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room. Bring a wrapped ornament (or fun pair of socks) and a dish to share. Feel free to invite a friend.

December 8: Ladies Lunch Out at Hickory Log in Dexter. Note, lunch out will be on a MONDAY this year. There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer shortly; if you plan to attend PLEASE sign up as we have to have a reservation.

December 18: Annual Ladies Holiday Brunch at the home of Amy Thomason. We will have an optional, \$20 gift exchange. Ham and rolls will be provided - bring your favorite dish to share. If you would like to be eligible for a door prize, bring an item or items to support a local animal shelter. A list of most needed items will be available soon.

BIBLE TRIVIA:

What is the longest chapter in the Bible? * In what book of the Bible do you find the following words: “Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots”? * When a certain king put on a feast, God’s handwriting appeared on the wall and startled everyone present. What is the name of this king?

A: Psalm 119 with 176 verses * Jeremiah (13:23) * Belshazzar (Daniel 5)