



# TRUE LIGHT

February 1, 2026

## 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**

## PRE-PROVIDENCE?

I don't think there is such a word as "preprovidence," but it certainly describes a wonderful aspect of the amazing way God cares for us. He works in our lives, and we live believing in His providence. However, we may have limited our understanding of His providence.

I know that the word providence literally means that God sees circumstances and events before they arrive. We talk about providence in the midst of trials, but the word "preprovidence" emphasizes just how far ahead of events God sees them! We often limit our understanding of Him and how He works in our lives.

Take the story of Joseph. It vividly illustrates how that without direct revelation we cannot know for certain that a specific event was part of His work. We learn so much from this story. God lets us see how He worked years before we normally think He does. Joseph, at the time he was being sold as a slave by his brothers, likely did not see God working, but he certainly did later. He told his brothers that God had sent him to Egypt to keep their families from starving - *God sent me before you to preserve life* (Gen. 45:51). Because of His revelation we can know that God was working at least twenty years ahead of the grave problem Jacob and his children faced.

The same is true of Moses. At the burning bush his life was transformed. He likely thought that he would die as an old man tending sheep in Midian. Yet when confronted by God he felt so unfit, especially in his ability to speak before others. What Moses did not know was that even before the Lord appeared to Moses He had said to Aaron, *Go into the wilderness to meet Moses* (Exo. 4:27). God solved the problem before Moses even knew he had one!

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circumstances in our lives.**

So, as you think about the providence of God, don't think that God waits until some problem confronts you to begin solving it. Do not think of providence in this manner. There is the "preprovidence" of God - obviously solving problems before we are ever aware of them. This is how God works. This is providence! We don't need a new word to describe how He works. The old one is sufficient, provided we understand it. God works far ahead of the circumstances in our lives.

You know, it's fascinating to think that God is working right now in your life to solve problems that you don't even have. He truly is an awesome God! Reprinted from Mars Hill Messenger

## PROTECT YOUR HEART

Hungarian-born mathematician Abraham Wald lent his skills to the World War II efforts after coming to the United States in 1938. The military was looking for ways to protect its aircraft from enemy fire, so Wald and his colleagues at the Statistical Research Group were asked to figure out how to better protect military aircraft to defend against enemy fire. They began by examining returning aircraft to see where they were most damaged. But Wald is credited with the keen insight that damage on returning aircraft represented only where a plane could be hit and *still survive*. He realized that areas most in need of additional armor would be found on planes that had crashed. Planes hit in the most vulnerable part - the engine - had gone down and therefore couldn't be examined.

Solomon teaches us about protecting our most vulnerable part - our heart. He instructs his son to *guard [his] heart* because from it everything else flows (Proverbs 4:23). God's instructions guide us through life, steering us away from poor decisions and teaching us where to focus our attention.

If we armor our heart by heeding His instructions, we'll better *keep [our feet] from evil* and remain steadfast on our journey with God (v 27). We venture into enemy territory every day, but with God's wisdom guarding our hearts, we can stay focused on our mission to live well for God's glory.

Kirsten Holmberg

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

February 1 - Jerry & Pam Collier (A)  
February 3 - John Barnett  
February 4 - Zachary Tanner



**CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS**

Muffin Mixes \* Mac and Cheese \*  
Kool-Aid \* Vanilla Wafers \* Honey \*  
Crackers (Club, Cheez-its, etc)  
Pick-up Date April 13, 2026

**WILLING TO SERVE**

**February 1, 2026**

**Morning Worship:**

Song Leader.....Chase Burch  
Opening Prayer.....Jason Karnes  
Scripture.....Steve Jones  
Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
Closing Prayer.....Matt Ward

**Evening Worship:**

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

**February 4, 2026**

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....Chase Burch  
Dismissal.....Sam Garner

**February 8, 2026**

**Morning Worship:**

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams  
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
Scripture.....Jordan Ross  
Prayer.....Jason Karnes  
Closing Prayer.....Jess LeCroy

**Evening Worship:**

Song Leader.....David Carson  
Prayer.....Ron Garner  
Scripture.....Darrin Shipman  
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

**BLESSING IN THE TEARS**

I received an email from a young man in England, a son who explained that his father (only sixty-three) was in the hospital in critical condition hanging on to life. Though we'd never met \_\_\_\_\_, his dad's work and mine shared many intersections. The son, trying to cheer his father, asked me to send a video message of encouragement and prayer. Deeply moved, I recorded a short message and a prayer for healing. I was told that his dad watched the video and gave a hearty thumbs up. Sadly, a couple days later, I received another email telling me that he'd died. He held his wife's hand as his took his final breath.

My heart broke. Such love, such devastation. The family lost a husband and father far too soon. Yet it's surprising to hear Jesus insist that it's precisely these grieving ones who are blessed: *Blessed are those who mourn*, Jesus says (Matthew 5:4). Jesus isn't saying suffering and sorrow are good, but rather that God's mercy and kindness pour over those who need it most. Those overcome by grief due to death or even their own sinfulness are most in need of God's attention and consolation - and Jesus promises us *they will be comforted* (v 4).

God steps toward us, His loved children (v 9). He

"In February, the cold may linger but spring is right around the corner."

**Attendance for January 25: 15      Contribution for January 25: \$965**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Trish Swain** has been moved to Cypress Point for rehab \* **Mike Duley** will see his surgeon tomorrow about the mass on his pancreas \* **Carol Young** as she undergoes chemotherapy and radiation this week \* **Roxanne Carson** recently fell and broke her wrist \* **Marilyn Sullivan** (Millie's sister) has a mass on her ovaries \* **Kathy Caudle** has been sick for several weeks \* **Rodney Williams** waiting for results from his heart monitor \* **David Burleson** waiting for results from his last scan \* **Steve Jones** will have prostate surgery February 9 \* **Faye Dockins** is at home and has been sick. Her eyesight is also rapidly deteriorating \* **Randy English** will have a knee replacement February 16 \* **Terry Bean** (former member) and family going through some hard times with health issues \*

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** Cody Boyt \* Jerry Burleson \* David Burleson \* David Carson \* Karen Forkum \* Patsy (Hardy) Gregg \* Helen McGowan \* Jeff McGowan \* Donna McKuin \* Gloria Moore \* June Mothersbaugh \* Woody and Janet Wood

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

Melinda Akers \* Chastity Beaird \* Cathy Bennett \* Rodney Britt \* Scott Burleson \* Roxanne Carson \* Sherry Chambers \* 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 \* Cindy Miller \* Betty Nicholson \* Keagan Owens \* Nikki Reif \* Joe Richardson \* Anthony Tate \* Bobby Thornton \* Mindy Tomah \* Joyce Walker \* Christina Whitaker \* Alan Woodward

**Our Shut Ins:** Pat Cooper \* Faye Dockins \* David Terrill

**Looking Ahead:**

TODAY: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck meal following morning worship with evening service immediately afterward. Make plans to stay for both the potluck and evening service.

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February 4: Our Wednesday night fellowship meal will be taco salad. Desserts will be needed.

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February 7: We will have guest speaker Johnny Hester for our services.

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February 10: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Catch 22 in Dexter. Note the location of Catch 22 has changed and it is now located at 103 E Business Hwy 60, next to the dermatology building. There's a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

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February 15: Valentine's banquet following evening services, hosted by Cindy Burleson and Amy Thomason. Everyone is invited for an evening of good food, fun and fellowship.

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February 20-22: Challenge Youth Conference, Pigeon Forge.

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March 8: Daylight Saving Time begins.

*In sympathy*

Sympathy is extended to Ken Durham in the passing of his nephew, Mark Durham. Mark's funeral was held Thursday in Malden.

**Who's calling?**

Please note the telephone number for Amy has changed. Her new number is 573-276-8261. It has been updated in the directory as well.



**It's a BOY!**

Congratulations to Stan and Millie Dauck on the birth of their third grandchild, Harrison Gene Compton. Harrison was born January 29 and is doing just fine.

