



# TRUE LIGHT

HOME ON THE RANGE

January 11, 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***

Do you ever wish you had a "home on the range"? You know, the range. The place "where never is heard a discouraging word." Ever wish you could live there?

We should never underestimate the power of a discouraging word. There is a reason discouraging words are called discouraging words ... they discourage.

### **You've received them.**

You played your best. You gave it your all. You "left it all on the field." You helped your team win the game. After the game your dad reminded you that you missed a couple of tackles.

You practiced and practiced for your part in the school play. You memorized all your lines. You performed well. You were dubbed the "star of the show" in the school paper. On the drive home your mother pointed out that in one scene your collar was not laying down like it was supposed to.

You worked hard on the project. Logged more hours than on any job since joining the firm. You won the account. Your team goes out to celebrate a job well done. Your boss stops by to commend you for your leadership, but reminds you that the deal could have been closed much sooner if you had followed his initial suggestions.

You worked all afternoon on a special birthday dinner. All his favorites prepared just the way he likes them... just the way his mother always cooked them. You greet him at the door with his favorite drink and usher him to the table, and you're wearing his favorite outfit. He eats. He seems to enjoy it. You are holding your breath. As he gets up from the table he mutters, "Oh, man! That took so long we missed the kickoff."

*Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness (Hebrews 3:13 NTV).*

### **You've given them.**

Your daughter has worked hard to get the scholarship she needs to attend the college she has dreamed attending - your alma-mater. She is trying so hard to make you proud. She runs to you with her acceptance letter. You read the letter, hand it back to her and say, "is that the only offer you've gotten?"

Your best friend calls you to tell you she is engaged. She is excited and wanted you to be the first to know. You are excited and thank her for calling you, then quickly change the subject to your horrible bad day.

You know that your friend from church is having a tough time. His marriage is struggling. His job situation is tenuous. He recently lost his mother to cancer. He tries to keep up a good front, but you know he's struggling. One day during lunch, he opens up and shares the whole story. You listen sympathetically, but somewhat impatiently, until he finally finishes. He asks you what you think. You respond by asking him, "How is your prayer life? Sounds like you need to be in the Word more."

She worked all afternoon on a special birthday dinner for you. All your favorites prepared just the way you like them ... just the way your mother always cooked them. She greeted you at the door with your favorite drink and ushered you to the table. She wore your favorite outfit. You eat. You enjoy it. She is holding her breath. As you get up from the table you mutter, "Oh man! That took so long we missed the kickoff."

We know the power of discouraging words. We've received our share. We've given our share. We know their pain when they are spoken to us. We find out, usually too late, the impact of our words on those we love. We try to ignore their power, but we cannot.

Let's make this place and time our "Home, home on the range..." and encourage one another.  
Tom Norvell, [www.heartlight.com](http://www.heartlight.com)

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

January 12 - Phyllis Howard  
January 13 - Jason Karnes  
January 16 - Jim Ward  
January 17 - Sue Jester  
                  Larry Layton  
January 18 - Mike Duley



\*belated birthday wishes to LeDotta Pend, who celebrated January 5.

**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

Attendance for January 4: 125  
Contribution for January 4: \$5627

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Bonita Carvey** remains at Mercy Southeast with pancreatitis and norovirus. Her potassium levels continue to be low as well \* **Carol Young** is home from the hospital and doing some better. She will begin chemotherapy and radiation soon \* **Kathy Caudle** is at home with bronchitis \* **Rodney Williams** has been having issues with racing heart and will be wearing a heart monitor \* **David Burleson** scheduled for a cancer scan Tuesday \* **David Carson** will be seeing a hearing specialist in Memphis Monday \* **Steve Jones** is waiting for a surgery date \* **Faye Dockins** is at home and having some in-home physical therapy. She would welcome visitors \* **Randy English** will have a knee replacement February 16

**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 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 \* Jeanie Buck \* Scott Burleson \* Roxanne Carson \* Sherry Chambers \* Lisa 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 \* Anthony Tate \* Bobby Thornton \* Mindy Tomah \* Joyce Walker \* Christina Whitaker \* Alan Woodward

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

**Looking Ahead:**

TODAY: Please plan to stay for the congregational potluck/baby shower following morning worship for Matt & Shyann Ward. This will be a diapers and wipes shower; or if you'd like to contribute to a money tree for baby Ward, please see Millie.

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January 13: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Dexter BBQ. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

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January 14: Our Wednesday night meal will be bbq, baked potatoes, baked beans and coleslaw. Desserts will be needed.

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February 1: 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 20-22: Challenge Youth Conference at Pigeon Forge. If you are planning to attend, please get your money in to Stan asap.

**Bible Trivia:**

King Solomon had another name. What was it? \* Who was the man to build the first city and what was its name? \* What woman in the Bible made a pair of kid gloves for her son? \* A certain queen's blood was sprinkled on horses. Who was this queen? \* Who was the first musician in the Bible? What instruments did he play? \* What Bible person cut his hair only once a year?

A: Jediah (2 Samuel 12: 24,25) \* Cain, Enoch (Genesis 4:17) \* Rebekah (Genesis 27: 15,16) \* Jabez (2 Kings 9:30-33) \* Jubal - harp and organ (Genesis 4:21) \* Absalom (2 Samuel 14: 25,26)

*In Sympathy:*

*Sympathy is extended to Kent Buck in the passing of his mother, Jeanie. Her funeral was held Tuesday in Kennett.*



**WILLING TO SERVE**

**January 11, 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

**January 14, 2026**

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....Sam Garner  
Dismissal.....Darrin Shipman

**January 18, 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

**THE CROWD**

"Men have been found to resist the most powerful monarchs and to refuse to bow down before them," observed philosopher and author Hannah Arendt (1906-75). She added, "But few indeed have been found to resist the crowd, to stand up alone before misguided masses, to face their implacable frenzy without weapons." As a Jew, Arendt witnessed this firsthand in her native Germany. There's something terrifying about being rejected by the group.

The apostle Paul experienced such rejection. Trained as a Pharisee and rabbi, his life was turned upside down when he encountered the resurrected Jesus. Paul had been traveling to Damascus to persecute those who believed in Christ (Acts 9). After his conversion, the apostle found himself rejected by his own people. In his letter we know as 2 Corinthians, Paul reviewed some of the troubles he faced at their hands, among them "beatings" and "imprisonments" (6:5).

Rather than responding to such rejection with anger or bitterness, Paul longed for them to come to know Jesus too. He wrote, *I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people* (Romans 9:2-3).

As God has welcomed us into His family, may He also enable us to invite even our adversaries into a relationship with Him.

Bill Crowder