



TRUE LIGHT

QUESTIONING, GRIPING, AND COMPLAINING

February 22, 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***

We live in a world that is full of questioning, griping, and complaining. You name almost any subject and there will be someone who questions it, someone who gripes about it, or someone who complains about it. When you are put in charge of planning almost anything at work or at church or in a family - someone(s) will complain or disagree with what you have planned. It's at the wrong time, it costs too much, it's too far away, it's too much work, the food won't be any good (and I'll have to prepare some of it); and this list could go on and on.

In my daily Bible reading, I've been reading about the children of Israel being led out of Egyptian bondage and rather than being relieved that they have been set free after about 400 years of slavery, they begin to question, gripe, and complain. In condensing all of this, it finally reaches the point that God wants to destroy all of them and raise up a nation from Moses to replace them (Exodus 32:10). As we know, Moses interceded on their behalf and God relented of His plan.

This isn't the only time we find God's people questioning, griping, and complaining in the Bible, but it serves as a foundation to the thoughts I want you to consider today.

As God's people, how do we handle the words God has left us? We say that we accept His instructions for our lives that we are to fulfill, but do we ever question, gripe, and complain?

Now, before you answer that question, spend some time thinking about your past. Have you been overworked, stressed about time commitments, irritated with someone, felt like all the work was piled on you? Have you wondered if you are the only person who can do some of these jobs that come to you? Have you ever felt like you were relied upon too heavily? Have you ever resented those who sit back and enjoy life while you carry the load???? I dare to say that most of us would have to answer "yes" to those questions - or at least some of them.

Have you ever wanted to do something in your life that was directly opposed to the teachings in the New Testament? There are so many things today that our culture accepts, but those things are contrary to the teachings in the New Testament. Things like marriage to someone who is not scripturally free to marry, or marriage to someone of the same sex, or trying to change your sexual identity, drinking alcohol to fit in with the crowd, lying about something just to save face with those around you, excluding people who don't fit your lifestyle, and the list goes on. Many times we question God, gripe about restrictions that spoil our "happiness," and complain about those who would try to help us see the danger in going against God's word.

We live in a fallen world - a world full of selfishness. If anyone asks you where all of this sin has come from - selfishness is the answer. We don't want to look into God's word and find our answers for what we should and should not do. We want to do it our way. We would rather question, gripe, and complain.

The wise man Solomon ends these thoughts for me:

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgement, with every secret thing whether good or evil (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

Donna Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

February 24 - Linda LeCroy
Wayne Reams
February 25 - Kendra Summers
February 27 - Titus Dauck
Beverly Pruitt



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 February 15: 95

Contribution for February 15: \$3143

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Rodney Williams as he continues to wear a heart monitor * **Steve Jones** doing well following prostate removal surgery * **Scott Burleson** who is in gravely ill condition * **Trish Swain** in Cypress Point for rehab * **Dale Swain** will be undergoing knee replacement surgery * **Carol Young** as she undergoes chemotherapy and radiation * **Roxanne Carson** will be having gamma knife procedure this week for a small reoccurrence on a previously treated tumor * **Marilyn Sullivan** (Millie's sister) has a mass on her ovaries * **Faye Dockins** will be moving to Jackson, TN March 1 to be with her daughter * **Randy English** recovering from knee replacement surgery *

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

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

Melinda Akers * Chastity Beaird * Terry Bean family * 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: Johnny Hester will be our speaker for morning services, and Kason Lawrence will be our speaker for evening services.
- Our Wednesday fellowship meal will be fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and rolls. Desserts will be needed.
- March 1: First Sunday potluck and early evening services. We will have a potluck following morning services with an early evening service afterward. Everyone is encouraged to stay for both the potluck and evening service.
- March 8: Daylight Saving Time begins. Don't forget to "spring forward" an hour.
- March 10: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at La Cascada in Bernie. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.
- March 13-14: Inspiration 2026 with Lonnie Jones at the Dexter church of Christ. If you'd like to attend, you are asked to register by March 1. More information can be found on the bulletin board by the nursery.
- March 21: Benefit Auction for BYC at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall at Dexter church of Christ. More information can be found on the bulletin board by the nursery.
- March 29: Our spring gospel meeting with Tim Wooldridge begins and runs through April 1. Be praying now for a successful meeting.

In Sympathy: Sympathy is extended to Cindy Williams in the loss of her sister-in-law, Juanita Tomah, last week. Her funeral was held in Oklahoma this weekend.

WILLING TO SERVE

February 22, 2026

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Chase Burch
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....David Burleson
Prayer.....Jason Karnes
Closing Prayer.....Jess LeCroy

Evening Worship:

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

February 25, 2026

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
Dismissal.....Wayne Reams

March 1, 2026

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Opening Prayer.....Jason Karnes
Scripture.....Jordan Ross
Prayer.....Zack Tanner
Closing Prayer.....Matt Ward

Evening Worship:

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

LEANING INTO GOD

Harriet Tubman couldn't read or write. As an adolescent, she suffered a head injury at the hands of a cruel slave master. That injury caused her to have seizures and lapses of consciousness for the rest of her life. But once she escaped slavery, God used her to rescue as many as three hundred others.

Nicknamed "Moses" by those she freed, Harriet bravely made nineteen trips back to the pre-Civil War South to rescue others. She continued even when there was a price on her head and her life was in constant danger. A devoted believer in Jesus, she carried a hymnal and a Bible on every trip and had others read her verses, which she committed to memory and quoted often. "I prayed all the time," she said, "about my work, everywhere; I was always talking to the Lord." She also gave God credit for the smallest successes. Her life was a powerful expression of the apostle Paul's instruction to the earliest Christians: *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

When we lean into God in the moment and live dependently in prayer, praising Him despite our difficulties, He gives us the strength to accomplish even the most challenging tasks. Our Savior is greater than anything we face, and He will lead us as we look to Him.

James Banks