



TRUE LIGHT

February 8, 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**

LIVING SIMPLY?

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs (1 Timothy 6:6-10).

This one line stands out to me: *But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.*

That line jumps off the page because I wonder: Will we? Will we be content with just food and clothing?

Every time I pull my car into our two-car garage, I see boxes lining the walls. They are filled with clothes we are not wearing, sporting equipment we are not using, and decorations that are only decorating the boxes into which they've been stuffed.

When I drive through neighborhoods, I see cars sitting in driveways because they've filled their garages with exercise equipment and building materials they can't cram into their houses.

When I drive down city streets, I see housing development after housing development, in part, because we are not satisfied with our current living situation.

When I go to the grocery store, I usually leave with more than I need and can't remember the last time I didn't stand in line to check out (even with the self-checkout lanes).

[Then there are] the - ads that show up on my social media pages and repeatedly appear on tv to incessantly challenge my notion of contentment.

Don't take this to mean I have anything against using your garage as a workshop or workout room. I have no problems with community growth, buying groceries to feed our families, or companies promoting their products. My concern, however, is the difficulty we have in experiencing the great gain of godliness in contentment.

Contentment is a great challenge for all who live in the land of plenty. We like that "plenty," okay! More, however, is better. Enough is seldom enough.

It's only natural, isn't it?

It's the American way, right?

It's the way of the modern world, correct?

Not according to Jesus and his followers.

The call to live simply and with contentment is not easy. I am not there, but I'm trying. I've been attempting to live simply for many years. I have made some progress. I have fewer boxes in my garage. I have less stuff in my attic. I'm trying to be content with my [old] iPhone. I still drive a 2007 Toyota Highlander with almost 250,000 miles on it. I'm trying to live simply and with contentment, but I'm not where I want to be.

You may share a similar battle. Don't give up. Live simply. Be content with what you have. Trust the Lord to show you the "great gain."



Tom Norvell, www.heartlight.org

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

February 9 - Bill Pruitt
Luke Worley
February 10 - Ron Garner
James Halterman
February 11 - Ronnie Moore
February 14 - Helen McGowan
Jeff McGowan



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 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

February 11, 2026

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....David Burleson
Dismissal.....Wayne Reams

February 15, 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

GOD'S ARMS ARE OPEN

I frowned at my cellphone and sighed. Worry wrinkled my brow. A friend and I had had a serious disagreement over an issue with our children, and I knew I needed to call her and apologize. I didn't want to do it because our viewpoints were still in conflict, yet I knew I hadn't been kind or humble the last time we discussed the matter.

Anticipating the phone call, I wondered, *What if she doesn't forgive me? What if she doesn't want to continue our friendship?* Just then, lyrics to a song came to mind and took me back to the moment when I confessed my sin in the situation to God. I felt relief because I knew God had forgiven me and released me from guilt.

We can't control how people will respond to us when we try to work out relational problems. As long as we own up to our part, humbly ask for forgiveness, and make any changes needed, we can let God handle the healing. Even if we have to endure the pain of unresolved "people problems," peace with Him is always possible. God's arms are open, and He is waiting to show us the grace and mercy we need. *If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness* (1 John 1:9).

Jennifer Benson Schuldt

To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold.
Aristotle

Attendance for February 1: 109

Contribution for February 1: \$7448

***This bulletin was printed in advance. Please listen to announcements for updates.**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Steve Jones will have surgery tomorrow to remove his prostate * **Trish Swain** in Cypress Point for rehab * **Mike Duley** met with his surgeon Monday about removing the mass in his pancreas * **Carol Young** as she undergoes chemotherapy and radiation * **Roxanne Carson** will be having surgery for a broken 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 * **Faye Dockins** will be moving to Jackson, TN to be with her daughter * **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 Jerals * 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: We will have guest speaker Johnny Hester for our services.
- 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.
- February 11: Wednesday night fellowship meal to be announced.
- 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.
- February 20-22: Challenge Youth Conference, Pigeon Forge.
- March 8: Daylight Saving Time begins.

BIBLE TRIVIA:

When a certain king tried to take the place of the priest at the altar, he was struck with leprosy. Who was this king? * How was Naaman healed of his leprosy? * While _____ was hanging in a tree, he was killed by three darts from Joab. * Nicodemus put how many pounds of myrrh and aloes on the body of Jesus? * What was the name of the person who became king while he was a little child? * Job's friends sat in silence with Job and mourned with him for how many days?

Answers: Uzziah (2 Chron. 26:18-21) * He dipped seven times in the Jordan River (2 Kings 5:1,10,14) * Absalom (2 Samuel 18:14) * One hundred pounds (John 19:39) - Josiah (2 Kings 22:1) * Seven days (Job 2:11,13)