



# TRUE LIGHT

## THE VALUE OF SMALL

April 26, 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**

Is it possible that we have misunderstood, or ignored, the value of small? Jesus saw something in smallness that we may overlook.

Consider these statements:

*When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?*

*The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me' (Matthew 25:39-40 NIV).*

*They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'*

*He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'*

*Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life (Matt. 25:44-46).*

*Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. Then he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all - he is the greatest' (Luke 9:47-49).*

*Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them (Matthew 18:19-20).*

Jesus saw the value of small.

We tend to focus on big. Big cars. Big houses. Big churches. Big budgets. Big signs. Big events. Big bank accounts. Big projects. Big attendance. Big numbers. Big buildings. From the outside looking in, would it appear that we believe that big equals better?

Jesus did not seem to be implying that big is necessarily bad. He also encouraged us to have enough faith to do big things. He emphasized having a faith that will move mountains, faith to walk on water, and that the disciple's faith would enable them to do even greater things than they had seen Him do.

However, we must not forget that those big things begin with something small: faith the size of a mustard seed, taking one step outside of the boat, serving one another, and washing feet. Jesus pointed to children as our example of what "the kingdom is like." He spoke of being the least in the kingdom. He reminds of the importance of simply offering someone a cup of water.

Perhaps we should consider our plans and reevaluate our approach to life and to ministry. We would do well not to allow ourselves to be so enamored by the big that we miss the value of the small. It may very well be that the greatest impact you will have this week in the life of another human being will come from doing something small. One conversation. A word of gratitude. A kind comment. A one-on-one conversation. A moment of listening. A small group study. Two or three gathered to pray. A single thoughtful act. A good application of the Scripture. A phone call. A text message. An email. A gentle touch. A note of encouragement. A small gift. An hour of your time.

Just this week, pay attention to small. Let God turn it into something big ... but only if He wants it to be big.

Tom Norvell, [www.heartlight.com](http://www.heartlight.com)

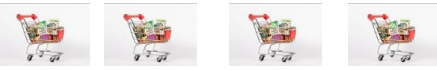
**BIRTHDAYS/  
ANNIVERSARIES**

April 27 - Amelia Garner  
 April 29 - Scott Flannery  
 April 30 - Steve Burch  
 May 2 - Celia McGowan  
 Annabelle Shelton



**CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS**

Country Gravy Mix \* Brown Gravy  
 Mix \* BBQ Sauce \* Diced Tomatoes \*  
 Black Olives \* Pickles  
 Pick up date: August 3rd



**WILLING TO SERVE**

**April 26, 2026**

**Morning Worship:**

Song Leader.....Chase Burch  
 Opening Prayer.....Jason Karnes  
 Scripture.....Jordan Ross  
 Prayer.....Zack Tanner  
 Closing Prayer.....Matt Ward

**Evening Worship:**

Song Leader.....David Carson  
 Prayer.....Sam Garner  
 Scripture.....Rodney Williams  
 Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

**April 29, 2026**

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
 Prayer.....David Carson  
 Dismissal.....Justin Allen

**May 3, 2026**

**Morning Worship:**

Song Leader.....Ralph Mullins  
 Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
 Scripture.....Steve Jones  
 Prayer.....Jason Karnes  
 Closing Prayer.....Jess LeCroy

**Evening Worship:**

Song Leader.....Chase Burch  
 Prayer.....Ron Garner  
 Scripture.....Darrin Shipman  
 Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

**DIFFICULT PEOPLE**

Lucy Worsley is a British historian and TV presenter. Like most people in the public eye, she sometimes receives nasty mail - in her case, over a mild speech impediment that makes her *r*'s sound like *w*'s. One person wrote this: "Lucy, I'll be blunt: Please try harder to correct your lazy speech or remove the *r*'s from your scripts - I couldn't sit through your TV series because it made me so annoyed. Regards, Darren."

For some people, an insensitive comment like this might trigger an equally rude reply. But here's how Lucy responded: "Oh, Darren, I think you've used the anonymity of the internet to say something you probably wouldn't say to my face. Please reconsider your unkind words! Lucy."

Lucy's measured response worked. Darren apologized and vowed not to send anyone such an email again.

*A gentle answer turns away wrath, Proverbs says, but a harsh word stirs up anger (15:1). While the hot-tempered person stirs things up, the patient person calms them down (v 18). When we get a critical comment from a colleague, a snide remark from a family member or a nasty reply from a stranger, we have a choice: to speak angry words that fuel the flames or gentle words that douse them.*

May God help us to speak words that turn away wrath - and perhaps even help difficult people to change.  
 Sheridan Voysey

**Attendance for April 19: 108**

**Contribution for April 19: \$4359**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Cindy Williams** struggling with sciatic nerve pain. She saw her doctor Thursday \* **Ron Garner** is home and recovering from back surgery \* **Sue Jester** is in room HB3 at Cypress Point and planning to be released Friday \* **David Burleson** doing well following his chemo treatments \* **Pat Cooper** currently at Annie's Garden skilled nursing facility in Sikeston for some rehab \* **Janet Woods** was unable to have back surgery due to osteoporosis. She will be getting treatments for several months to build up the bone in order to try again \* **Trish Swain** is scheduled to be released from Cypress Point Saturday

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** Cody Boyt \* Jerry Burleson \* David Burleson \* David Carson \* Faye Dockins \* Mike Duley \* 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 \* Terry Bean family \* Cathy Bennett \* Rodney Britt \* Scott Burleson \* Roxanne Carson \* Sherry Chambers \* Randy Cravens \* Barbara Denson \* Bill Fitzpatrick \* 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: Austin Holiman will be our guest speaker.
- Wednesday Fellowship Meal will be BBQ, baked potatoes, slaw and baked beans. Desserts will be needed.
- May 3: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck meal following morning service with an afternoon service immediately following. Please make plans to stay for both the potluck and afternoon service.
- May 12: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Granny Lou's in Bernie. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.
- May 17: Senior Sunday recognition following evening worship. Our two seniors this year are Houston Neely and Jordan Ross. Parents, please gather 50-75 photos and give them to Amy or submit them digitally as soon as possible.

**BIBLE TRIVIA:**

The men of ? were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly. \* In what book of the Bible do we find the first mention of a physician? \* When Jeremiah said that all their heads would be shaved and their beards clipped, who was he speaking about? \* Whose lips quivered and bones decayed when he heard the voice of the Lord?

A: Sodom (Gen 27:26,27) \* Jeremiah (8:22) \*  
 Moab (Jeremiah 48:36,37 \* Habakkuk 9:3:16)

**\*More\* Bible Trivia**

What kind of man was Boaz before he married? Ruthless.  
 What do they call elders in Germany? German Shepherds.  
 Who was the greatest financier in the Bible? Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.  
 Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible? Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.