



# TRUE LIGHT

## A LIFE WORTHY OF SACRIFICE

May 24, 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**

The message of Memorial Day is one of sacrifice. On this day, we honor those who - throughout the history of our nation - paid the ultimate price to secure and defend our freedom. These were fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, who said goodbye to their families, never to return. It's our honor to keep their memory alive.

In John 15:13, Jesus makes a simple, yet profound statement:

***Greater love hath no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends (NKJV)***

This verse often comes to mind when I think of the sacrifice of those who died in service to our nation. This is the ultimate gift - there's nothing more a soldier can give. They've paid the price with their very breath and blood, all for you and me.

Of course, when Jesus said those words, He understood that He, too, would soon give His own life. In Mark 10:45, Jesus said, *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many (NKJV).*

Our military members surrendered their lives to secure our freedom in this mortal realm, and Jesus gave His life - conquering sin and the grave - to offer us eternal freedom from the bondage of sin and the power of death.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 reinforces this truth: *O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (NKJV).*

This Memorial Day, I invite you to take a moment to consider the incredible price that has been paid by so many for the freedom we have in the United States. Be grateful for those who gave all they had for you and for me. Honor those who have gone before.

At the same time, devote yourself to living for Christ, whose death and resurrection opened the door to salvation. As Paul writes in Romans 12:1, *Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service (NKJV).*

Surrender everything to the one who paid the debt for you, cling to His promises, and live a life worthy of the sacrifices that have been made for us. Will Graham

## A LIVING MEMORIAL OF KINDNESS

I grew up in a church full of traditions. One came into play when a beloved family member or friend died. Often a church pew or possibly a painting in a hallway showed up not long afterward with a brass plate affixed: *"In Memory Of..."* The deceased's name would be etched there, a shining reminder of a life passed on. I always appreciated those memorials. And I still do. Yet at the same time they've always given me pause because they are static, inanimate objects, in a very literal sense of something "not alive." Is there a way to add an element of "life" to the memorial?

Following the death of his beloved friend Jonathan, David wanted to remember him and to keep a promise to him (1 Samuel 20:12-17). But rather than simply seek something static, David searched and found something very much alive - a son of Jonathan (2 Samuel 9:3). David's decision here is dramatic. He chose to extend kindness (v 1) to Mephibosheth (vv 6-7) in the specific forms of restored property (*all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul*) and the ongoing provision of food and drink (*you will always eat at my table*).

As we continue to remember those who've died with plaques and paintings, may we also recall David's example and extend kindness to those still living. John Blase

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

May 29 - Kayli Lawrence



## 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

**May 24, 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.....Darrin Shipman  
Scripture.....Sam Garner  
Dismissal.....Justin Allen

**May 27, 2026**

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton  
Prayer.....Justin Allen  
Dismissal.....Mike Duley

**May 31, 2026**

### Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Chase Burch  
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely  
Scripture.....Steve Jones  
Prayer.....Jason Karnes  
Closing Prayer.....Jess LeCroy

### Evening Worship:

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

Attendance for May 17: 101

Contribution for May 17: \$5117

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Larry Layton** recovering from triple bypass surgery Friday at Mercy Hospital in Cape \* **DeeDee Burch** remains in St. Francis Hospital in Cape in serious condition following several strokes last week \* **Cindy Williams** remains in Barnes Hospital and is scheduled for a procedure Tuesday to insert a stabilizing rod to help repair the fractures in her back. She will begin radiation in a few weeks \* **David Burleson** will have a scan for prostate cancer Thursday. He is also continuing with chemo treatments for his leukemia \* **Joseph Dauck** (Stan's nephew) has been diagnosed with lung cancer \* **Pat Cooper** remains at Annie's Garden skilled nursing facility in Sikeston for rehab \*

**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 Beard \* Terry Bean family \* Cathy Bennett \* Rodney Britt \* Jerry Bullock \* 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 \* Nikki Reif \* Joe Richardson \* Dewayne Stidham \* Anthony Tate \* Bobby Thornton \* Mindy Tomah \* Joyce Walker \* Christina Whitaker \* Alan Woodward

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

Those who drive along Highway 18 in western Oregon each fall are greeted with a delightful surprise from the tree-covered hillside flanking the road: a giant smiley face. The cheerful face is only visible in the autumn when the Larch tree needles turn yellow, contrasting with the surrounding, dark green Douglas fir trees (which create the eyes and mouth). A lumber company planted the three-hundred-foot-diameter face in 2011 as part of an effort to replenish the timber they'd harvested.

Isaiah invites us to know God as the one who brings life to desolate places. He reminded the Israelites during the barrenness of their captivity that God [makes] *rivers flow*, can *turn the desert into pools of water*, and *grow the cedar and the acacia* in the desert (Isaiah 41:18-19). God does all these things not solely for His (and our) delight; He plants junipers, fir, and cypress *so that people may see and know* (v 20) that He authors all and will ultimately redeem all - even those places thought to be a *wasteland* (v 19).

Though we may not glimpse a face smiling back at us from a hillside, all of creation can remind us of God's redemptive power over our world and our individual circumstances - even in the wake (of fear) of devastation. Let's seek His face as our source of hope and joy amid our struggles.  
Kirsten Holmberg

## LOOKING AHEAD:

- May 30: Ladies Day at Valley View church of Christ with guest speaker Janet Marks. The theme is "He Restoreth My Soul - the Value of Soul Health." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.
- June 3: Our Summer Speaker Series begins with Brent Newton. There is a schedule of speakers on the table in the foyer.
- June 7: Our first Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck meal following morning worship and an evening service shortly thereafter. Everyone is encouraged to stay for both the potluck and the service following.
- June 9: Ladies Lunch Out at China Buffet/Mongolian Grill in Sikeston at 11:30. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.
- June 14: CRC Day. We will have a box in the foyer for donations to Crowley's Ridge College for their Bible major program.

## BIBLE TRIVIA:

In the end of the book of Job, how many camels did God give to Job? \* When Elijah built the altar on Mount Carmel, how many stones did he use? \* What were the names of Pharaoh's two store cities in the book of Exodus?

A: 6,000 (Job 42:12) \* Twelve (1 Kings 18:31,32) \* Pithom, Ramesses (Exodus 1:11)