



TRUE LIGHT

June 14, 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**

WHY WOULD GOD ASK QUESTIONS?

The "fancy" word we use to describe one of the attributes of God is "omniscient." What that means, of course, is that He knows everything.

Since that is the case, why do we not get very far in the reading of the Bible until we read of this omniscient, all-knowing God asking a question? If He knows everything, why would He have needed to ask Adam and Eve where they were? If what we believe about God is true, would He not have known where they were hiding and what they had done to make them want to hide from Him?

Please allow me to suggest some scenarios that might help to explain where I am going with this:



- Maybe a person is driving at a speed far above the posted speed limit and a policeman pulls him or her over and asks, "Do you know how fast you were going?" Don't you think that the officer already knows that information?
- Maybe a person is being tried for a crime and the prosecuting attorney asks, "Where were you on the night of _____?" Do you think that the attorney would ask that question without already knowing the answer?
- Maybe a person has tried to return an item to a store and there are obvious signs that the item has been worn, used, etc. When the person at the store asks if it has ever been worn or used, do you think that he or she knows whether or not it has been?

It seems to me that the answer to those questions (and many others like them) may help us to understand why God asks questions. He does not need *information*. Instead, He knows that we are the ones who need something.

For example; God may know that we need to involve ourselves in some *contemplation*. It seems to me that He asked Adam and Eve where they were in order for them to contemplate what they had done, why they had done it, and how serious their actions were.

All of those questions that God asked Job in chapters thirty-eight and thirty-nine of the book that bears his name seem to be questions asked as sort of a *confrontation*. The "bottom line" of those questions, it seems to me, was God's way of saying, in effect, "Job, I am God and you are not." Maybe, along with that, God was wanting Job to engage in some *introspection*.

I'm certain that you may be able to come up with other and better explanations that explain why we read of God asking questions in the Bible. None of those questions diminish Him in any way. On the contrary, they should make us appreciate and revere Him even more.

Oh, and that first question God ever asked - it still kind of hangs in the air for all of us -

Where are you?

Jim Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

June 14 - Jason Shelton
 June 16 - Judy Flannery
 June 17 - David & Cindy Burleson (A)
 Mike & Judy Duley (A)
 June 21 - Marty Howard



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

June 14, 2026

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Chase Burch
 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

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Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
 Prayer.....Sam Garner
 Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

June 21, 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.....David Carson
 Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
 Scripture.....Sam Garner
 Dismissal.....Justin Allen

SEASONS OF LOVE

Flowers don't have to be in bloom to be beautiful, says famed landscape designer Piet Oudolf. Even in the dead of winter, the Dutch gardener's award-winning designs are known for their stunning appeal. "Beauty is in so many things you wouldn't think of," Oudolf says, although some may disagree. "The moment you say I love plants that are dead [dormant]," he said, "then you have a problem because people don't like dead plants."

Oudolf's appreciation of plants' life cycles echoes a core spiritual principle: While we were dead in our sins, God loved us. "You see," explained the apostle Paul, "at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly" (Romans 5:6). Paul continued, "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (v 8).

Jesus chose disciples with flaws. He ate meals with known sinners. He healed outcasts. Oudolf, likewise, is "interested in plants not only for their flowers, but also for their personality" -- seeing beauty "in things that, on first sight, are not beautiful."

As bearers of God's image, we show Him to the world in how we relate to Him and each other. Planted in His love, we're anointed by our Father to bloom anew in Him - once-dead sinners showing His beauty to a world longer for a glimpse of Him.
 Patrica Raybon

Attendance for June 7: 103

Contribution for June 7: \$5794

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

* **Cindy Williams** has started radiation treatments which will be followed by chemo and immunotherapy * **David Burleson** as he continues with chemo treatments for his leukemia and will begin radiation treatments * **Wayne Reams** recovering from surgery last week * **Larry Layton** doing well following triple bypass surgery * **Joseph Dauck** (Stan's nephew) has started treatments for lung cancer * **Pat Cooper** is back at Central Gardens and would welcome visitors * **Randy English** was scheduled for knee replacement surgery yesterday

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 McKuinn * 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 * 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

LOOKING AHEAD:

- TODAY: CRC Day. We will have a box in the foyer for donations to Crowley's Ridge College for their Bible major program.
- June 17 - Our Summer Series Speaker this week will be Kason Lawrence, minister at South Thornton church of Christ in Piggott.
- July 5: First Sunday potluck and early evening worship service. We will have potluck following morning worship, followed by an early afternoon worship service. Everyone is encouraged to stay for both the potluck and afternoon worship.
- July 5: Session 3 of Bootheel Youth Camp begins. Applications are available online, and there are printed applications on the table in the foyer. If you need help paying for camp this year, please see one of the elders.
- July 14: Ladies Lunch Out at Pizza Hut in Dexter. A sign up sheet will be available shortly.
- July 19-22: Vacation Bible School! Our theme this year focuses on the fruits of the spirit. See Ginger Beaird for ways you can help make our VBS a success!

BAPTISM:

Congratulations to our new brother in Christ, Justin Cummings, who was baptized into Christ last week. Justin is the husband of Cassie, and son-in-law of Kendra Summers. If you haven't met Justin yet, make time to do so. Welcome to the family, Justin!