



TRUE LIGHT

JUST GOT THAT LOOK!

August 2, 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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I've just got that look.

I threaded my way through the hotel lobby last night. Tall, muscular men were everywhere. They were dressed in shorts and shirts emblazoned with the logos of athletic sportswear companies. A few equally-tall older men stood around the fringes of the group. I saw one turn when he was addressed as "Coach."

Pulling my suitcase and holding my garment bag, I struggled to punch the elevator button with my elbow. I was rescued by a woman carrying a pizza box who was headed upstairs to her room.

"What floor you headed to?" she asked.

"Six," I answered.

As the door closed and the hydraulic pumps began moving the car upward, she delivered a question I hadn't heard in a long time. "Are you part of the team?"

"The team?"

"Oh, I'm sorry. I guess you're not," she stated. "I just thought you looked like you were here with the national basketball team from France."

I pulled myself up to my full five-foot-five inches. I've always prided myself on having that athletic look.

As she got off on the fourth floor, I was still smiling and working hard to maintain good stature. That athletic look. Then I happened to think - maybe she thought I looked like a Frenchman. When I got to the room, I spent a little while in front of the mirror. In the absence of a beret, I just didn't see the French connection.

Had to be the athletic look. Or just the assumption that everyone in the hotel was with the team.

But then it happened again today. I dropped into a local phone store to pick up a travel charger for my business-owned phone. The young lady behind the counter asked me for the phone number. Noticing the account name was a university, she asked, "Division I?"

"No, Division II."

"What are you doing in Dallas - recruiting?"

I fielded the question with what I thought was a clever response. "I'm always recruiting for the university."

"What's your sport?" she asked. She moved slightly from behind her cash register to look me over again.

"What's your guess?"

"I'm thinking tennis or track - although I guess you could be a basketball coach."

I was hoping for power-lifting or defensive line coach, but I felt pretty good about her conjectures.

"What makes you think I'm an athletic recruiter?"

"I don't know. There's just something about you."

Her interest waned a bit when I told her what I really do for a living. She took my money and I wandered out of the store wondering just what it was that she saw. I have to say I was feeling pretty good about myself. Two different people on two different days saw me as something I wasn't, but would like to be. Makes me wonder if I need to change my look. After all, wouldn't it be more of a thrill for people to see me for what I really am and for that to be so remarkable that they want to ask me about it?

If I truly lived as God's man, I think they would know whose team I'm on and who I recruit for. That's the look.

Joey Cope, www.heartlight.com

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

August 5 - Rodney & Lisa Britt (A)
Jon & Leslie Neely (A)
August 6 - Isaiah Collier
August 8 - Paul Gresham
Jess LeCroy
Sam & Nicole Garner (A)
August 9 - Anna Williams



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

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



Attendance July 26: 70

Contribution July 26: \$3376

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Cindy Williams has some additional spots on her spine. Please pray fervently for her * **June Mothersbaugh** has been to the ER a few times with knee issues * **Sue Jester** recovering from low sodium/dehydration and is doing better * **Beth Gresham** dealing with a shingles outbreak * **Robbie Buck** continuing to improve following a stent removal * **David Carson** doing better * **Tim Flowers** is expecting to begin treatments for MDS, a blood cancer. He has also had some issues with low blood pressure * **David Burleson** as he continues with chemo treatments for his leukemia and will begin radiation treatments * **Janet and Woody Woods** still dealing with health issues. Woody will meet with his surgeon Wednesday.

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 * 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 * Joseph Dauck * 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: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck meal following morning worship, followed by an early evening service. Everyone is encouraged to stay for both the potluck and afternoon service.
- August 3: Grocery Run for the Children's Home. Let's get the cart filled up.
- August 3: Sumer Youth Series at Shady Acres at 7 p.m.
- August 5: Mitchell Rogers will be our Summer Series Speaker.
- August 7-8: Youth Rally at Arnold church of Christ with guest speaker Chase Green. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.
- August 10: Summer Youth Series at Dexter at 7 p.m.
- August 11: Ladis Lunch Out at 11:30 at Huddle House in Dexter. There's a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.
- August 19: BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag) supper in the fellowship room at 6 p.m. Bring food for your family and come eat with us. Drinks will be provided.
- August 27
- - Ladies supper and devotional at the home of Amy Thomason at 6 p.m. Bring your

"August rain. the best of summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time."
Sylvia Plath, the Unabridged Journals of Sylvia Plath

WILLING TO SERVE

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Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Chase Burch
Opening Prayer.....Jason Karnes
Scripture.....Darrin Shipman
Prayer.....Zack Tanner
Closing Prayer.....Matt Ward

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....Justin Allen
Scripture.....Sam Garner
Dismissal.....David Burleson

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

August 9, 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
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WALKING IN INTEGRITY

An Uber driver named Esbon Kamau picked up a sixteen-year-old rider who was on his way to purchase a motorcycle - a gift from his father. After Kamau dropped the passenger off, he noticed the teen had left a bag in the back seat. There was \$8,000 inside - the cash needed for the purchase of the motorcycle. Kamau quickly contacted Uber to try and locate the passenger. Soon Kamau delivered the cash back to the grateful, relieved young man. "Do the right thing at the right time," Kamau said, "and don't let selfishness overpower [you]."

Kamau displayed integrity. He resisted making a fast buck or taking advantage of someone's mistake. Instead, he chose to simply do the right thing. *Whoever walks in integrity walks securely*, Proverbs says (10:0). When we practice integrity, we never have to worry about remembering what we said to whom, because truth is our only concern. When we practice integrity, we don't have to fear for our reputation or that our schemes will catch up with us (v 23). We don't have to be concerned about being a person whose *crooked paths will be found out* (v 9). We simply live true - displaying wisdom (v 13) that comes from God. We're secure and free in Him.

We face numerous temptations to lie or manipulate in life, but God calls us to walk with Him. And as we do, we can lead *blameless* (v 29) lives of integrity.

Winn Collier