



TRUE LIGHT

JUST KEEP SINGING

July 12, 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."*

Psalms 118:24

***We Welcome You
To All Of Our
Services***

*Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;
It is fitting for the upright to praise him (Psalm 33:1 TNIV).*

Less than two months after the doctor told him he had cancer, my friend was in the last hours of his life. His body was shutting down. His speech was infrequent and not intelligible. At times, he appeared to have slipped from consciousness. At other times, it was clear that he knew the loved ones in the room with him. The family decided that in his last waking hours they would sing songs of praise to God to sing my friend home to God. After all, he had always loved to sing praises to the Lord.

As they began this time of praise, it became clear my friend was not only aware, but that he was also a part of these songs of praise. As his family and friends sang, he beat the time to the songs with one hand to show that his heart was joining in their praise of God, the God in whom he had put his trust. Even the grip of death could not hold his heart from praise or keep his spirit from singing.

The gift of song is precious. It has sustained Christians under trial and persecution from the earliest days of the church until this very day. The song of faith is resilient. It can stand up under the harshest bombardments, be they emotional, physical, or spiritual. The object of our singing is our Father in heaven; the one who is ever faithful. As the psalmist says:

*We wait in hope for the Lord;
He is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice,
For we trust in his holy name (Psalm 33:20-21).*

Long ago, the apostle Paul and his companion Silas, were praying and singing hymns to God at midnight in Philippi. They had been beaten, placed in the inner most place in the jail, and placed in stocks (Acts 16:26). Pain, threat, and persecution could not silence their voices not interrupt their praise and prayer. They would allow nothing to keep them from singing praises to their God! The result of this faith in the face of threat, persecution, and possible death was the conversion of their jailer and his whole household (Acts 16:29-34). Such is the power of song when immersed in faith in the eternal and faithful God.

So no matter where you are and what you face, remember your God and celebrate your faith in him through song. No matter what has you in its grip, remember that the Father's grip is stronger and that he will carry you home. And to keep you from forgetting, just keep singing!

*May your unfailling love be with us, Lord,
Even as we put our hope in you (Psalm 33:22).*

Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

THE DREAM TEAM

Together, friends Melanie and Trevor have hiked miles of mountain trails. Yet neither would be able to do so without the other. Melanie, born with spina bifida, uses a wheelchair. Trevor lost his sight due to glaucoma. The duo realized they were one another's perfect complement for enjoying the Colorado wilderness: as he walks the trails, Trevor carries Melanie on his back; meanwhile, she gives him verbal directions. They describe themselves as a "dream team."

Paul describes believers in Jesus - the body of Christ - as a similar kind of "dream team." He urged the Romans to recognize how their individual giftings benefited the larger group. Just as our physical bodies are made up of many parts, each with different functions, together we *form one* [spiritual] *body* and our gifts are meant to be given in service for the collective benefit of the church (Romans 12:5). Whether in the form of giving, encouraging, or teaching, or any of the other spiritual gifts, Paul instructs us to view ourselves and our gifts as belonging to all the others (v 5-8).

Melanie and Trevor aren't focused on what they lack, nor are they prideful of what they do have in comparison to the other. Rather, they cheerfully give of their "gifts" in service to the other, recognizing how much they're both bettered by their collaboration. May we too freely combine the gifts God has given us with those of our fellow members - for the sake of Christ.

Kirsten Holmberg

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

July 12 - Josh Young
 July 13 - Jerry Collier
 July 15 - Jason McGowan
 July 16 - Rick & Ginger Beaird (A)
 July 19 - Walker Boyt



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

July 12, 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

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Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
 Prayer.....Sam Garner
 Dismissal.....Mike Duley

July 19, 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.....Rodney Williams
 Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
 Scripture.....Sam Garner
 Dismissal.....Justin Allen

GOD WATCHING OVER US

The angels were there all along, but no one alive had seen them. They adorned the walls of an old church in Boston, looking down from on high, but they'd been covered with layers of paint more than a century ago. Church records indicated a contract with a member of the congregation to paint them in 1730 when the church was undergoing construction. A recent restoration project that commenced in 2017 led to the discovery of the angels.

Scripture speaks of supernatural beings - real, not painted - that were present when others were not aware. On one occasion, the prophet Elisha was surrounded by the arm of the king of Aram. When his servant saw the hostile forces, he cried out, *Oh, no, my lord! What shall we do* (2 Kings 6:15). *Don't be afraid*, the prophet answered, *Those who are with us are more than those who are with them* (v 16). Elisha prayed for his servant's eyes to be opened, and *he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha* (v 17).

Angels are *ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation* (Hebrews 1:14), messengers of God sent to help us. We may or may not see them, but they're there because God has more ways of watching over us than we can imagine. And that should cause us to praise Him, like the angels do.

James Banks

Attendance July 5: 110

Contribution July 5: \$3888

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Robbie Buck at home and feeling some better following a hospital procedure last week * **David Carson** doing better * **Tim Flowers** still waiting for biopsy results. He has also been diagnosed with Alpha-Gal syndrome * **Cindy Williams** continuing with 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** doing well following recent surgery * **Joseph Dauck** (Stan's nephew) has started treatments for lung cancer * **Janet and Woody Woods** still dealing with health issues. Woody will meet with his surgeon August 5.

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 * Barbara Denson * Bill Fitzpatrick * 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 * Nikki Reif * Joe Richardson * Dewayne Stidham * Anthony Tate * Bobby Thornton * Mindy Tomah * Joyce Walker * Christina Whitaker * Alan Woodward

LOOKING AHEAD:

- July 14: Ladies Lunch Out at Pizza Hut in Dexter at 11:30. A sign up sheet will be available shortly.
- July 15: BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag) supper at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room. Come eat with us! Provide food for your own family, drinks will be provided, and maybe a special dessert or two.
- July 15: Our Summer Series Speaker will be Jay Lyles from the Slicer Street congregation.
- July 19-22: Vacation Bible School starts next Sunday! Our theme this year focuses on the fruit of the spirit. See Ginger Beaird for ways you can help make our VBS a success! There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you can help provide cookies or other items needed.
- July 27: Summer Youth Series at Green Forest at 7 p.m.
- 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 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.