



TRUE LIGHT

WHAT A WEEK

July 19, 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***

Eighty-eight degrees today! What a day for the air to go out on my Jeep. It would be several days before I had time to leave it overnight to be fixed. It was yet another item to add to the "to do" heap. Rolling down the window, I told myself it was going to be a long, hot week.

The first afternoon in my "open air" truck turned out to be milder than most. The deep blue sky made known the coming summer shower - a respite from a lengthy run of dry and sweltry June days. As I drove through the back roads, up and down the Tennessee hills, I could smell and feel the soft, cool breeze as it gained strength. The first few drops of rain fell softly on my arm. It was invigorating and refreshing. I asked myself why I usually avoid this. The shower was short. It was

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sweet. I couldn't remember ever seeing things look so vividly green, dotted with bright orange daylilies hanging off the hillsides. The trees and the grass soaked in their cool drink of water. I soaked in the beauty of this summer afternoon.

The sun nudged its way back out and peeked at me through the trees. It was then that I remembered back in the deepest part of winter that I looked at these trees when they were gray and bare. I had ached to see them come back to life. Back then, spring seemed so far away. Today, they were so weighted down with lush, green leaves and leftover drops of rain that I could almost reach out and touch them from my open window as I drove past.

In those raw winter days, the thought of getting near the creek close to home was unimaginable. It would've been cold enough to sting my skin. Today, the creek was gentle and soothing. Water meandered effortlessly over flint rocks as it formed tiny whitecaps all along the way. Just days prior, my son and I waded in that creek one afternoon. With the sound of the water rushing by, I remembered the feeling of mud between my toes and how much fun it was for him. It's funny; I didn't notice the creek when my windows were up.

Later that week, driving those roads long after dusk, the sound of crickets filled the warm summer night. Summer camp hayrides from years ago came to my mind. From the back of the wagon, I remember watching the head boys and girls counselors holding hands. I told myself then that one day I would find my soul mate and fall in love just like them. Seventeen years later, on a night just like that one, I did.

During that week, I thanked God for withholding certain things from me now and then in order to teach me to dream; and I thanked Him for bringing it to my attention when I'm actually living inside those dreams.

That weekend my husband asked me, "Have you still not taken your car to get your air fixed?"

"Maybe next week," I told him.

Kelly Breece, www.heartlight.com



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

STARTS TONIGHT AT 6 PM; MONDAY-THURSDAY 6:30 PM
**Make sure to invite all your friends and family as
we learn about living a spirit-filled life in Jesus.**

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

July 19 - Walker Boyt
July 20 - Cindy Williams
July 23 - Sharon Durham
Johnny McGowan
June Mothersbaugh
Tansley Shelton
Cameron Shipman
July 24 - Cathy Provance
July 25 - Donna Layton



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

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



Attendance July 12: 105
Contribution July 12: \$4375

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Robbie Buck at home and feeling some better 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 * **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 * **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 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

Our Shut Ins: Pat Cooper * Faye Dockins * David Terrill *

LOOKING AHEAD:

- TONIGHT through Wednesday: Vacation Bible School. 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. There are still lots of empty spaces.
- July 26: Johnny Hester will be our guest speaker for morning and evening worship.
- July 27: Summer Youth Series at Green Forest at 7 p.m.
- August 2: 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 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. Location to be determined.
- 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.

WILLING TO SERVE

July 19, 2026

Morning Worship:

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

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....VBS
Prayer.....VBS
Scripture.....VBS
Dismissal.....VBS

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Song Leader.....VBS
Prayer.....VBS
Dismissal.....VBS

July 26, 2026

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....Jorden Ross
Prayer.....Jason Karnes
Closing Prayer.....Jess LeCroy

Evening Worship:

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

GOD'S HANDIWORK

Dragonflies are dainty insects with some of the most amazing flight and endurance capabilities. Their aerial abilities have been studied to improve flight technology. Scientists recently found that with its wings beating thirty times a second, a dragonfly that has fallen upside-down can right itself in just 0.2 seconds. Its eyes process an incredible two hundred images per second to determine which way is up and make tiny adjustments.

God's creativity and wisdom are on display all throughout our natural world. In the book of Job, the main character struggles to reconcile his suffering with God's goodness and righteousness. God responds by asking Job, *Do you know the laws of the heavens? Can you set up God's dominion over the earth?* (38:33). God begins to describe many animals from birds and goats to the world's largest predators (38:36; 39:1; 40:15-24; 41). He knows what each animal needs for survival and is aware of the hungry cries of their young (38:39-41). God has given each of them distinct characteristics, such as the speed of an ostrich or the strength of an ox, so they can thrive (ch. 39).

How exactly does a dragonfly maneuver so incredibly? We have a lot to learn. And yet we can trust that the all-knowing God who designed these creatures is the same one who knows how to bring us from the darkest night into the light and joy of His presence.

Karen Pimpo