



TRUE LIGHT

SEEING THE FACE OF JESUS

August 16, 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**

He created everything there is. Nothing exists that he didn't make (John 1:3 NLT).

[Jesus said] *"For where two or three gather together because they are mine, I am there among them"* (Matthew 18:20).

Our small group of fishermen was surrounded by the incredible beauty of Juneau, Alaska - mountains, glaciers, emerald green waters, islands, ocean, kaleidoscopic cloud formations, lush greenery, unusual wildlife, whales, dolphins, eagles, migrating salmon, and the bright colors of wildflowers. Peter uses the



phrase *manifold grace* (1 Peter 4:10 NAS) to describe the gifts we are given to use in the church. I believe this phrase also describes the incredible natural beauty that the Lord has given us in his creation. Alaska reminds me of this *manifold grace* each visit I am privileged to make there.

The New Testament reminds us that Jesus was intimately involved in the creation of all of that beauty and he continues to uphold the world by his word of power (Hebrews 1:1-3; 1 Corinthians 8:6). In the beauty of our world, with all of its variety and majesty, we catch a glimpse of the Savior and his powerful creativity! (cf Romans 1:20). If we choose to listen, we can hear the voice of creation proclaim his greatness (Psalm 19:1-6). To experience the beauty of creation is to hear the whispers of the Lord's formative voice.

As wonderful as catching glimpses of the Lord's glory in creation may be, the best glimpse of the face of the Savior was not tied to the beauty of creation. Instead, the generosity, the warmth, the hospitality, and the grace of God's people in worship, fellowship, and friendship helped us see the face of Jesus. They made us feel at home and welcomed us as long lost members of their family. Even though we were a long way from home, we knew we were among family.

So often, we let the critical and cynical bombardment of our TV-conditioned and consumer-driver age blind us to the preciousness of Christian fellowship. Jesus told his first followers that when they met, he would be with them (Matthew 18:20). Paul reminded the Corinthians that when they met in the Lord's name, that the Lord's power and presence was with them (1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Corinthians 5:40). The most poignant reminder of this grace of being with other believers is given us by Dietrich Bonhoeffer in the days of Nazi Germany's gathering storm and persecution of loyal Christians:

It is not simply to be taken for granted that the Christian has the privilege of living among other Christians. ... It is true, of course, that what is an unspeakable gift of God for the lonely individual is easily disregarded and trodden underfoot by those who have the gift every day. It is easily forgotten that the fellowship of Christian brothers and sisters is a gift of grace, a gift of the kingdom of God that any day may be taken from us... (from Bonhoeffer's 1939 book, *Life Together*).

Let's never devalue the blessed privilege of Christian fellowship. Let's recognize that each time we are with other followers of Jesus that he joins us and makes that gathering a holy moment. We will have no difficulty finding fault with some of those who gather, what happens when we are there, or the particularities of how the event is staged. We gather with other flawed people. However, in the middle of our flawed gatherings, our Lord Jesus joins us and makes the moment eternal. Let's choose to see the face of Jesus rather than the faults of others and ourselves.

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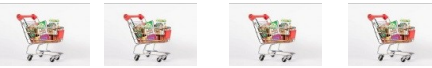
BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

August 22 - Terry Ward



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Bottled Orange Juice * Saltine Crackers
* Kool-Aid Mixes * Toilet Paper *
Bathroom Cleaners * Laundry Detergent
Pick up date: November 30



Attendance August 9: 97

Contribution August 9: \$4568

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Cindy Williams had radiation Friday and Saturday, and will begin a chemo pill this week * **June Mothersbaugh** remains at Mercy in Cape in the rehab unit, room 446. She would welcome visitors * **David Carson** will have an MRI Tuesday * **Tim Flowers** as he continues treatments for MDS, a blood cancer. * **David Burleson's** psa levels dropped significantly following treatment * **Bill Pruitt** has had some issues with falling * **Janet and Woody Woods** still dealing with health issues. Woody will have hip replacement surgery September 11 * **Waynetta Rogers** will be having hip replacement surgery in the near future; a date has not been set yet

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Cody Boyt * Jerry Burleson * David Burleson * David Carson * Faye Dockins * Mike and Judy Duley * Karen Forkum * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Donna McKuin * June Mothersbaugh * Bill and Beverly Pruitt * David and Jane Terrill * 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

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

- August 19: Austin Ketchum will be our Summer Series Speaker.
- 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 Bible and something to write with.
- August 28: Bake Sale at the Lunchbox in Dexter. Items will need to be delivered between 9-10:30 a.m. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you can help.
- September 6: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck after morning worship, followed by an early afternoon service. Everyone is encouraged and invited to stay for both the potluck and afternoon service.
- September 8: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Malden Country Club.
- September 26: Children's Homes Homecoming and Fish Fry. There are some Change for Children cans on the table in the foyer.

BIBLE TRIVIA: How many chapters are in the book of Nehemiah? * What was the occupation of Shiphrah and Puah? * What animal was never to be cooked in its mother's milk?

Answers: Thirteen * Hebrew midwives (Exodus 1:15) * A young goat (Exodus 23:19)

WILLING TO SERVE

August 16, 2026

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 23, 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

LIVING OUT GOD'S LOVE

Branden's father was dying of cancer in his fifties. Wanting to help, Branden talked his parents into moving in with him so he could assist them. His dad loved the tropics but could no longer travel, so Branden got creative. He landscaped a pond behind his house, stocked it with fish, and installed a waterfall that tumbled over rocks. He trucked in three loads of beach sand, added banana trees, lights, and tiki torches, and built an awning for shade. His dad spent his last days enjoying a backyard island paradise.

Branden's actions reflect the kind of harmony between parents and children envisioned in Exodus 20. There, God through Moses instructed the children of Israel, *Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you* (Exodus 20:12). That directive grows out of the commands to love and respect our heavenly Father (vv 34-8) and bridges to the last five commands, which instruct us how to love and respect our fellow human beings. Don't murder, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't lie, don't covet (vv 12-17).

Honoring parents might come easily for some. For others, it's extremely difficult. There's too much pain and distrust. Old wounds refuse to heal. We can commit them to God our Father, who understands that pain. He enables us to live in His love.

Tim Gustafson