



TRUE LIGHT

KINDNESS CAN CHANGE THINGS

August 30, 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***

It is naïve to think there is never a time when force will be required or when legitimate power has to exert itself. Parents sometimes have to use their authority in order to civilize and mentor unruly children. Bosses occasionally have to fire people who are working against the company's policies and best interests.

Generally speaking, however, the power of human kindness is a superior form of power to brute force. An attempt to lead by persuasion should always go before the last-ditch requirement of confrontation and pulling rank.

Gail Halvorsen was taught these ideas about kindness, service to others, and the like back in Sunday School as a boy. Now a retired colonel of the U.S. Air Force, he never tires of telling about a situation where putting his convictions to work helped change the course of history. It helped turn an enemy into an ally.

Halvorsen was a pilot in Europe during and after World War II. In post-war Germany, he was on the ground in Berlin. Some of the many hungry children in the once-prosperous Germany that Adolf Hitler had reduced to penury flocked around him and his buddies to ask for food. They were hungry. They were begging for a scrap of bread or a handout from the soldiers' rations.

Halvorsen didn't have any food for the group of about 30 kids. He had two sticks of gum in his pocket. He handed them to a couple of the children - and had a bright idea. The next time he dropped food into the Soviet-blockaded area of Berlin, he dropped gum and candy out for the children as well. When word got back to his superiors of what he and now other pilots were doing, there was a chewing out for their "unauthorized activities." But one general defended what the pilots were doing. He encouraged them to keep it up. And soon American candy companies were providing chocolate bars and chewing gum by the tons.



As Halvorsen puts it, "It wasn't the chocolate. It was hope!" Little children and their beleaguered parents were encouraged to believe that things would someday be better for them. Historians of the period have credited the candy drops for helping change the attitudes of the German people toward their recent enemies in war. The same non-government program is also credited with altering American attitudes toward the German people.

Maybe there are children for you to help in your neighborhood, through your company's involvement in the larger community, or in some ministry of your church. Maybe the people to think about aren't even children. Maybe there is just someone who needs an act of positive kindness that you can provide. There are certainly no guaranteed outcomes, but it probably won't do harm to be gracious.

Better yet, it could give hope or might even turn an enemy into a friend.

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Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (Colossians 3:12 NIV).

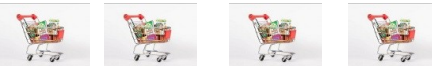
BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

September 1: Ron & Julie Garner (A)
September 2: Jim & Lorene Ward (A)
September 3: Jeanie Robinson



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 23: 109

Contribution August 23: \$3822

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Cindy Williams fractured her collar bone last week, and is continuing with chemo pills * **Joe Thomason** recovering at home * **June Mothersbaugh** released from therapy and is home * **David Carson** waiting on results of an MRI * **Linda LeCroy** will have surgery Tuesday * **Tim Flowers** as he continues treatments for MDS, a blood cancer. * **David Burleson** as he continues with treatments * **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 * Pat Cooper * 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 * Scott Burleson * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Randy Cravens * Joseph Dauck * Barbara Denson * Bill Fitzpatrick * Audrey Gallo-way * 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 * Anthony Tate * Bobby Thornton * Mindy Tomah * Joyce Walker * Christina Whitaker * Alan Woodward

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

- September 2: Our Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals are resuming with BBQ, baked potatoes, coleslaw and baked beans. Desserts will be needed. Help is always needed with our meals; if you would like to volunteer to take a night, please let Stan know.
- 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. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.
- September 20-23: Gospel Meeting at Green Forest in Poplar Bluff with guest speaker Spencer Furby. The theme is "Following Jesus" and times are at 6 p.m. nightly.
- September 26: Children's Homes Homecoming and Fish Fry. There are some Change for Children cans on the table in the foyer.
- September 27: Austin Ketchum will be our guest speaker for both services.
- Be praying for our upcoming Gospel Meeting with Charles Abernathy the first week in October. The theme will be "Still Surprised: Old Truths I See with New Eyes."

Rejoice! Angels in heaven are rejoicing as Jillian McBride asked to be restored to the church last week. If you haven't met Jillian yet, please make a point to do so.

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.....David Carson
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

September 6, 2026

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....TBA
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....Jordan Ross
Prayer.....Jason Karnes
Closing Prayer.....Jess LeCroy

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Chase Burch
Prayer.....Ron Garner
Scripture.....Darrin Shipman
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

THE COURAGE GOD GIVES

The CEO was hurting employees with his sharp tongue. No one dared confront him. Everyone was afraid of him, including Gene. But one day the CEO berated a new employee, reducing her to tears. When Gene saw how everyone in the room stayed silent, he spoke up.

"I told him the way he was treating people was wrong," Gene recalls. "He was astonished; it was the first time someone stood up to him. He didn't change, but I'm glad I spoke up."

Scripture tells us of another man who stood up to a challenge many were afraid of. Shammah, a military warrior of David, came to the future king from difficult circumstances (see 2 Samuel 23:11-12), but God used him to defeat the Philistines. *When the Philistines banded together at ... a field full of lentils, Israel's troops fled from them (v 11).* Only Shammah had the courage to defend Israel's food supply. Being the lone man against the Philistine army meant death, but Shammah *took his stand in the middle of the field. He defended it (v 12).*

God helped Shammah defeat the Philistines (v 12). He may have been the only Israelite in the field, but he wasn't alone - God was with him, giving him great victory that day. There may be times when we're called to stand up to a challenge that everyone else is avoiding. Like Shammah, let's take our stand, relying on God's presence and help.

Karen Huang