



TRUE LIGHT

FRESH!

August 9, 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**

I drive by it nearly every day. The smell is especially hard to take right now since I've had to cut down on carbs. It is the smell of freshly baked bread. Yum yum! Smell but do not taste. Sometimes being good is hard work. Nothing smells quite as good to me as freshly baked bread!

Now the bread we eat is fresh but not new - this kind of sliced white bread has been around for decades - but it can be FRESH! You can strip off the crust and then, because it is fresh, you can fold and mash the rest of it together into a yummy ball of freshly baked moist bread! If I close my eyes, I am transported back to my childhood, hiding in a closet with a flashlight, a friend, a jar of pickles, and a loaf of fresh bread.

When we come to the New Testament, there are two words used to speak of new things. One means new as in fresh, the other means new in terms of chronology. Now I'm 51 years old, so talking about new in terms of chronology is pretty much out of the picture. However, fresh is something I can get! It's like that "new" loaf of freshly baked bread - really fresh and yummy!

Several years ago, God decided Donna and I needed a big dose of freshness. Our world had already taken a bit of cosmic hit with Megan graduating from high school and Zach graduating from college and getting married. At first, it is hard to wrap your mind around the fact that you no longer have teenagers. Whoosh! That's not the sound of them taking off for another school event, but they're now out the door for good and on their way to bigger and better things in life. So after a few months, we found that while the empty nest meant missing the kids, it also meant having a blast as a couple. Pretty sweet!

Then, God called us to leave the church and the people we so deeply loved to move to another place - a place with a very different culture, lifestyle, and pace of life. The church part was easier than we thought - God called us to precious people with a real willingness to roll up their sleeves, open their hearts, and get their hands dirty working hard to bless other folks. What I didn't realize is that God decided that we needed freshness - a new spiritual loaf of bread. We needed a new freshness to ministry, people, co-ministers, opportunities, sights, thoughts, and opportunities. I think the beloved congregation I left needed that, too. This doesn't mean that it was easy, it was just necessary if we were to find that new freshness for the next stage of our journey.

Change can come in many packages. Some is transformational. Some is awful. Some is rooted in the processes of aging. Some is forced on us based on the age of our children. Some is earth-shattering. Some is God's gift of freshness. However, this latter one is ours only if we choose to be open to the God who is at work in our lives (Phil. 2:13), who sees us as his craftsman made to do great things (Ephesians 2:10), and who works things for his glory and our ultimate good (Romans 8:28).

Change is the one constant, the omnipresent inevitability, to life in our world. How we choose to let God use it to shape us for his glory is our choice. Dear friend, roll down your window and take a deep breath. What you smell is a chance to enjoy the freshness that the grace of God can bring ... even in the middle of tragedy, turmoil, and tribulation ... even in joy and jubilation. The real question is if we will unwrap it, pull off the crusts, and enjoy the sweet, moist, taste of God's fresh work in our lives.

Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

*Won't you give us fresh
life and let your people
be glad because of you?
(Psalm 85.6 CEV)*



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

August 9 - Anna Williams
August 11 - Clayton Flowers
August 12 - Jessica Young
August 13 - Rita Clayton
Karen Forkum
August 14 - Marty & Phyllis Howard (A)
August 15 - Hannah Compton



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

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



WILLING TO SERVE

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
Scripture.....Darrin Shipman
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

August 12, 2026

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Justin Allen
Dismissal.....Mike Duley

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

GOD IS GREATER

Before he became famous, the Mongolian warlord Genghis Khan (ca. AD 1162-1227) killed his own half-brother to advance his position in the family. As he solidified his power, he began to build an empire more expansive than Alexander the Great's, stretching from Asia's Pacific coast to Eastern Europe. Ruthless in his tactics, the khan and his army left a trail of death and destruction everywhere they advanced. His devastating military forays are unparalleled in recorded history.

Today we face a vicious foe even more intimidating than a marauding army - an enemy who wants to conquer and devastate our souls. The apostle Peter cautioned, *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour* (1 Peter 5:8). This enemy is cunning and dangerous like a great warrior and is much more than we can handle on our own. But we have great reason for hope. The apostle John wrote, *The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world* (1 John 4:4). This *one who is in you* is the Holy Spirit Himself. We need not fear the enemy of our souls.

As we rely on the Holy Spirit, we gain confidence that our lives are guarded from the one who's trying to conquer our souls. God is greater. We can trust Him to be with us in everything.

Bill Crowder

Attendance August 2: 113

Contribution August 2: \$5536

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Cindy Williams will have immunotherapy Monday, and an MRI/CAT scan Thursday * **June Mothersbaugh** remains at Mercy in Cape and may be moved to rehab there * **David Carson** will have an MRI August 18 * **Tim Flowers** has started treatments for MDS, a blood cancer. * **Danny Moore** has been released from the hospital and is home * **David Burleson** has a doctor's appointment Monday * **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 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

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

- August 10: Summer Youth Series at Dexter at 7 p.m. This will be the last youth series of the summer.
- 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 12: Jackson Wooten from the Jackson congregation 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.
- 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 26: Children's Homes Homecoming and Fish Fry. There are some Change for Children cans on the table in the foyer.

Rejoice! Our brother Danny Moore has asked to be restored to the Lord. He is currently recovering at home from a hospital stay.