



TRUE LIGHT

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ~ Psalm 119:105

FACING LIFE'S UH-OH'S

October 4, 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***

Preparation

Have you had an uh-oh moment lately? You know that lump that wasn't there before; your employer announces layoffs and you get a note to see the boss; out of the blue your spouse says, "This marriage is over, I want out;" you suddenly realize that nobody has called you just to talk in months, you've been opted out.

Although we try desperately to avoid them, these are the moments that change the future. They push us beyond our resources. We feel trapped and alone and fearful. Life is rattled and the future seems ripped from the heart. Profound uh-oh's change us forever.

So when an unexpected uh-oh slaps you in the face, you can step into it, or run from it ... the future depends on you.

Job, the icon of suffering, experienced the ultimate collection of uh-oh's and finally, through it all, made a discovery that opened his eyes and reshaped his future.

After all the questions, Job says, *I have heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. I take back everything I said, and I sit in the dust and ashes to show my repentance* (Job 42:5-6 NLT).

Like Job, your life struggles are not about you; they are the resources God provides for your future. They are God's fingerprints that help others see the God they have only heard about.

Inspiration

During our first 20 years of life, God packs our backpack with the experiences and memories we will need for the crisis times ahead. These moments shape our perspective of life and give our faith the opportunity to grow deep and strong.

Nika Maples was in the seventh grade when she was diagnosed with systemic lupus. The prognosis for this vivacious aspiring TV journalist was a life filled with difficulty and unending medical treatments. "I cried," Nika said. "Then I decided that I would live, really live, until I died."

At age 20, Nika suffered a massive stroke. She couldn't speak. She couldn't blink. She couldn't swallow. She couldn't move. But she could hear. She heard the doctors say she would be a quadriplegic, if she lived at all. Through all the noise and empty words that filled the next few hours, Nika remembers most her mother's: "This is not bigger than you. Don't give up." "I wanted to quit," Maples recalls. "But my life is not only about me. It is bigger than that."

Her recovery and re-learning everything from talking to laughing, to walking, amazed everyone. God made it so. "In the prison of my own body, I know my life is worth living, even if I can't live it on my own terms," Nika proclaims. Blessed by God in the darkness of illness, Nika has shown all who know her how to live with passion and humor and purpose. In 2007 she was selected as Teacher of the Year in Texas. She walks with a cane and still has the struggles with lupus, but she lives each day within the fingerprints of God.

When she first started teaching, she faced the challenge of motivating an outcast youngster who refused to learn. He always sat alone and wore the same shirt every day. Near the end of the year, that little boy gave her a going-away gift. He couldn't buy anything, but he found something just right.

He gave her five white moths.

I was trying to think what I could get you," he explained. "I didn't have any money. Then it hit me. Her legs don't work too good. I want to give her wings." God has packed Nika's backpack with power and hope. What's He packed for you?

Motivation

Uh-oh's force us to open our backpacks. In the process they provide us with opportunities to see God. The choice is all yours. You can choose to run from it and stay in your prison, or you can choose to step into it and live beyond your limits. Do you really want to see the God you have heard about? It's time to find your wings. Look for them this week.

Ron Rose, www.heartlight.com

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

October 4: Faye Dockins
October 6: McKenzie Beaird
Judy Snyder
October 8: Betty McGowan
Ken & Sharon Durham (A)
October 9: Bentley Collier
October 10: Judy Duley
Cason Karnes

CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Bottled Orange Juice * Saltine Crackers
* Kool-Aid Mixes * Toilet Paper *
Bathroom Cleaners * Laundry Detergent



WILLING TO SERVE

October 4, 2026

Morning Worship:

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

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Brandon Chesser
Prayer.....TBA
Scripture.....TBA
Dismissal.....TBA

October 7, 2026

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

October 11, 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

NOT RITUAL BUT CHRIST

In Santa Fe, New Mexico, thousands gather each year to burn Zozobra – a fifty-foot towering effigy stuffed with worries, bills, and regrets. They shout, “Burn him!” as they hope the flames will devour their anxieties and troubles and reset their lives. The ritual reflects a deep human longing to be cleansed of fear, shame, and failure. It's dramatic. But it's also powerless. Fire can destroy paper but not guilt. It can consume ashes but not shame.

The apostle Paul wrote, *See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ* (Colossians 2:8). He reminds readers that they shouldn't trade Jesus for empty substitutes, and he explains why: Christ is the visible *image of the invisible God* (1:15), is supreme over creation (1:16), fully God in human flesh (2:9), and victorious over *every power and authority* (v 10). Because of His death and resurrection, we're *rooted and built up in him* (v 7) and fully alive and forgiven by Him (v 13). Human rituals and cultural ceremonies can mesmerize a crowd, but only Jesus can cancel sin's debt and break its grip forever.

Instead of yielding our burdens to rituals and traditions, let's surrender them to Christ. He alone frees us from captivity and fills us with hope.
Marvin Williams

BIBLE TRIVIA: The prophet Amos tended two things. What were they? * The Ark of the Covenant was covered with what color cloth when it was moved?

(Numbers 4:5,6)
A: Sheep & sycamore trees (Amos 7:4) * Blue

Attendance September 27: 104

Contribution September 27: \$5055

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Tim Flowers, who left for MD Anderson last week for several weeks of aggressive chemotherapy * **Ryan Carter**, recently hospitalized for bleeding ulcers * **Nicole Garner**, struggling with migraine issues. So far, her tests have come back good * **Woody Woods** and **Waynetta Rodgers**, recovering from hip replacement surgery * **Cindy Williams** continuing with chemotherapy treatment * **Judy Snyder** doing better after having severe pain in her arm * **Linda LeCroy** had a small setback with infection but is doing better * **David Carson** continuing with tests * **Angie Smothers** (friend of Kendra Summers) diagnosed with breast cancer * **Brittain Edmiston** (grandson of Gaye Miller) had surgery Wednesday for a dislocated clavicle and is doing well

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 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 * Anthony Tate * Bobby Thornton * Mindy Tomah * Joyce Walker * Christina Whitaker * Alan Woodward

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

TODAY through October 7: Our Gospel Meeting with Charles Abernathy. The theme will be “Still Surprised: Old Truths I See with New Eyes.” Flyers are available on the table in the foyer. Also, we will need some help with desserts and snacks for Youth Night tonight. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you can help fill that need.

Our Wednesday night fellowship meal will be fried fish and all the fixins. Desserts will be needed. If you can help prepare a fellowship meal this year, please let Stan know.

October 13: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Main Street Restaurant in Bernie.

October 17 & 18: Healthy Heart and Mind: Raising Faithful and Resilient kids in the Digital Age with guest speaker Dr. Jeff Cline at Slicer Street church of Christ. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

December 5: Second annual youth rally at Green Forest church of Christ with guest speaker Chase Almond. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

October is the month of painted leaves. Their rich glow now flashes round the world.

--Henry David Thoreau