



TRUE LIGHT

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

September 20, 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**

THE DANGER OF BEING TOO BUSY

I lead a busy life. I have five children who, even though they are older now, still need me. I have a husband who is a brilliant health care administrator, but can't manage to find two matching socks or his favorite pair of khaki pants. He needs me too. I am a Christian writer and public speaker on the weekends; Monday through Friday I am a teacher. I am also a member of the local school board, Chamber of Commerce, PTO, and several other organizations. Like I said, I am a busy woman and I like it that way. I prefer having lots to do over having nothing to do. However, last week I was reminded that there is such a thing as being too busy.

My Monday through Friday job involves working with at-risk teens. These young men and women have lived soap opera lives. No two of them have experienced the exact same problems, but the hurdles between them and a high school diploma are most often labeled drugs, alcohol, broken homes, neglect, and abuse.

One of the ways we try to help these students overcome their problems is by matching them with a mentor – a man or woman with outstanding moral character from the community who is willing to form a relationship with the student.

One day a month for no more than two hours, a mentor is asked to take their student out to lunch, to their work place, or other appropriate places. Doesn't sound like much, does it? But just a few hours of our time can make a big difference in the life of a child.

After I ask someone to be a mentor and if they agree, then we do a background check and match them with a student. One young man in my class, I will call him "Tom," needed a special mentor. Tom needed someone who would give him the extra attention he so desperately needed. Because Tom came to class every day with a Bible in his hand, I decided a minister might be a good match for him. So I emailed several local ministers inviting them to be a mentor and waited for their replies. None came.

I decided something must be wrong with my computer, so that night I called one of the ministers I had emailed. I told him who I was, and before I could continue, he interrupted and asked, "What do you want from me?"

I told him about the mentoring program and he said, "Oh yes, I remember getting an email from you. Thanks for asking me, but I'm really busy at church and I also teach classes. In addition to that I have some other pressing responsibilities. If I say, 'Yes' to you, then I'll have to stop doing something else in order to make time for this. Sorry, but I can't."

I thanked him, hung up the phone and sat there. I didn't have the heart to call the other ministers on my list. I realized my disappointments was causing me to judge him and I could almost hear Jesus saying, *If you are without sin, cast the first stone* (John 8:7).

Just like the men in the Bible story, I couldn't cast a stone because I am guilty, too. Instead of condemning someone who had let me down, I needed to take a good look at my life and ask myself, "What am I too busy to do?"

It didn't take long before I thought of a few things. The elderly man who sits behind me at church was placed in a nursing home two weeks ago and I still haven't been by to see him. Our church bulletin lists the sick every week, but how many of them had I been to see or even sent a card? My list could go on and on.

Every day we are given the opportunity to do good. While we can't say "Yes!" to everything, shouldn't we at least give serious consideration to the opportunities that come our way?

Sometimes I suspect we get caught up in the rat race of life, chasing the cheese, doing our best to outrun the other rats and forgetting that when we get there all we get is a hunk of cheese! When we begin our day, we need to ask ourselves, "Lord, what would you have me do today?" instead of saying, "Lord, I have so much to do today. Please help me find a way to do it all."

Jesus was a busy person, but He was busy doing His Father's will. He lived to serve others. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could do the same?

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not (Galatians 6:9 KJV).

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

September 23 - Curtis & Vickie McClard (A)
September 26 - Jacob Clayton
September 27 - Pam Collier



Attendance September 13: 109

Contribution September 13: \$4221

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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** is home following surgery on her neck and is doing well * **Tim Flowers** as he continues treatments for MDS, a blood cancer. * **David Burleson** had his last treatment * **David Carson** continuing with tests

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 September 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.
- Our Wednesday fellowship meal will be pasta and sides. Desserts will be needed. If you can help prepare a fellowship meal this year, please see Stan.
- 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 October 4-7. 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 October 4. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you can help fill that need.

BIBLE TRIVIA:

What Bible character was called a wild donkey of a man? * When King Nebuchadnezzar went crazy, his fingernails began to look like what? * What is the last word in the Bible?

Answers: Hagar's son Ishmael (NIV) (Genesis 16:7-12) * Birds' claws (Daniel 4:33,34) * Amen (Revelation 22:21) * Armon (2 Samuel 13:1,2)

CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

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



WILLING TO SERVE

September 20, 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

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Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....David Burleson
Dismissal.....Mike Duley

September 27, 2026

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Ralph Mullins
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

SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM

My young grandson was spending the night in our new home, in a bed unfamiliar to him. He giggled with excitement as we read books under the dinosaur tent I'd pitched atop his cozy comforter, but when it was time to sleep, his eyes widened with worry. "How will I find you if I need you?" he asked. An idea emerged, and I grabbed a toll of ribbon from the gift wrap stash in the closet. Together we unspooled it from his bed, onto the floor, down the hall, and into my bedroom. "Don't worry," I said. "If you need me in the night, follow the string and you'll find me!" He beamed in response.

In Matthew 6, Jesus speaks straight to our struggle with worry about what we'll eat and drink, about our body and what we'll wear (v 25). The Greek root of the word translated "worry" means to be torn in two directions - the direction of faith versus self-reliance. In verse 33, Jesus offers the solution to worry: *Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.* It's a challenge to us to choose and follow the one direction that leads straight to His heart.

When we struggle with worries, we can follow the "string" that directs us to God's kingdom, His ways, and His presence, knowing that He will provide all we need.

Elisa Morgan