



TRUE LIGHT

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

October 18, 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**

FEELING GOOD ABOUT FEELING BAD?

For God can use sorrow in our lives to help us turn away from sin and seek salvation. We will never regret that kind of sorrow. But sorrow without repentance is the kind that results in death (2 Corinthians 7:11 NLT 1st Ed.)

Have you ever seen people weeping in response to a powerful message – public or private – in sincere repentance? Repentance is a Biblical word that is often neglected these days. Repentance comes because people have “godly sorrow” that leads them to change their lives to be in tune with the will of God. The early messengers of God said, *Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord* (Acts 3:19 NKJV). Those occasions are incredible to observe. God convicts, hearts are broken because of sin, and repentance occurs. Too often these days, people’s hearts are callous. It seems to me that you don’t see this happen as frequently these days. People want to do the “church thing,” They want to get in, get out, and get on with their “to do” list of Sunday activities.

I have noticed something else, as well. It seems like some people feel good about feeling bad, but never really change. They’re all about emotional conviction, but not about spiritual correction. Let me explain.

You’re in church. You know you should feel guilty and feel bad about not being a better Christian. So, you start feeling bad, but that’s good, because for a long time, you didn’t feel bad when you sinned or rebelled against the will of God or neglected His call in your life. Then, you feel so convicted that you begin to cry a bit. Then, you may even go before others and cry. You feel good about this, because you knew you were supposed to feel bad, but didn’t before, but now you do. You even think, “God must be really happy with me, since I’m finally feeling bad for what I’ve done.” The sad thing is you don’t change, because you missed the point. God’s goal isn’t our feeling bad. His real interest is in our repentance – something that brings about change in us both inside and out. That is what the conviction of the Holy Spirit is supposed to do: convict our hearts and empower our change. God wants us to change and come back to Him. John the Baptizer said, *Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance* (Luke 3:8).

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I think we can get in to a Christian form of “pseudo sin-suffering” if we aren’t careful. Some people like it when preachers yell at them and they feel bad. Others feel relieved to just feel convicted of their sin. But, feeling bad is not the point. Do we receive conviction from the Holy Spirit, have sincere sorrow, and sincerely repent making real life changes? There is a difference between feeling sorry and turning to the way of God. Feeling sorry just involves emotions; repentance involves change at every level of our being – thought, emotion, behavior, and attitude.

Mike Barnes, www.heartlight.com

GOD’S COMPASSION

I didn’t like Sadie. My colleague was often rude to me, so I avoided her. So when she heard about an evangelistic meeting at my congregation and asked if she could go with me, I was indifferent. “I’ll see,” I mumbled.

Days passed, and the topic seemed forgotten. But God hadn’t forgotten. I could feel His gaze, waiting for me to reach out to Sadie. One day, while I was praying, a question pervaded my thoughts: Think about your response to Sadie. Is it right?

Ouch! The question reminded me of what God asked the prophet Jonah after the people of Nineveh repented: *Is it right for you to be angry?* (Jonah 4:4). Jonah had warned the Ninevites of God’s judgment for their sin (3:1-4). Strangely, however, when they repented and God *did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened* (v 10), *this seemed very wrong to Jonah and he became angry* (4:1). He believed that the cruel enemies of Israel had gotten off easily (vv 1-3) and deserved punishment.

But God corrected Jonah, pointing out his lack of compassion for the Ninevites, who had no true spiritual understanding (vv 5-11). God, *gracious and compassionate ... slow to anger and abounding in love* (v 2), cares about the welfare of all people, no matter what they’ve done. Let’s extend God’s compassion to others too – helping them to know and love Him.

Karen Huang

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

October 18 – Shyann Ward
October 20 – Alyson Mickey
October 23 – Johnny & Betty McGowan (A)
October 24 – Bronwen Young



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Bottled Orange Juice * Saltine Crackers
* Kool-Aid Mixes * Toilet Paper *
Bathroom Cleaners * Laundry Detergent
Pick-up date November 3



WILLING TO SERVE

October 18, 2026

Morning Worship:

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

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....Justin Allen
Scripture.....Sam Garner
Dismissal.....David Carson

October 21, 2026

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Jerry McCoy
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

October 25, 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

JESUS' PRAYER PRIORITY

The Arctic lights of the aurora borealis (the northern lights) are well known for their shimmering green and violet light, but did you know they also emit low frequency electromagnetic (radio) waves? Special devices can convert these natural radio signals into audible whooshing and crackling noises. However, to record these otherwise inaudible vibrations of electricity and magnetic energy, you must travel at least four miles away from human sources of sound or electricity that could interfere with the radio receivers.

It's also sometimes necessary to leave the noise of our lives to hear God's voice. Mark's gospel describes Jesus waking up before dawn and finding a "solitary" place to pray (1:35). He'd stayed up late the night before, healing and freeing people from demons (vv 21-32). The "whole town" had watched (v 33). Can you imagine their joy and awe? But while Jesus willingly served them, the experience was likely also exhausting.

So the next morning, Jesus took time to find quiet before God, despite the fact that the people were looking for him (v 37). Jesus' example shows us the value He placed on spending time alone in prayer.

Today, take a break and listen to God's voice in the quiet (Psalm 460). Let Him reorder your priorities and refresh your soul so you can enjoy the peace He offers. Jennifer Benson Schuldt

BIBLE TRIVIA: Who came out with bald heads and raw shoulders after a long siege against the city of Tyre? * At what time of day did the sailors going to Rome on the ship with Paul first sense land after the storm? * Who was the first man in the Bible mentioned as being sick?

(Acts 27: 20-27) * Jacob (Genesis 48:1,2)
A: Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers (Ezekiel 29:18) * Midnight

Attendance October 11: 105

Contribution October 11: \$5402

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Debbie Hobgood recovering following surgery to remove a portion of her lung *
Mark Clayton has been diagnosed with colon and liver cancer. He is waiting on a treatment plan. * **Mike Duley** had a scope Thursday to determine treatment for the mass on his pancreas. Results weren't available at press time * **Tim Flowers**, currently at MD Anderson for several weeks of aggressive chemotherapy * **Cindy Williams** had tests this past week. Results weren't known at press time * **David Carson** continuing with tests * **Carol Young** struggling with some issues

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 * Nicole Garner * 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 * Angie Smothers * Anthony Tate * Bobby Thornton * Mindy Tomah * Joyce Walker * Christina Whitaker * Alan Woodward

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

Our Wednesday night fellowship meal will be fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and rolls. Desserts will be needed.

October 25-28: Gospel Meeting at Shady Acres with guest speaker Spencer Furby. There will be a youth emphasis night Sunday at 5; Monday-Wednesday times will be at 7 p.m.

November 1: Daylight Saving time ends. Don't forget to set your clock back one hour before bed Saturday night.

November 10: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Grecian Restaurant in Sikeston.

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.

December 11: Annual Ladies Ornament Exchange in the Fellowship Room at 6 p.m. More details to follow.

December 17: Annual Ladies Holiday Brunch at the home of Amy Thomason at 10 a.m. More details to follow.

Angels in heaven are rejoicing over Kevin Mickey's act of repentance and decision to be restored to the church. Let's offer Kevin a warm welcome home.