



TRUE LIGHT

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

October 25, 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***

HALLOWED GROUND

Happy Spooky Season, everybody.

If you've followed the blog for a while and for some reason have read my contributions from around this time last year, you know two things about me. The first is that I love fall, and especially October, and most especially Halloween. The second is that I'm an aspiring poet. I do not claim to be good at it, but I do claim to try. A couple of years ago, as part of my first finished collection of poetry, I wrote the poem that I share below as a celebration of this time of year and the things that I love about it.

Before the poem itself, a word about Christ, who is one of very, very few people or things I love more than either Halloween or poetry. I am convinced that Jesus loves poetry, too. After all, about a third of the Bible is poetry, and Psalms are the book that Jesus Himself quoted during His earthly ministry more than any other book of the Old Testament. I'm also convinced that He loves fall, for no other reason besides the beauty and comfort that He instills into it every year. I take Paul at his word when he talks about Jesus holding all things together and being the reason why creation, in its goodness, is the way that it is (Colossians 1:17). When I see the leaves exploding into color, the golden harvest coming in to feed us through the winter, and kids in costumes letting their imaginative joys run wild, I cannot help but feel the Savior's imaginative joy coursing through it all.

Any ground that is affected by the presence of the Lord is hallowed ground (Exodus 3:4-6). At this time of year, in the beautiful change of the world, the Lord makes His presence known in ways that are evident to strangers and absolutely undeniable to those who know Him. For the whole of creation, this may be a time of celebration and harvest. For those who are in Christ – for those who are a new creation – the celebration and harvest are universal and never ending. For those who are in Christ, every mountain, valley, garden, desert, and yes, every pumpkin patch is hallowed ground. Enjoy.

Hallowed Ground, or, Dream From a Warm October

The north wind had arrived at last. The summer was hesitant to give way that year,

Evidently afraid that it may not return, And in the opening days of October

The sun still beat down upon us With all the warmth and might

It had mustered in the months before. For the first time since who-knows when,

Paper ghosts and wreaths wrapped in spiders' webs Had begun to appear on doorsteps

And in the windows of malls and markets Even before the crisp leaves of red and orange

Which normally herald the coming of autumn. Finally, the great star's driver gave way,

And the chilled gales which give the air its edge Followed their yearly course over the ridge

And burst into the valley at startling speed. Almost overnight fall was upon us,

And the beautiful, slow death of the trees Once again delighted the Jack-o'-lanterns

Whose smiles seemed to widen in anticipation Of young voices celebrating a harvest of their own making

And rejoicing in their annual chance at a new identity - The chance to be anything they wanted to be.

Few things are as peaceful as things felt then, As the lingering life of the world

Instilled itself into the passive anticipation Of that most sacred season

When the coming of harvest and its hallows Frees the mind unto wild inspiration

And fills the soul with the euphoria of being.

Luke Tatum, via A Legacy of Faith blog post

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

October 26 – Millie Dauck
Matt & Shyann Ward (A)
October 28 – Lexy Davis
November 1 – Kathy Caudle



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 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

October 28, 2026

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Jerry McCoy
Dismissal.....Mike Duley

November 1, 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.....Ryan Carter

GRACE IN GRIEF

The world watched the news in horror as the sightseeing helicopter flying over the river tore into pieces. As the main rotor and tail broke off, the cabin plunged into the waters below, with the pilot and a family of five trapped inside. Just days after the tragedy that had taken the lives of his sister, brother-in-law, niece, and two nephews, the brother was at the site honoring his loved ones. "They left together," he said.

Life can change in a moment, leaving us reeling from loss we can't explain. Job also suffered unspeakable loss and sorrow. One tragic day, messengers told Job that his servants had been killed and his livestock were stolen or dead (Job 1:13-17). Then Job received even more devastating news. While his seven sons and three daughters were together, a mighty wind caused the house they were in to collapse, killing them (vv 18-19). *At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship* (v 20). In anguish, Job said, *The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised* (v 21).

Job didn't know why he had to suffer, but even in his darkest hour he worshiped God. Breaking his silence, God reminded Job of His great wisdom and power, and he was able to trust God's sovereign plan (chs. 38-42).

We may never understand why tragedies strike, but we can take our pain to God, who comforts us.
Nancy Gavilanes

BIBLE TRIVIA: Who was the fourth oldest man in the Bible? * How many yoke of oxen did Job own before tragedy entered his life? * In Elim, the Israelites found 70 palm trees and how many springs (fountains)?

A: Adam (Genesis 5:5,20,27; 9:29) * Twelve (Numbers 33:9)
I:3) * Twelve (Numbers 33:9)

Attendance October 18: 105

Contribution October 18: \$3131

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Debbie Hobgood recovering at home following lung surgery * **Mark Clayton** will begin chemo treatments for colon cancer * **Mike Duley** waiting on a decision regarding pancreatic surgery * **Tim Flowers**, currently at MD Anderson for several weeks of aggressive chemotherapy * **Cindy Williams** got mixed reviews at her last appointment and will start an additional medication, as well as bone shots * **David Carson** continuing with tests * **Carol Young** struggling with some issues * Shyann Ward's grandfather, **Pete's** PET scan came back clear. He will have chemo for the next three months and continue to be monitored twice a year * **James Bridges** (Judy Snyder's son-in-law) waiting for bypass surgery

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:

Today through October 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.

Our Wednesday night fellowship meal will be soup, chili and hot dogs. Desserts will be needed.

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. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

November 15: Bridal Shower for Avery Caroline Neely and Hudson Vaughn. They are registered at Amazon, Target and theknot.com.

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. Bring a wrapped ornament valued at \$10 or less (optional) and a dish to share.

December 17: Annual Ladies Holiday Brunch at the home of Amy Thomason at 10 a.m. Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20 or less (optional) and a dish to share. Bring items to support a local animal shelter to be entered into a door prize drawing.