

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:

	AM	PM
Announcements	Nick Bryant	
Opening Prayer	Dale Aden	Freeman Mahan
Lead Singing	Keith Peevyhouse	Dale Ballentine
Scripture Reading	Steve Foster	Noah Brasher
Closing Prayer	David Brasher	Dale Ballentine
Lord's Table	Steve Foster*	
	David Bryant*	
	Edward Ray Ford	
	Mark Wright	
	Dylan Holt	
	Barry Moore	



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- SUNDAY:** Bible Class 9:00 AM
 Worship 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM
 (Meet-Eat-Meet second Sunday of the month)
- WEDNESDAY:** Bible Study 6:30 PM

Why?

Of all of the types of questions we may ask or be asked – who, what, where, when, why, or how – why seems to be the most asked. Why is the sky blue? Why can't I do that? Why do we get old and die?

Because God created us with the ability to reason, it makes sense that we question things in this manner. One of the most important questions that can be asked is

Why did God send His only Son into the world?

The Scriptures give us the answer:

- **Love...** For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son... (**John 3:16**). God created mankind in His image and He desires to have a special relationship with us.
- **Salvation...** For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved (**John 3:17**).
- **Propitiation...** Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins (**1 John 4:10**). Propitiation carries the idea of appeasement. God is appeased by what Jesus accomplished at the cross – Jesus' death as a substitute for ours – satisfying the Almighty that the proper price has been paid for our sins. (Cont'd next page)

But why did God choose preaching to save the lost? The Scriptures give two reasons, which at first glance seem to be polar opposites, but closer examination will show them to be directly linked:

- **Foolishness...** *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish, foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God (1 Cor. 1:18).* The prophet Isaiah taught that God's thoughts and ways are far higher than man's thoughts and ways (**Isa. 55:8-9**), and Jeremiah declared that it is not in man to direct his own thoughts (**Jer. 10:23**). The wisdom of man is but foolishness in the eyes of God, and He will bring to naught the wisdom of man through the preaching of the cross.
- **Glorify...** God chose the foolish things of the world – the weak and the base things of the world – to confound those who think themselves to be wise. Why? *That no flesh should glory in his presence (1 Cor. 1:29).* God has always wanted man to know that He is in control, that He is the power of salvation, and that His way is the only way to salvation. This is true regardless of whether or not man believes and obeys. All glory, honor, and praise are due Him, and not at all to any of our efforts.

The bottom line is this: God has given us His written word so that we may know what He would have us to believe and obey. We have His promise that He will, through His marvelous grace, grant His obedient children the forgiveness of our sins so we may spend eternity with Him and His Son. Let us not question why, but rather let us thankfully and lovingly submit to Him.

~Freeman



Remember in Prayer...

- **Nina** continues to improve; she may be released Thursday.
- **Joe** is feeling better now after having dealt with fluid on a lung for several days.
- Scarlett's mother **Clarice Moss** is better, but still has a long way to go.
- **Joe Wilson** did not get a good report from a recent biopsy.
- Please keep **Jack** in prayer as he undergoes basic training at Fort Leonard Wood. His address is available on the foyer table next to the bulletins.

News and Notes...

- **We welcome our visitors!** Please complete a visitor card and place in the collection tray. We ask that you stay around a while and let us get acquainted with you.
- **KidSing** was well received last week. We'll be picking up where we left off this evening at 5:00.
- **Summer Youth Series** at Broad Street in Lexington tomorrow evening; the van will leave at 6:00.
- Our **Annual Singing** is this Friday evening beginning at 7:00. A sign-up sheet for refreshments is on the table in the foyer.
- **Please remember to check the table in the fellowship hall and take any of the dishes and supplies that you can use. Everything remaining will be donated prior to our singing.**
- Our **Gospel Meeting** with **Bill Irby** is quickly approaching – August 11-14.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 10:32-33:

³²Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. ³³But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.