

**PRIVILEGED TO
SERVE TODAY:**

	AM	PM
Announcements	Steve Foster	
Opening Prayer	William Moore	Jacob Peevyhouse
Lead Singing	David Bryant	Dale Ballentine
Scripture Reading	Monte Morris	Dylan Holt
Closing Prayer	Dale Ballentine	David Bryant
Lord's Table	Nick Bryant*	
	Jacob Peevyhouse*	
	Mickey Keen	
	Jacob Keen	
	Mark Wright	
	Noah Brasher	



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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**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

## Parable of the Sower

*Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold (Matt. 13:3-8).*

Though usually called the Parable of the Sower, the focus is really more on the soils. The only mention of the sower is that he sowed indiscriminately – hard soil, shallow soil, thorny soil, and good soil. The same seed – the Word of God – was sown everywhere, but the various soils reacted differently to it. The first had a lack of understanding which resulted in not even taking root (v. 19); the second took root and then withered away due to tribulation and persecution (v. 20-21); the third took root but was choked out by riches and the world (v. 22); and the fourth – the good soil – brought forth fruit (v. 23). Note that the messenger is not the focus here: Fruit is produced by the message and the hearts of those who hear. →

Consider also the low percentage of soils which bore fruit – only one in four. This closely parallels Jesus' teaching about the two paths in life: Only a few will find the strait and narrow way which leads to heaven; most will be on the broad and wide which leads to hell (**Matt. 7:13-14**).

Finally, how many people in this world think that they are part of the good soil simply because they believe in God and Jesus? Jesus taught that just calling Him Lord does not automatically result in entrance into the kingdom of heaven, but doing the will of the Father (**Matt. 7:21ff**). We must be obedient and we must be fruitful. Let us honestly examine ourselves to determine if we are truly the good soil.

*But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only,  
deceiving your own selves. ~James 1:22*

*~Freeman*

**MEMORY VERSES: 1 Peter 3:21:**

*The like figure where unto even baptism doth also now save us  
(not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer  
of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus  
Christ...*

**Updated address for Jack effective through the first week  
of October:**

PVT Lawrence, Jackson C.  
Delta Company, 35th EN BN, 1st EN BDE  
6221 Iowa Ave, BLDG 6104  
Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473

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## *Remember in Prayer...*

- **Wanda** continues to undergo testing.... **Harold** is showing improvement with his breathing.... **Pam** is on blood thinner for the clot in her leg.
- **Celisa** went to Vanderbilt last week to follow up on her radiation treatments. The initial scans looked good.
- Ponna's cousin **Pam Jeralds** has been diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer. MD Anderson is doing a family history study.

## *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.
- **New DIRECTORY time!** Pictures will be taken in the fellowship hall immediately following services this morning. Please have your entire family assembled for your photo. See Mandy or Ponna if you cannot participate today so a convenient time can be scheduled
- **Our parking lot is being resealed this week and will be roped off.** In lieu of our regular Wednesday evening service, we will take the van to the gospel meeting at **Obion Chapel**. We plan to leave the building at 6:30; we can park in the grass.
- **Gospel Meeting at Obion Chapel** begins today and continues through Wednesday. Jim Roberts of McKenzie will be speaking; Nick will be leading singing. All evening services begin at 7:00.
- **Kenton Area-Wide Gospel Meeting** with Daniel Rogers also begins today and goes through Wednesday. All weeknight services begin at 7:00. This is a cooperative effort of the Christian Chapel, Kenton, and Lowrance Chapel congregations.
- The **Henderson** church is hosting **An Evening with Kirk Haston** on Thursday, October 3, in conjunction with the **Tennessee Children's Home**. Please see the flyer in the foyer for details.