

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:**

	AM	PM
Announcements	Freeman Mahan	
Opening Prayer	Freeman Mahan	Dale Aden
Lead Singing	David Bryant	Dale Ballentine
Scripture Reading	Jacob Keen	Nick Bryant
Closing Prayer	Dylan Holt	David Brasher
Lord's Table	Nick Bryant*	
	Dale Aden*	
	Mark Wright	
	Noah Brasher	
	Mickey Keen	
	Monte Morris	



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*The Follower*

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**I-N-V-O-L-V-E-M-E-N-T  
Equals Church Growth**

The early church grew (Acts 2:41; 5:14; 6:1,7; 9:31; 22:24). As we read of this growth explosion, we see the key role that member involvement played. Christians were spreading the word (8:4), involved in each other's lives and in the lives of the lost around them. This is such a simple concept, but churches not practicing it are not growing. What is involved in involvement?

**I - I** am the heart of involvement. **I** must resolve to be involved. **I** must do my part, for **I** will give an account for my level or lack of involvement (1 Cor. 3:8).

**N - NEGATIVITY** is the enemy of involvement: "I can't help... It won't do any good... I don't like working with that person." Listen closely: Involved Christians rather say, "I can do" (Phil. 4:13), and "we are well able" (Num. 13:30).

**V - VISITATION** is a part of involvement. Matthew 25:34-46 confirms it. Non-Christian visitors, sick, imprisoned, and needy folks need it. Those who do it are richly rewarded, and those who are recipients of it profoundly appreciate it.

**O - OBEDIENCE** is the cause of involvement. Faithful Christians believe the commands to make disciples (Matt. 28:19), build up brethren (Rom. 14:19), and meet needs (Jas. 1:27). *(Cont'd next page)*

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

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| <b>SUNDAY:</b>    | Bible Class                                       | 9:00 AM            |
|                   | Worship                                           | 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM |
|                   | <i>(Meet-Eat-Meet second Sunday of the month)</i> |                    |
| <b>WEDNESDAY:</b> | Bible Study                                       | 6:30 PM            |

**L - LOVE** is the motive of involvement. Paul says good deeds, without love, are profitless (1 Cor. 13:1-3). The counsel of Scripture is “by love serve one another” (Gal. 5:13).

**V - VICTORY** is the goal of involvement. By being involved, we help others win the victory (Jas. 5:19-20), we help the cause of Christ advance, and we aid our own walk in the light that leads to eternal reward (1 Jn. 1:7).

**E - EVERYBODY** is the scope of involvement. What able-bodied Christian is excluded from the work God has given the church? We remember how it turned out for the man who did nothing and gave every excuse imaginable (Matt. 25:28-30).

**M - MORE** is the adjective of involvement – that is, **more involved** and **more people involved**. Has there ever been a church with too many involved? God is able to do more than we ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20), and He wants to see us always trying to do more for Him!

**E - EVANGELISM** is the fruit of involvement. Active churches attract the curiosity of the community. Those involved in the church’s work naturally grow more spiritual-minded, and by this grow more bold in sharing the gospel.

**N - NOW** is the time for involvement. What in our lives do we definitely know will change between now and the never-seen tomorrow (Prov. 27:1)? Let’s kill the excuses! Resurrect the enthusiasm! Start today!

**T - TEAMWORK** is the mindset of involvement. We’re to work together. No one man, no staff, no eldership, no group of deacons or others can or should do the work of an entire congregation. The local church is a team.

To become adequately involved, let’s ask three questions:

**What needs doing in this church?**

**Who needs help doing it?**

**What can I do?**

Be an Isaiah, a child of God who enthusiastically says, “Here am I, send me” (Isa. 6:8)!

~Neal Pollard, *Lehman Ave. Church of Christ, Bowling Green KY*  
(edited)

## *Remember in Prayer...*

- **Miss Mary** is having some health issues and is to see a doctor Thursday.
- **Barbara** continues to improve, but the progress is slow.
- **Kurt** is doing well following the procedure to put his knee cap back in place.
- **Wanda** is still unable to be out.
- **Mark** has been sick this week.
- **Celisa** is to begin chemo on Thursday, and is scheduled for a PET scan on the 31st.
- **Ponna** is to get the results of her recent scan and biopsy Friday.
- **Robby’s** surgery at Vanderbilt is scheduled for the 31st.
- Remember the family of **Donna Lindsey** in her passing earlier this week; her services were Friday.... David Bryant’s cousin **Karen Clark** is not a candidate for surgery; her course of treatment is to be determined... **Baby Willow** is showing some improvement... **Jace Jones** (Callie’s classmate) is critical... **Jeramie Redmond** is no longer on chemo, but is doing immunotherapy.

## *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.
- Our **Midweek Services** this week and next will be moved to Thursday evening (Dec. 26 and Jan. 2).
- **Devo** this Thursday night: **Steve Foster**

**MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 23:1-2:**

*<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup>He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.*