

**PRIVILEGED TO
SERVE TODAY:**

	AM	PM
Announcements	David Bryant	
Opening Prayer	David Peevyhouse	Freeman Mahan
Lead Singing	Freeman Mahan	Dale Ballentine
Scripture Reading	Monte Morris	David Bryant
Closing Prayer	Jacob Keen	Jacob Peevyhouse
Lord's Table	David Brasher* Mark Wright* Monte Morris Edward Ford Kyle Foster Jacob Keen	



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The Follower

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The Word of God is a Sword

The Word of God is compared to a sword in at least two places. The first, "And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (**Eph. 6:17**), portrays God's Word as a piece of *the whole armor of God*, with which we are to be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (**Eph. 6:11**). Because our adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour (**1 Pet. 5:8**), Christians must be fully equipped in the faith in order to withstand him. The sword may be used as an offensive weapon to strike down a foe, but it is also a defensive weapon to help fend off potential fatal blows from the opponent.

The other comparison, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (**Heb. 4:12**), clearly demonstrates the thought behind the title of this article. Described as "quick," the Word of God is alive. When Peter said that the Word of God *liveth and abideth for ever* (**1 Pet. 1:23**), he was echoing that which Jesus had said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass" (Cont'd next page)

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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 each fifth Sunday)

**WEDNESDAY:** Bible Study 6:30 PM

away" (Matt. 24:35). God's Word was not just alive in the days of Jesus and the apostles, but was alive in the beginning and continues to live forevermore.

Sharper than even any double-edged sword, the Word of God can penetrate right into the heart and soul of a man. This was never more evident than Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost when we learn that *they were pricked in their hearts*, having heard the convincing Word of God through the apostle.

The Living Word discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart because it produces the effect of judging or convicting. As in a jury trial where the series of questions of the accused and the witnesses are designed to lead to an appropriate discerning or judging of the facts in order to get to the truth, the Word of God, described as truth (John 17:17), is able to do just that in the heart of man. Some respond by sincerely wanting to do that which is right in the sight of God, but many others do not.

No mere sword, regardless of size, strength, or sharpness, can produce the appropriate fear of God; only God's Word can do that. Let us use the sword God has provided us as we attempt to seek and save that which is lost and as we labor to fend off the attacks of the devil.

~Freeman

#### MEMORY VERSES - 2 Tim. 3:15-17:

*<sup>15</sup>And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: <sup>17</sup>That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

## Remember in Prayer...

- **David Keel** is doing well following the procedure on his back.
- **Allison** was hospitalized this past week with blood pressure issues. She is improved, but has to take it easy. She continues to be monitored.
- **Wanda** remains in rehab at McKenzie. She is about the same - has some better days.
- Shirley's sister **Wanda Flowers** remains in Jackson General; she is improving and no longer in quarantine.

## 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.
- **Communion Preparation for March: Jean Ford Greeter for March: Steve Foster**
- **Devo** Wednesday night: **Freeman**
- **Ladies Day** at Humboldt this Saturday, March 7, with Debbie Kea speaking on the topic, "God's Recipe for Righteousness." Registration begins at 8:30; breakfast snacks and lunch will be served. **Those planning to attend should let Ponna know today so she can respond to the RSVP.**
- Ladies are invited to a **Bridal Tea** honoring **Morgan Lawrence** on Sunday, March 22, from 2:00 until 4:00 PM at White Woods Barn in Milan. **RSVP: 731-358-0190. All ladies are asked to meet up front briefly following services this morning to discuss a group gift.**