

**PRIVILEGED TO  
SERVE TODAY:**

	AM	PM
Announcements	David Bryant	
Opening Prayer	Freeman Mahan	Dale Aden
Lead Singing	Freeman Mahan	Dale Ballentine
Scripture Reading	Jacob Keen	Nick Bryant
Closing Prayer	Dylan Holt	David Brasher
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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**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

## March Madness

In a typical year we would be in the first week of the NCAA men's college basketball tournament commonly known as March Madness. In anticipation, fans of college basketball would have filled out their brackets trying to guess who the ultimate winner would be. The next few weeks would be packed with Thursday-to-Sunday games as the field of 68 teams would be narrowed down to the championship game.

The madness comes from the combination of excitingly close games with the occasional buzzer-beating shot, and the games that are blowouts. There would be Cinderella teams, viewed with little or no chance to advance, upsetting the top-seeded teams who expected to vie for the championship. The winners would bask in their glory, and the losers would complain and make excuses.

Alas, this year the madness is because there is no tournament due to the Covid-19 virus. However, let's consider some spiritual applications we could make if this were a typical year:

- Though all have a chance to make it, not everyone would. Of the 351 NCAA college teams playing basketball, only 68 teams would be invited to play in the "Big Dance."

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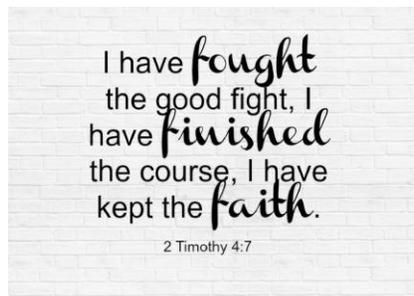
**Spiritual application:** Jesus spoke of the two paths in life – the broad and wide which leads to destruction, and the strait and narrow which leads to eternal life. Of the latter, only a few will find it (**Matt. 7:13-14**).

- Tournaments almost never go as expected. Teams who are expected to win will lose because of devastating injuries, bad calls by the refs, an inability to perform under pressure, or a star player having a very bad game. The teams who are best prepared to deal with these issues are the ones who prevail.

**Spiritual application:** In life, we experience many difficulties that could prevent us from making it to heaven. Things will not always go our way – we will face trials and temptations, and we may be distracted by the cares and riches of this world (**Matt 13:20-22**), but those who have prepared and have put their trust in God and the promises of His word will reach heaven, the ultimate goal.

The NCAA tournament can only have one winner. In the tournament of the journey to heaven, all can be winners. We can be eliminated only by our own unbelief and disobedience. If we are like Paul who fought the good fight, kept the faith, and stayed the course, we too can be assured there is a crown awaiting us in heaven.

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **David Bryant** is scheduled for an MRI Tuesday.
- **Wanda** has returned to the rehab facility in McKenzie. **Jimmy** is also there, and they remain under lockdown due to the virus situation.
- **Sherrill** has been battling strep and a respiratory infection for several days.
- **David & Gail** have been battling respiratory issues for a couple of weeks.
- **Ruth Bennett** was admitted to the Jackson hospital the first of the week with several issues – pneumonia, UTI, and a staph infection. She is showing some improvement.
- **Craig Ballentine** had three stents put in for a blockage in his leg.
- **Lori McClain** fell recently and fractured her arm.

## 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.
- There will be **NO Fellowship Meal** next Sunday.
- **Miss Mary** is unable to have visitors until the virus situation is over, but she welcomes calls. Her cell number is 731-793-2372.
- **Sherrill** has a new cell number: 731-418-2815. Wanda has the old one: 731-363-2635.
- Ladies, remember the **Bridal Tea** honoring **Morgan Lawrence** from 2:00 until 4:00 PM this afternoon at White Woods Barn in Milan.