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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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**SUNDAY:**              Worship      10:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAY:**      Bible Study    6:30 PM



## Trezevant Church of Christ

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# The Follower

April 26, 2020



## Add to Your Faith Virtue

In Peter's second epistle, he begins with a greeting *to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.... (2 Pet. 1:1)*. Then, as an encouragement that they may gain the assurance they need, he lists seven characteristics to be diligently added to that faith: virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity (*vs 5-7*). Today we will discuss virtue.

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The word translated in KJV as virtue, *arete*, is found five times in the New Testament. In four of those five times it is translated virtue, and the fifth time it is translated praise. In other English versions it is translated as moral excellence and goodness. A good synonym for virtue is righteousness – doing that which is right.

What does it mean, then, to add virtue to our faith? Those who have obtained like precious faith with the apostles are those who have believed and obeyed the gospel. When one is born again (**John 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:23**), he still has a need to grow and learn and mature. Thus the exhortation from Peter, *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby (1 Peter 2:2)*. Jesus taught that those who *hunger and thirst after righteousness* will be blessed (**Matt. 5:6**). How do we then know what to do? Paul rebuked the Jews in his letter to the church at Rome, telling them they were *ignorant of God's righteousness* and were interested in seeking to *establish their own righteousness (Rom. 10:3)*. Paul told Timothy that the holy scriptures are the source for understanding righteousness because they are *profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Tim. 3:16-17)*.

If we wish to grow, we must seek the knowledge in God's word – the source of milk for babes in Christ and of meat for more mature Christians. An increase in understanding of the Holy Scriptures will help us to add virtue to our faith. Let us read, study, and apply them in our lives.

~Freeman

## *In Sympathy...*

*We sorrow with the Brasher family in the passing of David's dad Mickey on Tuesday, April 21. Graveside services were held yesterday at Leach Cemetery. Mickey was known throughout this area as a man who loved the Lord and His church, and he will be sadly missed.*

## *Remember in Prayer...*

- **Joe** remains in Jackson hospital but is showing improvement.
- **David Bryant** broke his ankle in 3 places Monday, and had surgery to repair it Tuesday. He will be undergoing extensive therapy; his back surgery has been postponed indefinitely.
- **Ponna** is scheduled for an outpatient procedure Wednesday at Baptist East in Memphis that will hopefully restore her voice.
- **Wanda Flowers**, Shirley's sister, was transferred to Jackson Hospital Friday evening. She has tested positive for Covid-19.
- **David Jarrett**, the husband of Dale Aden's cousin, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. This cousin's younger brother died suddenly last week.
- Please continue to **remember our shut-ins**.

### **BATTLING CANCER:**

Ponna, Celisa, Karen Clark (David Bryant's cousin), Pam Jeralds (Ponna's cousin), Jace Jones (Callie's classmate), Natelle Wall, Dan Foster, Jason McGee, Jeramie Redmond, Joe Wilson, Jim Ward, Tom McAlpin, Dana Craft (friend of Monte's daughter), Barry Capps (friend of Dale Aden), Tina Smith, Mary Ann Draper, David Worrell...

### **PLEASE KEEP ALSO IN PRAYER:**

Sherrill, Joe & Shirley, John & Nina, Harold, Robby, Wanda Flowers (Shirley's sister), Carolyn Pinson, Craig Ballentine, Lori McClain...

## *News and Notes...*

Remember that our **WEEKLY SERVICES** are being live-streamed on Facebook at 10AM and 5PM on Sundays, and at 6:30PM on Wednesdays. **COMMUNION SUPPLIES** are available in the fellowship hall. Please call Freeman at 573-624-6575 if you need to arrange a pick-up time. Remember, too, to leave your weekly **CONTRIBUTION** either at the building or with Nick.