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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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| <b>SUNDAY:</b>    | Worship     | 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM |
| <b>WEDNESDAY:</b> | Bible Study | 6:30 PM            |



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# *The Follower*

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## *Add to Your Godliness Brotherly Kindness*

This is the sixth in a series of articles dealing with those characteristics that Peter taught must be diligently added to our faith if we are to be partakers of the divine nature (**2 Pet. 1:1-8**). We have looked at virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, and godliness; today we will examine brotherly kindness.

Brotherly kindness translates from *philadelphia*, a derivative of *philadelphos* meaning fraternal affection or brotherly love. As Christians, we are children of God, and all of God's children are our brethren. How interesting that we who have been begotten by the same Father must be instructed to have affection for each other (**1 John 5:1**)! We *have all obtained like precious faith* (**2 Pet. 1:1**), and have much in common, yet the Lord saw the need for the brethren to be instructed concerning His expectation of our brotherly kindness: *Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that you love one another with a pure heart fervently* (**1 Pet. 1:22**). But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another (**1 Thess. 4:9**). Be ye kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another (**Rom. 12:10**).

Human nature sometimes comes into play, however, and we allow pettiness to stir up our emotions, (continued next page)

preventing us from getting along with one another as we should. Knowing the nature of man, Jesus instructed His apostles, *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another* (**John 13:34-35**). And later in his epistles, John wrote, *Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God... If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us... If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar... And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also* (**1 John 4:7-21**). Then from Paul, *And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you* (**Eph. 4:32**).

Like all forms of love, brotherly kindness is something we learn: We learn it through our study of the word of God and by putting it into action in our lives. May we love one another as God and Christ love us.

~Freeman

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

|    |                            |    |                        |
|----|----------------------------|----|------------------------|
| 01 | Finley Peevyhouse          | 10 | Dillon Foster          |
| 02 | <i>Jacob &amp; Allison</i> | 20 | R.J. Cagle             |
| 03 | Dale Aden                  | 21 | <i>John &amp; Nina</i> |
| 04 | Jimmy McClain              | 23 | Jeanie Brasher         |
|    | David Keel                 | 26 | Ginger Foster          |
|    | Emily Moore                |    |                        |



Baby Shower honoring Clint + Sara McClain at 2PM next Sunday at the Milan Country Club; they are expecting a boy. Please see Rita or Pam to contribute to a group gift.

## Remember in Prayer...

- **Edward** is doing well after having cataract surgery on both eyes in the past few weeks.
- **Martha Nell Reed** is not doing well; she remains at the McKenzie nursing home.
- **Wanda Flowers**, Shirley's sister, has recovered from Covid-19 and is staying with her son and daughter-in-law.
- Please continue to remember our shut-ins.

## News and Notes...

It is SO GOOD to be back together again! Let us remember, however, that until further notice, we still need to follow the guidelines mandated by the health department. All are reminded to wear facemasks and keep them in place except during singing and communion. (Masks will be provided to those who need them.) Individual communion packets are available in the foyer and should be picked up before entering the auditorium; the offering plates are also in the foyer. In order that we may observe the six-foot social-distancing guideline, seating assignments have been posted on the pews. An effort has been made to keep as many in the vicinity of their "regular pews" as possible. When services are over, we will be dismissed by rows. Please exit the building when dismissed and drop your empty communion packs in the receptacle by the door. All visiting should be done outside and the six-foot social-distancing mandate observed. Anyone who is sick or has been around anyone who is sick should not assemble, but should continue to participate in the online service instead.

Our **WEEKLY SERVICES** will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook at 9AM and 5PM on Sundays, and at 6:30PM on Wednesdays.