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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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**SUNDAY:** Worship 9:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAY:** Bible Study 6:30 PM



## Trezevant Church of Christ

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# The Follower

June 07, 2020

## Make Your Calling and Election Sure

We have been examining the characteristics – virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity – that must be diligently added to our faith if we are to be partakers of the divine nature (**2 Pet. 1:5-10**). Peter ends his admonition with these words: *Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall...* Today we will discuss what it means to make our calling and election sure.

The word translated **calling** is the Greek word *kaleo*, simply meaning to bid or invite. Through the gospel of Jesus Christ, we are invited by God to become His children (**2 Thess 2:13-14**). **Election** is translated from the Greek word *ekloge*, meaning chosen or selected. God invites and we are selected when we submit to the conditions – when we do the will of the Father (**Matt. 7:21**). The word **sure** is from the Greek word *bebaios*, and means confirmed or certain. We who are of *like precious faith* (**2 Pet. 1:1**) are instructed to make our *calling and election sure* (**2 Pet. 1:10**) by adding these seven characteristics to our faith.

From other passages we can determine that everyone is invited and that our selection is based upon and made sure by our actions. We are called by the gospel of Jesus Christ (*cont'd next pg*)

which is offered to all (Titus 2:11-12). The blood of Jesus Christ, the payment for the redemption of sins, is for all the world (1 John 2:2). But not all will benefit from this gracious act of God and His son, Jesus. We must obey the gospel (2 Thess. 1:6-9) and we must add to our faith (2 Pet. 1:5-10). By walking in the light we continue to receive the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus Christ (1 Jn. 1:7ff).

Note the last part of this encouragement: *for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall* (2 Pet. 1:10). The clear implication, then, is that those who do not diligently add these characteristics to their faith do not secure their calling and election and are in danger of falling from the grace of God. Let us receive this instruction from Peter so that we may be certain about our adoption into God's family.

~Freeman



*All are invited to a dinner reception celebrating the high school graduation of Olivia Peevyhouse on Saturday, June 13, at 5:00 P.M. in the church fellowship hall.*

*Please RSVP to Olivia at 731-358-5539.*

## *Remember in Prayer . . .*

- **Ponna** met with the stem cell replacement team Thursday and is to begin pulmonary and cardio testing this week. The transplant is expected to take place within a month.
- Casey's parents, **Brent & Judy Bush**, were involved in an auto accident Wednesday. Both are recovering from their injuries.
- **Martha Nell Reed** remains at the McKenzie nursing home.
- Please continue to **remember our shut-ins**.

## *News and Notes . . .*

**Isn't it great 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 who are able to 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.