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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

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## *If I Believe the Bible is from God...*

Most people who claim to be Christians say they believe the Bible to be the literally inspired word of God. At the same time, many of them would also say that they do not really believe in the miracles of the Bible, or that the Creation was accomplished in six literal days. They further believe the popular myth that the dinosaurs were extinct long before men came along on the earth.

The Bible testifies that it is inspired of God (**2 Tim 3:16**); that the prophets spoke as directed by the Holy Ghost and that the Word came from God, not from men (**2 Pet 1:20ff**); and that God cannot lie (**Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18**). The psalmist affirmed, "For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast (**Psalms 33:9**). Let's consider some things we must believe simply because God's Word says so, despite what we may be taught by scoffers in textbooks and on the media.

I must believe that God created the heavens, the earth, and all that is in them in six literal days (**Gen. 1:1ff; Ex. 20:11**), for at the end of each portion of the Creation, it is written, "...and the evening and the morning were the \_\_\_\_\_ day," - a literal, 24-hour day. On Day Five God created the birds and the fish (**vv 20-23**), and on Day Six He created all living creatures on the earth, including man (**vv 24-31**). Since the scriptures (*cont'd next page*)

teach that God created ALL living creatures on the earth, including man, on Day Six, I must believe that man and dinosaurs walked the earth at the same time. So how, you may ask, did man exist with dinosaurs without being in constant fear for his life? The simple answer is found in verses **29-30**: God created man and beasts as vegetarians; it was not until after the Flood hundreds of years later that they became carnivorous (**Gen. 9:1-3**).

Because God's Word says so, I must believe that there were miracles in the Bible days, including the Israelites crossing the Red Sea on dry ground, and that same sea swallowing up the pursuing Egyptians (**Ex. 14**), that Balaam's donkey literally spoke to him (**Num. 22:30**), and that Gideon defeated the entire Midianite army with 300 chosen men (**Judges 7**). Furthermore, the New Testament reveals God's approval of Jesus through many miracles, wonders, and signs (**John 3:1ff, Acts 2:22**). His apostles, also, were endowed with the ability to perform miracles to verify their word was from God (**Acts 5:12**). Finally, I must realize and believe that there came a day when the need for those miracles ceased (**1 Cor. 13:8-10**).

Peter prophesied that there would be scoffers who question God and His authority (**2 Pet. 3:3ff**), and we can certainly see that attitude all around us today. However, let us resolve to stand fast, to be encouraged to believe that the Bible is from God and what it says is true. This is the basis of our faith and hope.

~Freeman

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

|    |                            |    |             |
|----|----------------------------|----|-------------|
| 03 | <i>Steve &amp; Rita</i>    | 23 | Eli Bryant  |
| 05 | Shirley Butler             | 25 | Nick Bryant |
| 14 | <i>Terry &amp; Mary Jo</i> | 28 | Nina Long   |
| 16 | Dalton Moore               |    | Kyle Foster |
| 19 | Mickey Keen                |    | Dylan Holt  |

## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **Kay** is in the Milan hospital; she is undergoing tests for intestinal issues.
- **Monte** suffered a setback midweek, probably related to his medication, and returned to the hospital in Nashville. At last report, he was in a rehab unit there.
- **Shirley** had cataract surgery Tuesday and is doing well from that procedure. She also got a good report on her cancer margins.
- **Kyle** suffered a fall Monday and was banged up a bit, but no damage was done to his knee. His staples were removed Tuesday. He continues to slowly recuperate.
- **Ponna** continues to improve but remains in isolation. She goes back to Memphis weekly for labs and IV fluids.
- **Edward Ray** has been having back and leg issues.
- **David** is to have back surgery on Monday, the 17th, at Jackson.
- **Sara Beth** is doing better and has returned to work.
- **Kenneth Barlow** has suffered a brain bleed and is in Vanderbilt. The prognosis is not good.
- Please continue to **remember our shut-ins**.

## News and Notes . . .

- Those who need a **PICTURE RETAKE** for the **directory** are asked to please get with Mandy to schedule that ASAP.
- **Your continued participation** in social distancing and wearing a mask is appreciated as we assemble for worship on Sunday mornings (9AM) and Sunday evenings (5PM). Please pick up your communion packets from the foyer on your way in, and discard them in the basket by the door on your way out.
- **All of our services** continue to be live-streamed at 9AM and 5PM on Sundays, and at 6:30PM on Wednesdays.