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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



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# The Follower

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## Forgiveness

Obtaining forgiveness of sins is of utmost importance, for without it we cannot enter heaven. Our sins separate us from God (**Isaiah 59:1-2**), and the ultimate penalty for that sin is death (**Rom. 6:23**). Not physical death, but spiritual death described as the lake of fire (**Rev. 20:14-15**), and everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord (**2 Thess. 1:8-9**).

God has provided the means for us to be forgiven of our sins. Submission to and obedience of the gospel brings forgiveness of our past sins as we pass from alien sinner to child of God. As Paul told the church in Corinth, *And such were some of you: but you are washed...sanctified...justified in the name of the Lord Jesus (1 Cor. 6:11)*. We continue to need forgiveness even after we become Christians because, as hard as we try to walk in the light, we will still stumble and commit sin (**1 John 1:7ff**). How blessed we are to have a gracious and merciful God who is faithful to forgive us when we confess and repent of our sins!

There is a second aspect of forgiveness that is closely connected to the first: We must be willing to forgive others if we expect God to forgive us. Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, said, *"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, (cont'd next page)*

neither will your heavenly Father forgive your trespasses" (Matt. 6:12-15). Additionally, Jesus told Peter that our willingness to forgive is not limited to a few times, but rather unlimited, as is the forgiveness the Father extends to us (Matt. 18:21ff).

Forgiveness, however, can be extended only to those who repent: "...If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him" (Luke 17:3ff - emphasis mine.) Jesus, who prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34), exemplified a willingness to forgive as He hung on the cross. But that forgiveness was not extended until the day of Pentecost, when those who "were pricked in their heart" responded by asking, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" and were instructed to "**Repent and be baptized...**" (Acts 2:37-38ff). Repentance and forgiveness are inseparably linked, and we must be willing to forgive any who penitently ask.

Let us strive to be forgiving of others so that we may experience God's forgiveness and be heaven bound.

~Freeman

**AND BE YE *kind* TO ONE ANOTHER,  
*tenderhearted,* FORGIVING ONE *another,*  
EVEN AS GOD FOR CHRIST'S SAKE  
HATH *forgiven* YOU.  
EPHESIANS 4:32**

**Worship is something that Christians make an effort to do; it is not something they try to find time to watch.**

~Jim Faughn, via A Legacy of Faith blog

## Remember in Prayer . . .

- Miss Mary remains in NHC and is about the same. The address there is 8017 Dogwood Ln, Milan 38358.
- JoAnn Moore is having some blood pressure issues; her pacemaker procedure on Tuesday went well.
- Tatym Keymon, granddaughter of the Keels, had shoulder surgery Thursday. She came through the procedure fine and will be undergoing rehab.
- Please continue to remember our shut-ins.

PRAYER LIST: Monte; Lois Arrington (Jean's mother); Ruth Bennett; Jeff Hutcherson (Rhonda's brother); residents and staff of area assisted living facilities....

## News and Notes . . .

- Welcome to our assembly! Please continue to be considerate of one another by wearing a mask and practicing social distancing.
- We plan to resume our Bible classes next week. Please make plans to be here Sunday at 9AM and 5PM, and Wednesday evening at 6:30.
- Our Sunday worship services will be live-streamed at 10AM (rather than 9AM) and at 5PM; Wednesday evening Bible class is live-streamed at 6:30.
- Our congregation is participating in the PTP 365 video program. Please see Freeman if you need instruction about accessing it.

**Wednesday Bible Class:**

**James 3**

*(Study guides are available in the foyer)*