

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:

	AM	PM
Announcements & Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Dale Ballentine
Opening Prayer	David Bryant	Steve Foster
Scripture Reading	Mark Wright	David Brasher
Closing Prayer	Dylan Holt	Nick Bryant

NEXT WEEK:

Announcements & Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Dale Ballentine
Opening Prayer	John Henry Long	Nick Bryant
Scripture Reading	Jacob Keen	Noah Brasher
Closing Prayer	Keith Peevyhouse	Steve Foster

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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| <b>SUNDAY:</b>    | Bible Class 9:00 AM<br>Worship 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM<br>(Meet-Eat-Meet each fifth Sunday) |
| <b>WEDNESDAY:</b> | Bible Study 6:30 PM                                                                    |



**Trezevant Church of Christ**

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*The Follower*

April 18, 2021

*How Long Has It Been?*

Prayer is the Christian’s means of communicating with God. Thankfully, our Father has not left us on our own to figure out how to pray, but has given us instructions and examples in His Word. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught that praying in public to be seen of men is hypocritical and that we should be praying in secret instead, and that vain repetitions (meaningless phrases) are not what God wants to hear. He then gave us an example prayer, demonstrating the way we should approach the Father (**Matt. 6**).

Public prayer is an integral part of our worship assemblies, but it certainly is not the only time we need to reach out to the Father. Hopefully we pray at home before meals, giving thanks to Him for our food and other blessings, but does that constitute the bulk of our prayer lives? Perhaps we think about prayer only when we are in a situation from which we cannot see the way out. But God desires that we continually humble ourselves before Him and open our hearts to Him (**1 Thess. 5:17-18**).

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In challenging each of us to strive for a better prayer life, I offer the following suggestions as to how we might accomplish this:

- Set aside time each day to pray and let God know what is troubling us.
- Confess our sins and ask forgiveness for them.
- Seek strength to get through the temptations of life.
- Pray for others as they struggle with their burdens in life, and for ourselves that we would recognize and take advantage of opportunities to help when we can.
- Pray for the lost that they would come to God, and for the courage to teach them by example and through study.
- Thank God for His love, grace, and mercy which He demonstrated to us through the giving of His Son to be the sacrifice for our sin.

So now the question: How long has it been? In the hymn by that name, this question is posed several times. How long has it been since you talked with the Lord? How long since you stayed on your knees? How long since you knelt by your bed and prayed to God in heaven?

How long has it been for you?

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer...

- **Rhonda** continues to have respiratory difficulty and is waiting for an appointment with a pulmonologist. **Dale** and **Christine** are back at work, but Dale is still suffering with a cough and shortness of breath, and Christine still has issues with taste.
- **Jean's** broken foot is slow in healing.
- Please continue to remember **Miss Mary**.
- **Steve** has a follow-up appointment with his surgeon in Nashville Friday.
- **Baby Brooks** is doing so much better!

**PRAYER LIST:** Monte; JoAnn Moore; Craig Ballentine; Penny Foster; Ruth Bennett; Lois Arrington; Jeff Hutcherson; Tina Smith; Joe Wilson; residents and staff of area assisted living facilities....

## News and Notes...

- **Welcome to our assembly!** The wearing of masks is no longer mandatory, but our elders do ask that, for the time being, we continue to practice social distancing.
- **Wednesday night devo: David Brasher**
- **MSOP Lectureship** May 23-27. Please see the flyer in the foyer for details.
- Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed at 10AM and at 5PM; Wednesday evening Bible class at 6:30.

### MEMORY VERSE - James 1:22

*But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*