

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:

	AM	PM
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

NEXT WEEK:

Announcements & Song Leading	Jacob Peevyhouse	Dale Ballentine
Opening Prayer	Freeman Mahan	Freeman Mahan
Scripture Reading	Steve Foster	Dylan Holt
Closing Prayer	Dale Ballentine	Josh Brasher

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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                                                                    |



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# The Follower

April 25, 2021

## Taken for Granted?

One of the worst things we do is that we take people and situations for granted. For example, when we go to sleep, we take it for granted that we will wake up in the morning. When we take a breath, we expect there will be another one. We talk about the freedoms we enjoy in this country and we are certain they will always continue because, in our lifetimes, they've always existed. We see this attitude often in the lives of parents and children, the relationships of husband and wives, and many other aspects of life too numerous to mention. Let's examine how it might affect us spiritually.

The nation of Israel is a great example of this mindset; God's chosen people took Him for granted. After the miraculous conquest of Jericho, Joshua and the Israelites assumed they could defeat the town of Ai with just a portion of their army. They lost that battle, however, because there was sin in the camp. Had Joshua had the foresight to consult with God before going after Ai, it is likely the sin would have been revealed and punished, and the outcome of the battle would have been different (**Josh. 7:1ff**). And this was not an isolated case. Throughout their history, Israel assumed that God would always be there for them when they decided they needed Him. *(Continued next page)*

God's patience finally ran out, however, and the time came that God informed Jeremiah and Ezekiel that even if Moses and Samuel, or Daniel, Job, and Noah were before Him, He would not save them (**Ezek. 14:14ff; Jer. 15:1**).

We can apply this same principle regarding our own salvation: We cannot take for granted that the opportunity will always be there. Governor Felix told Paul, "*When I have a convenient season, I will call for thee*" (**Acts 24:25**). We have no record that the convenient season ever came. Paul stressed the urgency to the Corinthians, "*Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation*" (**2 Cor. 6:2**).

The danger is this: If we continue to postpone our obedience of the gospel, there will come a day when it is too late. We must not take for granted that God will always be there for us.

Let us examine ourselves whether we are in the faith, and if not, let us act today while we still have the opportunity.

*Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,  
call ye upon him while he is near.*  
(**Isa. 55:6**).

*~Freeman*

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## *Remember in Prayer...*

- **Rhonda** continues to struggle with breathing, but cannot pursue a pulmonologist appointment until she has been Covid-free for two months. She learned Friday that she still has pneumonia, and is being treated for that.
- **Steve** had an MRI this past week and is awaiting the results.

**PRAYER LIST:** Jean; Miss Mary; Monte; Dale & Christine; 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!** While the wearing of masks is now optional, our elders do ask that, for the time being, we continue to practice social distancing.
- **Wednesday night devo: Nick Bryant**
- **Memphis School of Preaching 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.
- Our congregation is participating in the **PTP 365** video program. Please see Freeman if you need help accessing it.

**MEMORY VERSE - Ephesians 5:20**

*Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...*