

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:**

	AM	PM
Song Leading	Nick Bryant	Nick Bryant
Opening Prayer	Dale Aden	Dale Aden
Scripture Reading	Josh Brasher	Mark Wright
Closing Prayer	Josh Brasher	Steve Foster

**NEXT WEEK:**

Song Leading	Nick Bryant	Jacob Peevyhouse
Opening Prayer	David Bryant	Mark Wright
Scripture Reading	Dylan Holt	David Brasher
Closing Prayer	Mark Wright	Nick Bryant

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

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| <b>SUNDAY:</b>    | Bible Class 9:00 AM                                             |
|                   | 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*

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*Love Not the World*

Jesus' beloved apostle John admonishes us to *walk in the light* (**1 John 1:7ff**) and to *keep his commandments* (**1 John 2:3ff**). It is vital that, as Christians, we live lives devoted to God and that we set good examples to those around us. A wise use of our time is certainly a part of that mindset.

Worldliness is perhaps the greatest obstacle Christians face as we strive to make wise use of our time. In speaking of the dangers of worldly cares and riches, Jesus cautioned that *where your treasure is, there will your heart be also... No man can serve two masters... Ye cannot serve God and mammon* (**Matt. 6:19ff**). He used the parable of the soils to illustrate that Christians may be choked out from being fruitful because of *the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches* (**Matt. 13:22**). Likewise, John, following his challenge to walk in the light and obey God's commandments, warned, *"Love not the world, neither the things which are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world"* (**1 John 2:15-16**).

John said that we are not to love the world. Note that he did not say we are to have no involvement with the world. We have to be in the world, but we are not to be of the world. We must spend time earning a living and providing for our families,

but when we allow a job to interfere with our spiritual lives, it becomes wrong. Recreation and relaxation are beneficial to our physical and mental wellbeing, but we should never allow them to come before our service to God. It is simply a matter of heart. If our hearts are right, we will not allow the cares and riches of the world to ensnare us. If our hearts are right, we will use our time wisely in service to God and mankind.

*<sup>19</sup>Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: <sup>20</sup>But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also... <sup>24</sup>No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon (Matt. 6:19-24).*

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer . . .

- Edward Ray's hip replacement is scheduled for Tuesday at Jackson.
- Steve's brother **Dennis** and sister-in-law **Pam** have light cases of Covid, but their daughter **Kayla Hudgens** is on a ventilator at Jackson, having already suffered significant lung damage. Her husband and three children also have Covid, and are quarantined at home.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; John; Edward Ray & Jean; Orvaline; Barry & Jennifer; JoAnn Moore; Lois Arrington; Jeff Hutcherson; Craig Ballentine; Richard Climer; residents and staff of area assisted living facilities....

## News and Notes . . .

- **Welcome to our assembly!** We encourage our visitors to stay following our services and let us get acquainted with you.
- **Our gospel meeting** with Brent Arnold begins this morning and continues through Wednesday. Today a meet-eat-meet day; we will reassemble about 12:45 for the afternoon service. All weeknight services will begin at 7:00.
- **Gospel meeting at Juno** in Lexington next Sunday through Wednesday. Speaker is John Dale; Sunday evening service begins at 7:30, weeknights begin at 7:00.

### MEMORY VERSES - Matthew 5:3-8

*<sup>3</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy....*