

**PRIVILEGED TO
SERVE TODAY:**

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

NEXT WEEK:

Song Leading	Nick Bryant	Jacob Peevyhouse
Opening Prayer	Keith Peevyhouse	David Brasher
Scripture Reading	Jacob Keen	Josh Brasher
Closing Prayer	Noah Brasher	Dale Aden

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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**SUNDAY:**      Bible Class    9:00 AM  
 Worship      10:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
 (Meet-Eat-Meet each fifth Sunday)

**WEDNESDAY:**      Bible Study    6:30 PM



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*The Follower*

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*Comparisons*

As a people, we like to compare ourselves to our own previous circumstances and/or to other people. We do that because it makes us feel better about ourselves. For instance, I may say that compared to that loser over there, I am pretty good. Or in following our favorite sports team, we may say that, when compared to our previous bad records, this year we are better. While that may be true, that is not the standard with which we should be satisfied. What does that really say about us or our team if that is the comparison we are making? The problem with comparing ourselves to ourselves or to another who is worse off than we are is that we are not using the correct standard of comparison.

Note the text in **Luke 18:9-14** in which Jesus taught with a parable concerning two men who went into the temple to pray. The first man, a Pharisee, expressed thankfulness that he was not like other men who committed terrible offenses such as extortion or adultery, and even boasted that he tithed and fasted in accordance with the law. He compared himself to others and exalted himself in his own mind instead of measuring himself by the expectations of God, which included humility and submission. The world is *(continued next page)*

filled with people who refuse to acknowledge that they need God, His word, and the blood of His Son because they see themselves as good compared to most other people who commit terrible sins.

The true standard for the lives of men is found in God's word. In it are the words *which are able to make us wise unto salvation* (2 Tim. 3:15) and *are profitable for.... all good works* (2 Tim. 3:16-17). When the judgment day arrives, man will be held accountable for his words and deeds as compared to the words of Christ which shall *judge him in the last day* (John 12:48), and not according to how he compared to himself to others.

Improving oneself over time is a commendable thing, but if our ultimate goal is getting to heaven, we must be comparing ourselves to God's standard. We should indeed feel better about ourselves as we grow spiritually, putting off the old man and putting on the new man, but we must never become content or self-righteous. May we strive toward perfection by keeping our eye on the standard of God's word as we work to stay on the path to heaven.

~Freeman



...Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment...

ROMANS 12:3

## Remember in Prayer...

- Edward Ray's hip replacement seems to have been successful; he is home and doing well with physical therapy.
- Dylan's mother **Lena Holt** is awaiting results of a colonoscopy from the first of the week where polyps were found.
- Jeanie Brasher's brother **Tracy Hughes** is dealing with lingering complications of Covid.
- Steve's niece **Kayla Hudgens** remains on a vent but is improving.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; John; Jean; Orvaline; Barry & Jennifer; the Hudgens family; JoAnn Moore; Lois Arrington; Jeff Hutcherson; Craig Ballentine; Richard Climer; Gaylon Sydnor (leukemia); 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 **Finances** as of July 31:  
General Fund: \$19,332.18  
Building/Maintenance Fund: \$57,287.40
- **Gospel meeting at Juno** in Lexington with **John Dale** begins today and continues through Wednesday. Tonight's service begins at 7:30; weeknights are 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....