

**PRIVILEGED TO
SERVE TODAY:**

	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Sherrill Smith	Nick Bryant
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Jacob Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Dylan Holt	David Brasher
Closing Prayer	David Brasher	Nick Bryant

NEXT WEEK:

Opening Prayer	Dale Aden	David Brasher
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Jacob Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Jacob Keen	Joshua Brasher
Closing Prayer	Joshua 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

September 19, 2021

## Judas

What comes to mind when you hear the name Judas Iscariot? Would you believe that there are those who view him, in a sense, as a hero? One such theory is that Judas was “the indispensable and most-favored disciple, ordered by Jesus to betray him so that his mission could be fulfilled,” (Jay Tolson, “Was This Villain Really a Hero?”, *U.S. News & World Report*, April 17, 2006, p. 52). No honest Bible student could ever accept any such theory. Let us examine what the Bible says about this man.

Judas was one of the original twelve apostles, and as such was given *power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease* (**Matt. 10:1-2**). He apparently had the confidence of the other eleven, as he was the one who served as the treasurer (**John 13:29**).

However, he was also the one who would forever be known as the betrayer of Jesus. When Matthew penned the names of the original twelve apostles, he noted that Judas was the one who also betrayed him (**Matt. 10:4**); Luke described him simply as *the traitor* (**Luke 6:16**). When Judas protested that the costly ointment used to anoint Jesus could have instead been

sold to benefit the poor, John referred to him as *a thief* who had no real concern for the poor (**John 12:6**). Judas then allowed Satan to lead him into the betrayal of Jesus: *Then entered Satan into Judas... (Luke 22:3); ...the devil having now put into the heart of Judas...to betray him (John 13:2)*.

So we have on one hand, then, a man who was chosen by Jesus and was seemingly trusted by his peers, while on the other, the man who fell prey to Satan and willingly betrayed the Lord for a small sum of money. The real tragedy, though, is that while he felt guilt and remorse and returned the blood money, Judas died without truly repenting of his sins. He never sought the Lord's forgiveness, but instead went out and hanged himself. Would Jesus have forgiven him? He readily forgave a penitent Peter for his denials, so He certainly would have also forgiven a penitent Judas.

Let us learn from Judas's grave mistake, being ever mindful of our own sins and quick to confess and repent of them, that we may *walk in the light*, continuing to receive the forgiveness of God (**I John 1:7-10**).

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer...

- The **Hilliard family** as they remain quarantined for Covid. As of now, David is the only one infected, and his case is light.
- **Pam**, as she waits for a date for knee surgery.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; John; Edward Ray & Jean; Orvaline; Tracy Hughes (Jeanie's brother); JoAnn Moore; Lois Arrington; Jeff Hutcherson; Craig Ballentine; Mary Ann Ramaker (Shirley's neighbor who suffered a stroke); Linda Rainey McMakins (Covid and a blood clot in her lung); David Whitlock (Joe's brother-in-law); Richard Climer; Gaylon Sydnor (leukemia); the school system as it deals with Covid; residents and staff of area assisted living facilities....

## News and Notes...

- **Welcome to our assembly!** We encourage our visitors to stay following services and let us get acquainted with you.
- **Wednesday night devo:** Dale Aden

### MEMORY VERSES - John 3:5:

*Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

**It's time to take America back from the  
Three R's of reading, 'riting, and 'rithmatic  
to a time of  
Responsibility, Respect, and Reverence.**

~John DeBerry (at PTP 2017)