

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:

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

NEXT WEEK:

Opening Prayer	Nick Bryant	David Bryant
Song Leading	Nick Bryant	Jacob Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Joshua Brasher	Mark Wright
Closing Prayer	John Henry Long	Steve Foster

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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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*The Whole Duty of Man*

In his final remarks in the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon wrote, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (**Ecc. 12:13**). The word *duty* (added for clarity in the KJV) is defined in the dictionary as "a moral or legal obligation; a responsibility." It can also mean "task or action that someone is required to perform." Thus, Solomon in his wisdom has instructed mankind that our whole duty - the total obligation of mankind - is to have the proper respect for God and do what He has commanded.

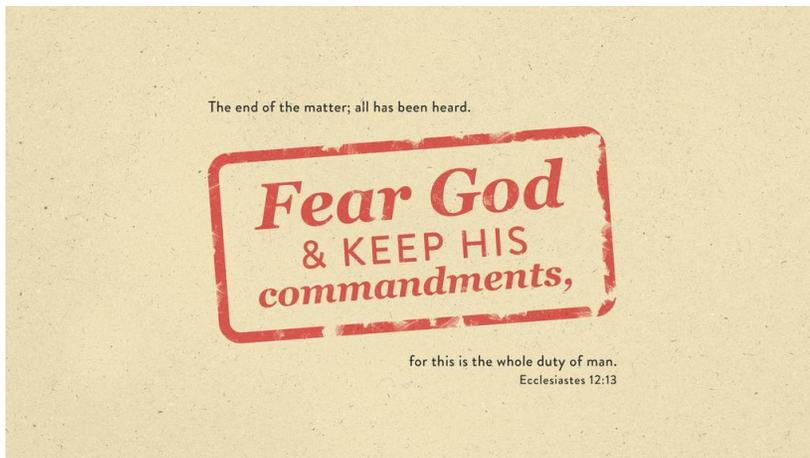
This has been true throughout the ages. While the exact same instructions have not been given to every person, the principle of fearing God and keeping His commandments is inherent in each. Adam and Eve were given specific directives regarding their time in the garden: multiply and fill the earth; subdue the earth and have dominion over all; dress and keep the garden; and eat from any tree except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil lest they die (**Gen. 1:28, 2:12-17**). Cain and Abel were instructed in offering sacrifices in a way pleasing to God (**Gen. 4**). Noah was told to build an ark and collect animals to survive the flood (**Gen. 6**). The Israelites were given a detailed set of commands - the Law - which specified (Continued next page)

the means of their covenant relationship with God. Since the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, all of mankind has been instructed in the new covenant how to live acceptably unto God. But one common thread has been woven through each era of time since the creation of man, and that is to fear God and keep His commandments.

God has certain expectations of mankind because, as the only part of the creation made in His image, we enjoy a unique relationship with Him. He desires to be our God – our only God – and for us to be His special people. But being infinite in His knowledge and wisdom, He knew that we would not be like Him: He is perfection, we are sinners. He knew we would need to be saved from the consequences of sin – spiritual death in eternity – and He has provided the remedy. He sent His son Jesus, in the form of man, to be tested and tempted in every way as we are that He would become the worthy sacrifice for our sins.

Such a sacrifice on the part of God demands an obligation on the part of man. Our service should not be regarded merely as a duty, however, but as an opportunity to show our gratitude for His love, grace, and mercy. When we truly realize what He has done for us, how can we not be consumed with love and a desire to serve Him faithfully?

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **Edward Ray** got a good report from the doctor last week: He has been cleared to gradually resume his regular activities.
- We are saddened by the passing of **Shirley Jennings** on Friday evening. Graveside services will be held Thursday morning at 11:00 at the Trezevant Cemetery.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Edward Ray & Jean; Orvaline; JoAnn Moore; Lois Arrington; Jeff Hutcherson; Craig Ballentine; Duane Dowdy (Covid); 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: David Bryant**

### MEMORY VERSE – John 5:39:

*Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*