

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:

	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Nick Bryant	Freeman Mahan
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Noah Brasher	Dylan Holt
Closing Prayer	Mark Wright	Josh Brasher

NEXT WEEK:

Opening Prayer	David Brasher	David Bryant
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	David Brasher	Josh Brasher
Closing Prayer	Josh Brasher	Dylan Holt

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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

**Trezevant Church of Christ**

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# The Follower

November 07, 2021

## Confession - How and Why Do We Do It?

There are those in the religious world who practice what they call confession, wherein an individual confesses to a priest his recent sins, in the privacy of a booth, in order to receive forgiveness. The Bible, however, speaks nothing about such practices. Let's consider what it does say about confession.

One form of confession involves making a public statement of belief that Jesus is the son of God: *Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven (Matt. 10:32); and ...if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Rom. 10:9-10).*

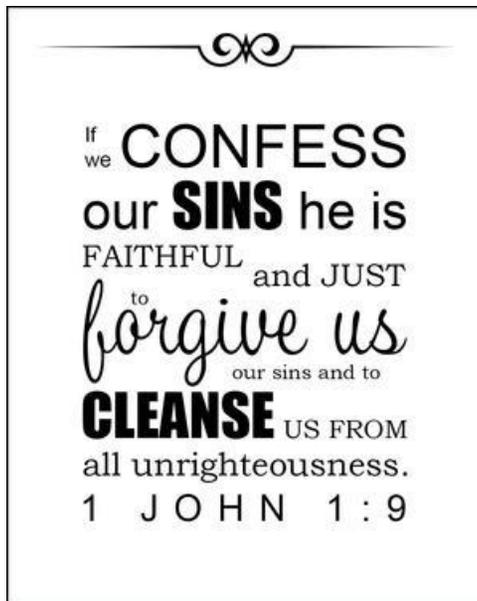
For the Christian, however, there are other considerations. As part of walking in the light, we are instructed that *if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins (1 John 1:9)*. Repenting of and confessing our sins to God are necessary to receive forgiveness. Our faults are our sins, and being healed means being forgiven (*...by whose stripes ye were healed [1 Pet 2:24]*). As we live our Christian lives, we will make mistakes and sin against God and our fellow man despite (continued next page)

our best efforts, and when we do, God expects us to confess the sins with a penitent heart so that we may receive forgiveness.

Additionally, we are instructed to *confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another that ye may be healed (James 5:16)*. So, how public must a confession be? That depends upon how publicly known the sins are. Sins known only to God need only to be confessed to God. Sins known by one or a few need to be confessed to that one or those few. Sins publicly known need to be publicly confessed before the church.

Finally, note the connection in **James 5:16** between confessing one to another and praying for one another. Confession is necessary to make penitence known, and prayers are needed to lead to the healing (forgiveness). May we, as Christians, be always aware of the privilege and responsibility we have to lift each other up in prayer before the Father, knowing that the *effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **David Bryant** is still awaiting the results of the thyroid biopsy done Tuesday at Jackson.
- **Olivia** has had tonsillitis but is doing better.
- **Rita** has been suffering with back issues since midweek.
- **Brenda McCormick** of Atwood is to have surgery to repair the shunt in her head tomorrow at Vanderbilt.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Edward Ray & Jean; Orvaline; Lois Arrington; Jeff Hutcherson; Craig Ballentine; Dean Kelly (Cane Creek for rehab); Mandy Brewer (pancreatic cancer); Frances Nell Forest's granddaughter; the school system and assisted living facilities as they continue to deal with Covid...

## News and Notes . . .

- **Welcome to our assembly!** We encourage our visitors to stay following services and let us get acquainted with you.
- **THANKS** to all who helped with the desserts for the football team Thursday evening. They were greatly appreciated!
- **"Lights Out" Singing** at Bargerton at 7:00 this evening.
- **Singing at Christian Chapel** in Wildersville this Friday, the 12th, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM.
- **Wednesday night devo:** David Bryant

### MEMORY VERSE - John 10:27:

*My sheep hear My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me...*

If I want to tell others about Jesus, I must start with myself. I must shine as a light in the world that is filled with darkness (Matt. 5:13). People will be drawn to light (Zech. 8:23).

~Todd Clippard (PTP 2019)