

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:**

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

**NEXT WEEK:**

Opening Prayer	Sherrill Smith	Nick Bryant
Song Leading	Jacob Peevyhouse	Nick Bryant
Scripture Reading	David Brasher	David Brasher
Closing Prayer	Jacob Peevyhouse	Nick Bryant

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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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## *Covenant with Satan?*

In 1958, there was a musical movie about an elderly man who was so tired of the New York Yankees always winning the pennant and usually the World Series, that he made the bold statement that he would sell his soul to the devil if the Washington Senators could win the pennant. So the devil, disguised as a businessman, appeared to the man and drew up a contractual agreement, part of which involved him turning the old man into a very talented young baseball player. While this movie was a comical farce, it does present a most pertinent lesson for us about contracts or covenants.

In our recent series of lessons, The Two Covenants, we have shown that God was willing to make covenants with men: in the garden with Adam and Eve; after the flood with Noah; in Canaan with Abraham, etc. Our main focus concerned the difference between the Old Covenant (the Law of Moses) and the New Covenant established through Christ. Let us consider the circumstances which exist today.

Beginning with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, the Old Covenant was taken out of the way and replaced with the New Covenant. After AD 70, there remained no interest in the

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Old. But man still has a choice between two covenants: the New Covenant with God through Christ, or a covenant with Satan.

Paul wrote that when the day of wrath comes, men will be before God who will *render to every man according to his deeds*. There are only two alternatives offered in this text: *patient continuance in well doing* which leads to eternal life, or to be among those who are *contentious, and do not obey the truth*, which will result in *tribulation and anguish upon every man that doeth evil* (**Rom. 2:5ff**). Paul added to this later when he said, *“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you”* (**Rom 6:16-17**). Clearly, if one is in a covenant with God, he/she is headed toward eternal life. But, if one is not obedient to God’s truth, he is in a covenant with Satan and headed toward hell.

Let each of us seriously and honestly examine our spiritual condition and do whatever it takes to be in that covenant relationship with God through Jesus. Only then will we be on the path to everlasting life.

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **Pam** is making good progress with her knee, but is still in a great deal of pain.
- **Tatum Keymon** is scheduled for surgery on the 21st to repair her torn ACL, MCL, and meniscus. Recovery will include 8 months of therapy.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Joann Moore; Diane Bray; Kathy Dean (colon cancer); Orvaline; Lois Arrington; Jeff Hutcherson; Craig Ballentine; 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.
- **Wednesday night devo:** Nick

### MEMORY VERSE - John 14:6:

*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

