

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:

	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Mark Wright	David Bryant
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Jacob Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	David Brasher	Mark Wright
Closing Prayer	Freeman Mahan	Noah Brasher

NEXT WEEK:

Opening Prayer	David Bryant	David Brasher
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Jacob Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Mark Wright	David Brasher
Closing Prayer	Dylan Holt	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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## The Assembling of Ourselves Together

The letter to the Hebrews provides a comparison of the old covenant (the Law of Moses) to the new covenant of grace and truth, which came by Jesus Christ. The new covenant provides a better priesthood, a better sacrifice, and better promises, all of which are provided by Jesus.

The specific passage under consideration here has to do with the assembling of ourselves together – forsaking that assembling, in particular – and is found in **Hebrews 10:24-26:**

*And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no sacrifice for our sins...*

What does forsaking the assemblies mean? Other translations use words such as *neglecting* or *giving up*. The meaning of the Greek word *engkatalipo* is to leave behind, to desert, or to leave. Forsaking the assembling of ourselves together is a conscious decision to be absent from our services, and such a decision is sinful. Of course there are legitimate reasons, such as illness, that cause us to occasionally miss services, but let's be really honest with ourselves when we are faced with the decision of whether or not to assemble. Would we be *(continued next page)*

too sick to go to work, to attend “the big game” if we had tickets, or participate in any number of other activities that might pique our interest?

We also need to ask ourselves when and why we are to assemble. We have both instruction and example:

*And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight (Acts 20:7)... Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come (1 Cor. 16:1-2)... Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him... (Col. 3:16-17; see also Eph. 5:19-20). (Emphasis mine.)*

We see, then, that we are to assemble on the first day of the week for the purpose of offering worship to God because of the love, grace, and mercy He extended to us in the giving of His son for our sins. Our worship is to include five specific acts: partaking of the Lord’s Supper; preaching, giving, singing, and praying. Additionally, these assemblies provide us the opportunities to exhort one another to good works (Heb. 10:24) and to bear one another’s burdens (Gal. 6:2).

Our motivation should arise out of our appreciation of what God has done for us and our longing to be pleasing to Him. It should be the heart’s desire of each of us to assemble with our brothers and sisters in Christ at every opportunity. If that seems more like an obligation than a privilege, then perhaps we have a heart problem. The cure can be found in spending more quality time with the Great Physician.

~Freeman

**MEMORY VERSE – John 16:33:**

*These things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **Keith and Olivia** are doing better but still unable to be out.
- **Jacob Keen** has Covid; he’s improving, no longer running a fever.
- **Jimmy Gilliam** has Covid and is not doing well. He is on a ventilator in the Huntingdon hospital.
- Jean’s brother **DeVon Arrington** is to have surgery on an ear tomorrow.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Pam; Joann Moore; Tatum; Orvaline; Lois Arrington; Jeff Hutcherson; Craig Ballentine

## 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 Ballentine**

## Omissions

It is not so much the things I do that cause me to regret,  
It’s the little things I leave undone, the things that I forget.  
It’s words I fail to utter, the songs I fail to sing,  
The letters I forget to write that may great comfort bring.  
It’s the little acts of kindness, the joy I fail to give,  
The smiles I fail to scatter as day by day I live.  
It’s the sick I fail to visit, flowers I fail to send,  
It’s the hand I fail to offer unto a fallen friend.  
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It’s the little things I leave undone, the things that I forget.

~Author Unknown