

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:**

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

**NEXT WEEK:**

Opening Prayer	David Brasher	Nick Bryant
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Nick Bryant	Noah Brasher
Closing Prayer	Steve Foster	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*

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*The Wrath of the God of Love*

God is described as a God of love throughout the New Testament: *For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son... (John 3:16). But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8). Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God...for God is love...In this was manifested the love of God toward us...Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us...(1 John 4:7-10).* However, this abounding love and His grace, mercy, longsuffering, and forgiveness, is all that many want to focus on or think about.

Even though we serve a God of love, we need to understand that He is also a God of wrath: *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness (Rom. 1:18). Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience (Eph. 5:6).* The fact that a loving God can also demonstrate wrath against men is a cause for some to disbelieve in Him. They point to such acts of wrath as the flood in the days of Noah, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah in the days of Abraham, the command for King Saul to utterly destroy the Amelekites - men, (continued next page)

women, and children – as examples to make their case. How, they ask, can a God of love pour out His wrath in such a manner? How can He expect us to forgive when He has destroyed so many human beings and threatens mankind with eternal destruction in hell?

The key to understanding the wrath of God comes from understanding His desired relationship to man. *God is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Pet. 3:9)*. God, who created man in His image, loves man, and He wants man to live as His children – on earth and then in heaven for eternity. But man has demonstrated a desire for unrighteousness instead of submitting to the righteousness of God. Man is stubborn, stiff-necked, and rebellious, and is primarily interested in living according to his own desires and not according to God's. Therefore, God has offered both a reward and a punishment to man. To those who are willing to accept His love, grace, and mercy, He has promised a reward in heaven. But those who are not willing to submit can expect to endure His wrath, tormented for eternity in hell.

Let us be motivated by God's love to become and live as His children – to get on and stay on the path to heaven. If that is not enough, then may the threat of His wrath move us to change our priorities.

~Freeman

Create in me a clean  
heart, O God;  
and renew a right spirit  
within me.

Psalm 51:10

## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **Barbara** is improving, though still weak at last report.
- **Mark** is having ear problems, currently deaf in left ear.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Valerie; Joann Moore; Orvaline; Tatum; Lois and DeVon Arrington (Jean's mother and brother); 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: Freeman**
- Over the next few weeks, our **Memory Verses** will be the gospel plan of salvation as spoken by Jesus, and will be taken from the New King James version. We will build on it weekly.

### *What must I do to be saved?*

#### **JESUS SAID:**

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who **HEARs** My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life..." (**Jn 5:24a**)

"...for if ye **BELIEVE** not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." (**Jn 8:24b**)