

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:

	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Nick Bryant	David Bryant
Song Leading	Nick Bryant	Dale Ballentine
Scripture Reading	Josh Brasher	Mark Wright
Closing Prayer	John Henry Long	Dylan Holt

NEXT WEEK:

Opening Prayer	Sherrill Smith	David Brasher
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Dale Ballentine
Scripture Reading	Mark Wright	David Brasher
Closing Prayer	Noah Brasher	David 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

**Trezevant Church of Christ**

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# The Follower

March 13, 2022

## No Excuses

Parents, teachers, and supervisors have something in common – they have all heard pretty much every excuse ever uttered by someone trying to avoid the consequences of his actions. I forgot. I was too sick. My mom had to go to the hospital. I overslept. It was someone else’s fault. And the infamous excuse for not having completed the assignment – the dog ate it. Giving excuses began right after the first sin: Adam blamed Eve; Eve blamed the serpent. We are no different.

Have you ever considered that there will be no valid excuses when we stand before the judgment seat of Christ? For instance, no one will be able to say, “I did not know.” Paul wrote, *For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen...so that they are without excuse (Rom. 1:20)*. The Hebrews writer said that God had in various ways spoken unto man by the prophets, His Son, and by them who heard Him (**Heb. 1:1-2; 2:3**). Likewise, no one will be able to use, “Behold, I thought...” as an excuse. Naaman the leper thought that the man of God *will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper (2 Kings 5:11)*. But he did not consider that God’s thoughts and ways are higher than our thoughts and ways (**Isa. 55:8-9**).

“Excuses are for losers” is an old saying that will surely be realized at the judgment. God has provided every opportunity for mankind to know Him and to know His expectations of us that we might be saved. It is doubtful that any excuses will be offered at the judgment seat of Christ, for ... *at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord...*(**Phi. 2:10-11**).

When God appeared to Moses in the burning bush, He told Moses what He wanted him to do. Moses began offering excuses, but God would not have it. For every excuse, God had an answer. We need to spend more time doing what God says and not be busy trying to find excuses for not obeying Him.

~Freeman

#### MEMORY VERSES:

##### *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 you do not **BELIEVE** that I am He, you will die in your sins.” (**Jn 8:24b**)

“... unless you **REPENT** you will all likewise perish.” (**Lk. 13:3**)

“Therefore whosoever **CONFESSES** Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” (**Matt. 10:32-33**)

“He who believes and is **BAPTIZED** will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” (**Mk. 16:16**)

## *Remember in Prayer ...*

- **Olivia** has been having abdominal issues. She is doing better and has gone back to work.
- **Celisa's** surgery went well and she has gone home, but will be having more surgery for tumors elsewhere.
- **Lloyd Salmon**, friend of Dale Aden, has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- **Braden Joiner**, 8th-grader at West Carroll, suffered at school Wednesday and was taken to Vanderbilt. Meds are lowering his blood pressure, and he may be released today.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Joann Moore; Orvaline; Lois and DeVon Arrington (Jean's mother and brother); Craig Ballentine

## *News and Notes...*

- **Welcome to our assembly.** We encourage our visitors to stay following services and let us get acquainted with you.
- **Tonight's speaker** will be Don Roberson of 21st Century Global Missions. He will be reporting on that work.
- **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.

