

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:**

	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Sherrill Smith	David Brasher
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Steve Foster	David Brasher
Closing Prayer	Dylan Holt	Nick Bryant

**NEXT WEEK:**

Opening Prayer	Freeman Mahan	Nick Bryant
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Mark Wright	Noah Brasher
Closing Prayer	Sherrill Smith	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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## Slippery Slopes

What comes to mind when you hear the term “slippery slope”? I picture trying to climb up a slippery bank and the difficult task of reaching the top when, with each step, there is danger of slipping all the way down to the bottom.

The term “slippery slope” is often used to describe situations in which one event or decision will inevitably lead to unintended consequences, and once on that slope there is likely no chance to stop the slide. While many in the fields of logic and debate will argue that the slippery-slope premise is false, we should be able to recognize some instances when certain decisions were indeed putting us on slippery slopes.

The first example that comes to my mind is the famous line in the epic movie *Gone with the Wind* that contained cinema’s first public use of profanity. From that utterance, which shocked the American public in 1939, we have slipped a long way down the slippery slope of foul language. Words that once were taboo in public are now proudly uttered in every aspect of the media. Radio, TV, and print media have joined in the slide so that now no word is considered forbidden by most. From general epithets, to vulgar obscenities, to using God’s name in vain, our society has been permeated to the point that any utterance (cont’d next page)

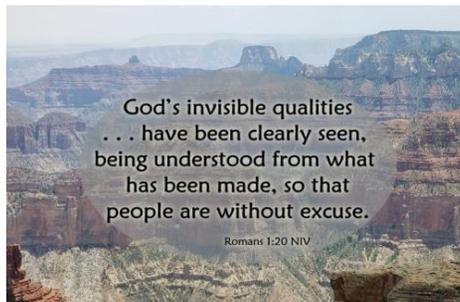
is accepted regardless of the fact that some are still offended. Slippery slope? Yes, and we have pretty much slipped down to the bottom.

Another example is the Scopes monkey trial of 1925, which resulted in permitting human evolution to be taught in public schools. Man, has that ever been a slippery slope! Following that argument we can note several events which have likely forever changed our society: no-fault divorce, which skyrocketed the divorce rate; legalized abortion, which helped fuel the sexual revolution; the removal of God from our society and government, which has led to changing the definition of marriage and the legalization of same-sex marriages; and the promotion of pornography, which has led to such atrocities as the abuse of women and the exploitation of children.

Finally, the church has been subjected to the slippery slope of ignoring the authority of God's Word and accepting that which is pleasing to man. When we are open to changes not authorized in Scripture, we are in danger of being on the slippery slope described in **Romans 1:16ff**, wherein Paul speaks of men who went from knowing God, to not wanting to retain Him in their knowledge, to finally being entrenched in activities which are worthy of death.

May we determine to stay on the straight and narrow path, diligently seeking His authority for all we teach and do. Only by staying true to His word can we avoid the ultimate slippery slope that leads to hell.

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **Orvaline's** knee surgery seems to have been successful. She is home and getting better each day.
- **Mickey** is doing better after suffering a dog bite on his hand.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Celisa; James Powell (Barbara's bro.); Frances (David Bryant's sister); Joe Wilson; Ginger Avery (Mahans' friend - breast cancer); Lois and DeVon Arrington (Jean's mother and brother); Craig Ballentine...

## News and Notes . . .

- **We welcome our visitors;** we are indeed honored to have you with us. Please give us an opportunity to get acquainted with you following services.
- Remember the **Graduation Brunch honoring Bonnie Nance** following services this morning in the fellowship hall. All are invited.
- A collection plate remains on the table in the back of the auditorium for donations to the **Backpacks for Africa** project.
- **Wednesday night devo: Freeman**

### MEMORY VERSE - Isaiah 5:20

*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*