

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:

	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	David Brasher	David Bryant
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Dale Ballentine
Scripture Reading	Noah Brasher	Monte Morris
Closing Prayer	Mickey Keen	Dylan Holt

NEXT WEEK:

Opening Prayer	Sherrill Smith	David Brasher
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Dale Ballentine
Scripture Reading	Josh Brasher	Steve Foster
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

**Trezevant Church of Christ**

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# The Follower

August 14, 2022

## Comparing Ourselves

People like to compare themselves to their own previous circumstances and/or to other people. We do that because it makes us feel better about ourselves. For instance, we may say that compared to that loser over there, we are pretty good. Or in following our favorite sports team, we may say that when compared to our previous bad records, this year we are better. While that may be true, that is not the standard with which we should be satisfied. What does that really say about us or our team if that is the comparison we are making? The problem with comparing ourselves to ourselves or to another who is worse off than we are is that we are not using the correct standard of comparison.

Note the text in **Luke 18:9-14** in which Jesus spoke a parable concerning two men who went into the temple to pray. The first man, a Pharisee, expressed thankfulness that he was not like other men who committed terrible offenses such as extortion or adultery, and even boasted that he tithed and fasted in accordance with the law. He compared himself to others and exalted himself in his own mind instead of measuring himself by the expectations of God, (cont'd next page)

which included humility and submission. The world is filled with people who refuse to acknowledge that they need God, His word, and the blood of His Son because they see themselves as good compared to most other people who commit terrible sins.

The true standard for the lives of men is found in God's word. In it are the words *which are able to make us wise unto salvation* (2 Tim. 3:15) and *are profitable for.... all good works* (2 Tim. 3:16-17). When the judgment day arrives, man will be held accountable for his words and deeds as compared to the words of Christ which shall *judge him in the last day* ( John 12:48), and not according to how he compared to others.

Improving oneself over time is a commendable thing, but if our ultimate goal is getting to heaven, we must be comparing ourselves to God's standard. We should indeed feel better about ourselves as we grow spiritually, putting off the old man and putting on the new man, but we must never become content or self-righteous. May we strive toward perfection by keeping our eye on the standard of God's word as we work to stay on the path to heaven.

~Freeman

**MEMORY VERSE - 1 Corinthians 16:13**

*Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.*

(NKJ)

## Remember in Prayer ...

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Phyllis Campbell (Mahans' friend - colon cancer); Robert Williams (Sandy's son-in-law); Celisa; Orvaline; Ginger Avery; Lois and DeVon Arrington; Craig Ballentine...

## News and Notes...

- **We welcome our visitors;** we are indeed honored to have you with us. Please complete a visitor card and leave it in the pew or the collection plate, and please allow us the opportunity to get acquainted with you following services.
- **Wednesday Devo: Dale Aden**

## What's My Name?

Many times in the Bible you can read about me;  
I'm one of the greatest of God's gifts so free.

My throne you may visit, my heirs you may be;  
Partake of my riches, and be strong in me.

I'm a gift to the humble; where sin is, I'm there.  
Once I was given in answer to prayer.

My closest companions - truth, mercy and peace;  
Add us to your faith, spiritual growth will increase.

In verse I'm amazing, in song I am sweet;  
Your speech I can season, and make life complete.

If you trust in the law, then from me you depart.  
But by me hath salvation of God now been brought.

I can tell that you know me by the smile on your face;  
And I hope that you're covered by God's saving \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

(Eph. 2:5,8)

~Grace D. Lowrey

(Cleveland congregation, Bankston, AL)

