

TO SERVE TODAY:	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Keith Peevyhouse	Nick Bryant
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Preside Lord's Supper	Mark Wright	
Scripture Reading	Josh Brasher	Monte Morris
Closing Prayer	Noah Brasher	Dale Aden
<b>NEXT WEEK:</b>		
Opening Prayer	David Bryant	David Brasher
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Preside Lord's Supper	Mark Wright	
Scripture Reading	Noah Brasher	Mark Wright
Closing Prayer	Josh Brasher	John Henry Long



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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

## What's in it for me?

Each of the gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John – contains the account of Jesus feeding five thousand men with five barley loaves and two small fishes. After everyone had eaten and all were filled, twelve baskets of leftovers were collected. Those who had eaten affirmed that this man Jesus was “*that prophet who should come into the world*” (**John 6:14, Deut. 18:15-18**). Following the feeding, John records that the people would have made Jesus their king (**John 6:15**) but He departed from among them. Later, when they figured out where Jesus had gone, they followed Him there asking, “*Rabbi, when comest thou hither?*” Jesus responded that they had not sought Him because of the miracles, but because they had eaten and were filled, and He taught that they should be laboring not just to eat and be filled, but for eternal life (**John 6:22-27**).

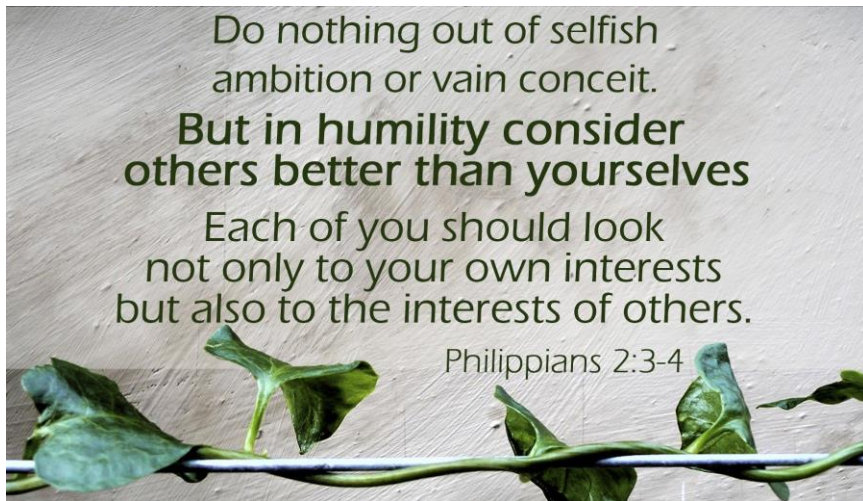
On a different occasion, one who had riches asked Jesus what he lacked in order to obtain eternal life. When Jesus told him to sell what he had, give the proceeds to the poor and come follow Him, the rich man went away sorrowful because he had so many possessions. Jesus explained to His disciples that it was difficult for a rich man to enter heaven. Peter then asked Him,

*“Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?” (Matt. 19:23-27).*

It is easy to have the “what’s-in-it-for-me” attitude displayed in these passages. The thinking of the world is that whatever I do, there must be something of material value to me in order that I would be willing to participate. If I work, I expect to receive pay for my labor. Jesus, however, wants us to know that “what’s in it for us” is not the temporal things of this world. We may or may not receive material blessings during our time of serving God here, but eternity is where our true blessings will come. Jesus said that we should lay up treasure in heaven instead of earth, *“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matt. 6:19-21).* The attitude we should have was expressed by Paul when he said we are to esteem others as better than ourselves, and that we shouldn’t look just after our own things, but also the things of others (Phil. 2:3-4). Jesus, our perfect example, taught that we are to be servants instead of expecting to be served (Matt. 20:26-28).

Ask not, “What’s in it for me?”, but rather ask, “What I can give?”

*~Freeman*



## *Remember in Prayer . . .*

- **Rita** is to be treated for arthritis in her knee until such time as it needs to be replaced.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary, Carroll Cox, Belinda Reynolds, Barbara Porch; Celisa; Dennis Foster; Diane Bray; 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 night devo: David Bryant**
- The Thursday morning **Ladies Bible Class** is to resume this week.
- A basket has been placed in the foyer for donations for the **welcome bags** for newcomers to the area. Please see Rita with any questions or to make a monetary donation.

### **MEMORY VERSE - Proverbs 21:3**

*To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.*