

TO SERVE TODAY:	AM	PM
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
NEXT WEEK:		
Opening Prayer	Freeman Mahan	Dale Aden
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Preside Lord's Supper	Mark Wright	
Scripture Reading	John Henry Long	Mickey Keen
Closing Prayer	Dylan Holt	Monte Morris



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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

## The Assembling of Ourselves Together

The letter to the Hebrews provides a comparison of the old covenant (the Law of Moses) to the new covenant of grace and truth, which came by Jesus Christ. The new covenant provides a better priesthood, a better sacrifice, and better promises, all of which are provided by Jesus..

The specific passage under consideration here has to do with the assembling of ourselves together – forsaking that assembling, in particular – and is found in **Hebrews 10:24-26:**

*And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no sacrifice for our sins...*

What does forsaking the assemblies mean? Other translations use words such as *neglecting* or *giving up*. The meaning of the Greek word *engkatalipo* is to leave behind, to desert, or to leave. Forsaking the assembling of ourselves together is a conscious decision to be absent from our services, and such a decision is sinful. Of course there are legitimate reasons, such as illness, that cause us to occasionally miss services, but let's be really honest with ourselves when we are faced with the decision

of whether or not to assemble. Would we be too sick to attend “the big game” if we had tickets, or to shop the season’s best sales, or participate in any number of other activities that might pique our interest?

We also need to ask ourselves when and why we are to assemble. We have both instruction and example:

*And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight (Acts 20:7)... Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come (1 Cor. 16:1-2)... Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him... (Col. 3:16-17; see also Eph. 5:19-20). (Emphasis mine.)*

We see, then, that we are to assemble on the first day of the week for the purpose of offering worship to God because of the love, grace, and mercy He extended to us in the giving of His son for our sins. Our worship is to include five specific acts: partaking of the Lord’s supper; preaching, giving, singing, and praying. Additionally, these assemblies provide us the opportunities to exhort one another to good works (Heb. 10:24) and to bear one another’s burdens (Gal. 6:2). The same holds true for other assemblies scheduled by the elders – midweek Bible study, gospel meetings, etc. - for the edification of the congregation (Heb. 13:17). We should not be guilty of forsaking them either.

Our motivation should arise out of our appreciation of what God has done for us and our longing to be pleasing to Him. It should be the heart’s desire of each of us to assemble with our brothers and sisters in Christ at every opportunity. If that seems more like an obligation than a privilege, then perhaps we have heart problem. The cure can be found in spending more quality time with the Great Physician.

~Freeman

## Remember in Prayer ...

- Barbara’s nephew **Wayne Hill** passed away last week; services were Friday in Greenfield. Please keep his family in prayer.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Steve (back procedure scheduled for the 30th); Carroll Cox; Belinda Reynolds; Barbara Porch; Celisa; 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.
- Our **Midweek Bible Class will meet on Tuesday this week**, rather than Wednesday. **Dale Aden is to have the devo.**
- The Thursday morning **Ladies Bible Class** will not meet for a few weeks.
- 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 - Ephesians 4:32:

*And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.*