

TO SERVE TODAY:	AM	PM
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
NEXT WEEK:		
Opening Prayer	Nick Bryant	Mark Wright
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Preside Lord's Supper	Mark Wright	
Scripture Reading	Dylan Holt	Dale Aden
Closing Prayer	David Brasher	Dylan Holt



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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

## Are We Ready?

I have a book in my library by Kyle Butt entitled *Always Be Ready*. While it was written to help young Christians deal with challenges to their faith, it surely is a beneficial volume for even the most mature Christians. Kyle made a couple of points in the second chapter that we want to consider today.

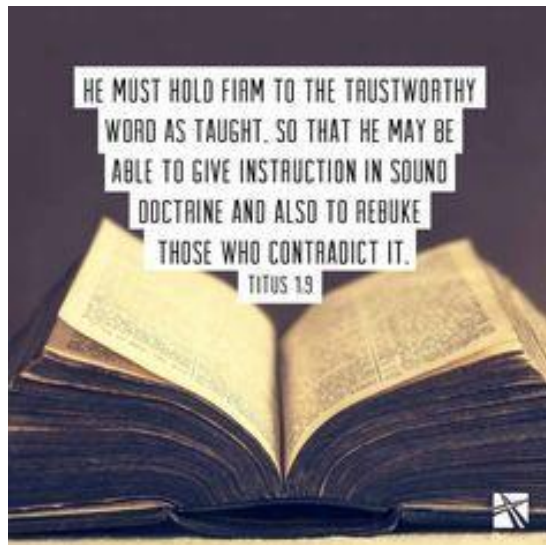
Imagine being present at a rally organized by avowed atheists. The name of God, his son Jesus, and the Bible are being slandered by the leaders of the rally, and others are being caught up in the accusations against Christianity. You see a young person in the crowd holding a sign clearly in protest of the rally and in support of the Bible. One of the atheists challenges the youth by asserting that the Bible contains contradictions and, even worse, material that rivals the smut found in pornographic magazines. Undaunted, the young Christian firmly vows that the Bible is the inspired word of God and does not contain such material. The atheist responds with a question that stuns the Christian: "Have you read the Bible in its entirety?" The young Christian had to admit that he had not. The atheist countered by asking how he could be sure it didn't since he'd not read all of the Bible, and the young man

walked away with his head bowed in defeat, his belief system crumbling. Would we be any more ready for that challenge than he was? What about our young people?

Recent polls indicate that a true majority – over 80% of Americans – say they believe in God. As a country, we also believe that the Bible is His inspired word. But less than half of those polled believe that Jesus is His Son and that He lived a sinless life. The overwhelming majority of our young people do not believe that pre-marital sex is wrong, and most Americans see nothing wrong with having children out of wedlock. We claim to believe in God and His word, but the lives we live do not support that profession. At least part of the explanation is that our claims to believe in His word are hollow because we fail to spend much, if any, time reading it.

The bottom line here is this: We cannot expect to convince the atheists or those who contradict the Word of God (**Titus 1:9**) if we do not know what that word says. Are we ready to give an answer to those who question the hope that is in us?

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **Steve's** procedure on his back is scheduled for a week from tomorrow in Nashville.
- **Butch Gailey** remains in ICU, sedated and on a ventilator.
- **Casey Clark** of Crossville has been diagnosed with an enlarged spleen, and was to have seen an oncologist Thursday. His father is a friend of David Bryant.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; the family of Wayne Hill; 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.
- **No Thursday morning Ladies Bible Class this week.**
- **FELLOWSHIP next Sunday;** it will be a meet-eat-meet day.
- 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 - Psalm 118:1:

*Oh, give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good!  
Because His mercy endures forever. NKJV*

***It is not difficult to make a mountain out of a molehill—just add a little dirt.***