

TO SERVE TODAY:	AM	PM
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
NEXT WEEK:		
Opening Prayer	Sherrill Smith	David Bryant
Song Leading	Nick Bryant	Dale Ballentine
Preside Lord's Supper	Dale Aden	
Scripture Reading	John Henry Long	David Brasher
Closing Prayer	Josh Brasher	Mickey Keen



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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

## Almost...

What comes to your mind when you hear or use the word "almost?" Almost means nearly, or not quite completely, and it's a word we use every day:

- We are almost home, which actually means we are not home.
- I am almost sixteen means I am still just fifteen.
- We are almost finished with our project indicates we still have something left to do to be completed.
- We almost won the game is the way losers describe a moral victory. "Almost won" really means that regardless of how close the score, we lost the game.

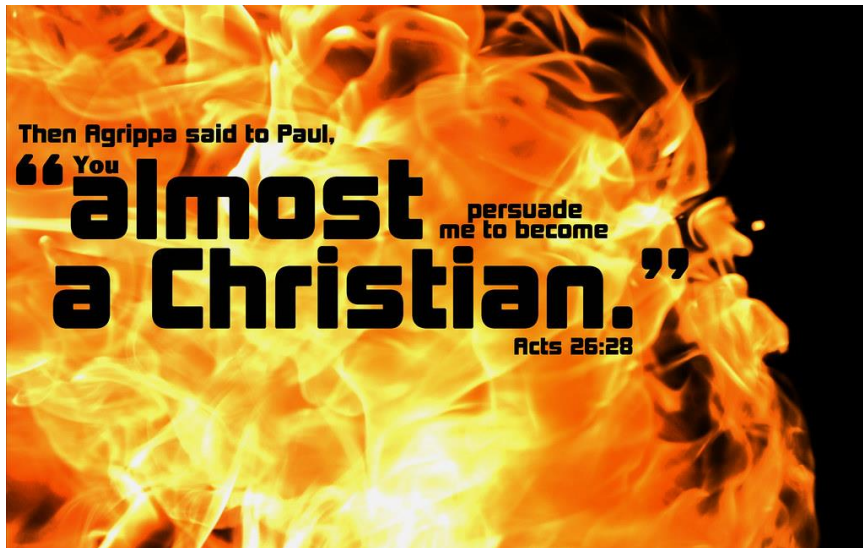
There are some Bible passages in which the word "almost" is used, or at least implied. We could say that King Saul almost carried out the instructions of the Lord regarding the utter destruction of the Amalekites. He slew all the people except the king and took only the very best of the spoil to offer sacrifice to God. Thus we could observe that Saul almost obeyed God, but instead, Samuel told him that he had disobeyed (**1 Sam. 15**). When Governor Felix heard the words from Paul regarding *righteousness, temperance, and judgment to*

come, he told Paul he would wait for a more convenient time (Acts 24:22ff). And King Agrippa, responding to Paul's description of his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus, declared, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:14ff).

*Almost Persuaded*, a hymn we sometimes sing to encourage the lost to respond, is based on that scripture. Note the ending words, "almost, but lost." How incredibly and eternally sad when someone knows what to do to be saved, but is never completely committed! May each of us be **fully persuaded** so that we will escape wrath of God for eternity!

*Almost persuaded, harvest is past!  
Almost persuaded, doom comes at last!  
"Almost" cannot avail; "almost" is but to fail;  
Sad, sad, that bitter wail: "Almost - but lost!"*

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **Steve's** back procedure is scheduled for tomorrow in Nashville. He is to be kept overnight.
- **Dale Aden** has Covid again. He is doing some better, and the rest of the family has been able to avoid it thus far.
- **Blake, Sarah Beth, and Brooks** are improved following their bout with Covid last week.
- **Patty Wright**, Mark's mother, was hospitalized last week with pneumonia, but is now home.
- **Butch Gailey** was taken off the ventilator Friday. He remains in ICU, but seems to be improving.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Casey Clark (Centennial in Nashville); 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.
- **FELLOWSHIP TODAY!** Lunch in the fellowship hall, after which we will reassemble for an abbreviated service. **All are encouraged to stay!**
- The **Thursday morning Ladies Bible Class** will be interrupted 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 - 1 Peter 5:8:

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour...*