

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



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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

## Heaven - Inclusive or Exclusive?

"Inclusive" has been a hot-button word for the past several years. Certain segments of our population, which have been excluded due to their life choices, are now being championed to be accepted by all even though those choices are clearly condemned by the Bible. This movement tells us that God is loving, gracious, merciful, and forgiving, and that as Christians we should be the same. To exclude anyone for pretty much any reason is hateful, not loving and kind. What does the Bible have to say on this matter? Will heaven be inclusive or exclusive?

In one sense, God is inclusive. *For God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:17).* The Bible also says that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Pet. 3:9), and that God will have all men to be saved; and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:3-4). Thus, God's wish is that all mankind be saved because He takes no pleasure that the wicked should die (Ezek. 18:23).

But in reality, God has made entrance into heaven exclusive. Jesus said, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord,

Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). Paul wrote, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?" (1 Cor. 6:9). All who refuse to submit to and obey God will be excluded, not included, in the kingdom of heaven unless they repent.

Heaven will be an exclusive, not inclusive, realm. Though all are invited, not all will agree to the terms which God has stipulated: being born again and living a faithful life. Thus most will be excluded. Will you be included or excluded? The choice is yours.

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **Steve** is home and recovering from his back procedure on Monday.
- **Rita** seems to have picked up a bug and is trying not to share it.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Casey Clark (Centennial in Nashville); Carroll Cox; Belinda Reynolds; Barbara Porch; Celisa; Ginger Avery; Lois and DeVon Arrington; Craig Ballentine...

*Our Sympathy* is extended to the family of Butch Galey in his passing on Friday following an extended illness. Butch was the son-in-law of the late Joe Butler.

## 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 evening devo:** Nick
- 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 - Jeremiah 10:23:

*O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.*