

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



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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 Systematic Rejection of God

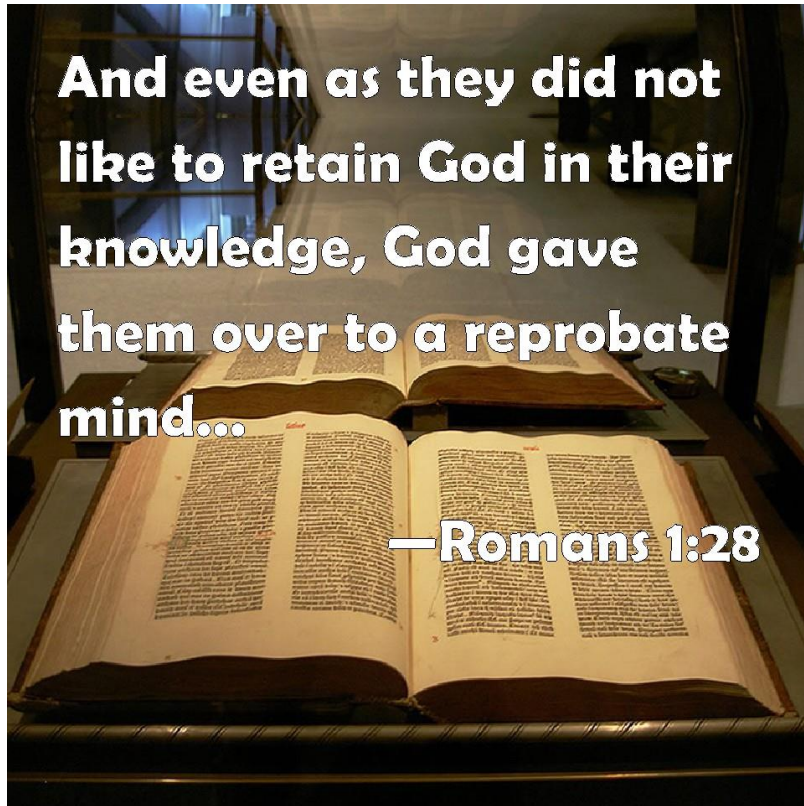
In his letter to the Christians at Rome, Paul wrote that there were those (the Gentiles) who knew God, but yet continued on a path which ultimately resulted in Him giving them up to sin (**Rom. 1:18-32**). Even though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, and made idols to worship. Eventually they took the truth of God and exchanged it for lies, leading them to do things which were not natural: men with men, and women with women. Finally, they continued their regression from God by determining that they did not want to even think about Him and they became reprobate, willingly departing from Him and living a life of sin.

Israel was no better. The Israelites began their history in the Promised Land with the knowledge of God and His covenant in hand, but over the course of about a thousand years they did the same things as the Gentiles. Paul addressed this in **Romans 2-3**, and rebuked the Israelites for standing in judgment of the Gentiles while being guilty of the same sins; for their falling away from God because, after all, they had the oracles of God; and for turning to idolatry and the sins of the flesh. Eventually God punished them as a nation and, despite

the fact that a remnant was allowed to re-establish the city and temple worship in order to fulfill the promise of a messiah coming through Abraham's seed, the nation of Israel was never the same.

Though God is long-suffering and forgiving, He expects humility, respect, fear, submission, and obedience. He does not force us to obey as if we were robots, but instead desires that we be obedient out of a love for Him. The reward for obedience is eternal life, and the consequence for disobedience is everlasting punishment.

~Freeman



## *Remember in Prayer . . .*

- **Steve** continues to improve; **Rita** is waiting her turn for surgery.
- **Ponna** has an appointment about her voice Wednesday at Vanderbilt,
- David Bryant's cousin, **Karen Clark**, got a good report from her PET scan: The lung mass is an infection, not cancer.
- Freed-Hardeman's **Roy Sharp** has advanced stage cancer.
- **Austin Garrett** has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. He is 29.
- **Dale Vinson** is hoping to be accepted into a trial program for his COPD.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Casey Clark; 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.
- **Wednesday evening devo: Mark Wright**
- 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 - Romans 5:8:**

*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*