

TO SERVE TODAY:	AM	PM
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
NEXT WEEK:		
Opening Prayer	Dale Aden	Mark Wright
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Nick Bryant
Preside Lord's Supper	David Brasher	
Scripture Reading	John Henry Long	Dylan Holt
Closing Prayer	Josh Brasher	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 Systematic Rejection of God (part 2)

Last week we focused on the Jews' and Gentiles' gradual rejection of God and His word. Today we'll look at the same topic, but with a view of the United States of America.

This country was established upon religious principles expounded in the Bible. The language in both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution explicitly express the nation's belief in God. The phrase "*In God we trust*" is stamped on our coins and printed on our currency, and "*one nation under God*" is a part of our pledge of allegiance - at least for now. This country's founding fathers were instilled with a belief in God and an understanding of the importance of His word in our lives.

However, if we ever were one nation under God, we are no longer. He has been systematically removed from our lives - no longer "allowed" in our government and schools, and excluded from our homes. God's plan for marriage and the home has been rejected. Divorce, adultery, fornication, and same-sex relationships, all of which God hates, are what man desires.

Note a few of the many changes occurring since the 1950's which have moved us away from God:

- The mistaken view of what "separation of church and state" really means in the Constitution;

- The theory of evolution taught as fact, and the total dismissal of creationism in public schools;
- Laws forbidding prayer and Bible-reading in public schools;
- The sexual revolution of the 1960's that encouraged men and women to engage in adultery and fornication;
- The creation of no fault-divorce that made it much easier, according to the laws of the land, to be divorced;
- The legalization of same-sex marriage, followed by the passage of "hate laws," making it difficult to preach the truth regarding sinful acts, especially homosexual behavior, because quoting God is deemed "homophobic" and hateful.

Our country needs a revolution if things are ever to be turned around. This begins with individuals who are concerned with having the right relationship with God, who follow God's plan for marriage and the home, and who teach our children the importance of God's word and how it should influence our lives. Perhaps then, if Christians will step up to the leadership roles by becoming school teachers, judges, and lawmakers, our country can head back in the right direction.

~Freeman



*Our Sympathy* is extended to Linda Ballentine and family in the passing of her granddaughter, Elizabeth Bugg, on Tuesday. Her funeral services are to be held at 2:00 this afternoon at Brummitt Funeral Home in McKenzie. Visitation will precede the service.

## *Remember in Prayer . . .*

- An MRI revealed that **Steve** suffered a stroke recently. He has been undergoing a battery of tests.
- **Jacob Wroten**, Jennifer's husband, is to have an oblation Wednesday and get stents in his leg. His heart is out of rhythm.
- **Julie Miller** fell and broke a knee cap.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Dennis Foster; Roy Sharp (FHU - cancer); Judy Hannah's daughter Terry (brain infection/surgery); Casey Clark; Austin Garrett (cancer); Dale Vinson (COPD); 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 Wednesday** this week. Our midweek service will consist of a light meal (hot dogs and trimmings, which will be provided), followed by a devo. All will be in the fellowship hall.
- **Wednesday evening devo: Dale Aden**
- **Gospel Meeting at East Wood in Paris** March 5-8 with Mitchell Stevens.

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Emerson - 3; Barbara - 5; John Henry - 11; Steve - 21; Olivia - 23; Callie - 23

**ANNIVERSARY:** Nick & Mandy - 21