

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



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# The Follower

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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



This famous quote is credited to English author Edwin Bulwer-Lytton in 1839 when it was included as a line in a play about Cardinal Richelieu. A Cardinal in the Catholic Church who was active in French government, Richelieu was known as the king's Chief Minister and was quite the powerful political figure in France in the first half of the 17th Century. The basic meaning of the statement is that an independent press is more effective than direct violence. While the exact wording of this line was written in 1839, the thought it represents was expressed at least as early as 500 BC - "The word is mightier than the sword" - by an Assyrian sage named Ahiqar.

The Word of God is compared to a sword in at least two places. The first, “*And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God*” (**Eph. 6:17**), portrays God’s Word as a piece of *the whole armor of God* with which we are to be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (**Eph. 6:11**). Because our adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour (**1 Pet. 5:8**), Christians must be fully equipped in the faith in order to withstand him. The sword may be used as an offensive weapon to strike down a foe, but it is also a defensive weapon to help fend off potential fatal blows from the opponent. The other comparison, “*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*” (**Heb. 4:12**), clearly demonstrates the thought behind our title. Described as “quick,” the Word of God is alive. When Peter said that the Word of God *liveth and abideth for ever* (**1 Pet. 1:23**), he was echoing that which Jesus had said, “*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away*” (**Matt. 24:35**). God’s Word was not just alive in the days of Jesus and the apostles, but was alive in the beginning and continues to live forevermore.

Sharper than any double-edged sword, the Word of God can penetrate right into the heart and soul of a man. This was never more evident than Peter’s sermon on the day of Pentecost when *they were pricked in their hearts*, having heard the convincing Word of God through the apostle.

No mere sword, regardless of size, strength, or sharpness, can produce the appropriate fear of God; only God’s Word can do that. Let us use the sword God has provided us as we attempt to seek and save the lost, and as we labor to fend off the attacks of the devil.

~Freeman

## Remember in Prayer . . .

- Steve’s blockage is in an area that is inoperable, so he is to continue to be treated with medication.
- William is much improved.
- Robert Williams, Sandy’s son-in-law, continues to improve following his recent kidney transplant.
- PRAYER LIST: Miss Mary; Rita; Lynn Howell; Jacob Wroten; Julie Miller; Flossie Meals and family . . .

## 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

### MEMORY VERSE - James 1:2:

*My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into diverse temptations. . .*

*Smile and Silence  
are two powerful tools.  
Smile is the way to solve  
many problems.  
And Silence is the way to  
avoid many problems.*