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

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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 second Sunday)

**WEDNESDAY:** Bible Study 6:30 PM

(Fellowship & devo each fourth Wednesday)



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# The Follower

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## How Deep the Father's Love for Us

One of my favorite songs is one that seems to be sung primarily at youth events:

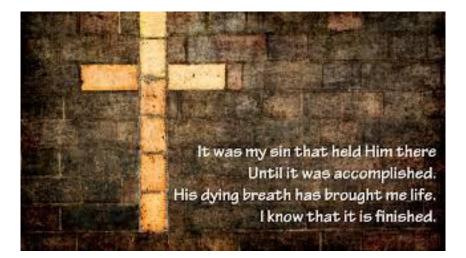
How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory. Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders; Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished. I will not boast in anything – no gifts, no power, no wisdom – But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

How deep is the Father's love for us? He loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son that we should not perish, but have eternal life (**John 3:16**). His love for us is demonstrated in this act because Jesus did not die just for godly people, He died for sinners (**Rom. 5:6-11**).

But while this song is primarily about God's love, it also depicts His Son's love for us. Christ Jesus is the One who died, who sacrificed Himself for us. *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you* (**John 15:13-14**). *As the Father knoweth me, even so I know the Father and I lay down my life for the sheep... No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down myself. I have the power to lay it down and I have the power to take it again...* (**John 10:15-18**). Jesus willingly went to the cross for us – willingly suffered humiliation, excruciating pain, and death that we might live. He paid a debt for sin that He did not owe because He loves us and knows that we cannot possibly pay that debt for ourselves. Yet while He died for all, only those who believe and obey will benefit from that act (**John 8:24; Heb. 5:8-9**).

The depth of the love of the Father and Son is impossible to measure or repay, but not impossible to appreciate. May we begin today to develop an even greater "attitude of gratitude" for the price that was paid on our behalf that we might have the opportunity to live with God and Jesus for all eternity.

~Freeman



### Remember in Prayer ...

- **Dale Aden** had an echocardiogram on his heart Thursday due to issues resulting from two episodes of Covid. He expects the results sometime this week.
- Casey Clark, son of David Bryant's friend, is doing okay following surgery for bowel blockage. He is in Centennial in Nashville, and expects to remain another month.
- **Ginger Avery**, the Mahans' friend from Alabama, had gamma knife radiation Friday on the tumors in her brain.

**PRAYER LIST**: Miss Mary; Steve; Rita; Pricilla Camper Chrismon (cancer); Nick Davenport....

### 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.
- We are so pleased to have **Dorian** with us today to update us on the work in Africa. This is also our **meet-eat-meet** day, and all are encouraged to stay and fellowship with us.
- Wednesday evening devo: Dale Ballentine
- Remember to mark your calendars for the **midweek fellowship on the fourth Wednesday evening** of each month. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those who are willing to host.
- COMING UP: Singing at Martin on the 21st and Ladies Day at McKenzie on the 22nd.