

| TO SERVE TODAY: | AM | PM |
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| Opening Prayer | Sherrill Smith | David Bryant |
| Song Leading | Nick Bryant | Dale Ballentine |
| Preside Lord's Supper | David Bryant | |
| 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 | David Bryant | |
| 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 second Sunday)

**WEDNESDAY:** Bible Study 6:30 PM  
(Fellowship & devo each fourth Wednesday)

## Be Converted

What comes to mind when you hear the word *converted*? It is found several times in the Bible, especially in the New Testament, and it means "to turn about" or "to turn towards." The dictionary gives this definition: "To be brought from one belief to another view, party, etc." It is often thought of in a religious way, like being changed from one religion to another, or being converted to Christianity. Let's look at some instances where it's found in the Scriptures.

Jesus told his disciples who were concerned about greatness, "*Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven*" (**Matt. 18:3**). He went on to explain that we must be willing to humble ourselves, being like little children, in order to be a part of God's kingdom. On another occasion, He told Nicodemus, "*Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of heaven*" (**John 3:3**). These passages teach that a change is in order if we are to be a part of the heavenly kingdom. Without this change, making it to heaven is not possible.

The real question is this: What are we to be converted from and to? Each of the previous passages was spoken

directly to Jews, instructing them in various ways that they needed to change in order to enter the coming kingdom:

- They must be born again.
- They must become as little children.
- They must be converted – from sinner to saved, from Judaism to Christianity.

Then shortly after the church was established, Peter told the Jews who had witnessed the healing of the lame man, *“Repent ye therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19).*

And years later, nearing the end of his ministry, Paul lamented that the Jews were not interested in the message, that their hearts were hard, their eyes and ears were closed, and they would not be converted. But he went on to say that the Gentiles had been receptive to the gospel, converting from paganism to Christianity (**Acts 28:22ff**).

The message is the same today as it was then: If you want to be a child of God and go to heaven, you must be converted and become and live as a Christian. Is there a change that needs to be made in your life?

*~Freeman*



## *Remember in Prayer . . .*

- **Bethany** got a good report concerning her heart issue, and baby daughter Adelei’s arrival is scheduled for this Friday.
- Pam’s sister **Lisa Meals** had some vertebrae in her back fused Friday. She is up and walking and may get to come home today.
- **Patricia Coleman** is in Jackson hospital with congestive heart failure. She is sedated and was on the vent at last report.
- **Celisa** is not doing well.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Steve; Rita; Karen Wright; Casey Clark; Ginger Avery....

## *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: David Brasher**
- Please join us for our **Graduates Reception** in the fellowship hall immediately following our services this morning.
- Remember also our **Second-Sunday Fellowship** next week. It will be a **meet-eat-meet** day.
- **MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** Sherrill (16); Mark & Sharon (20); Hilliard & Orvaline (27) – 69 years!

**MEMORY VERSE – James 3:8:**

*But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.*