

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



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# The Follower

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## *I Live Above My Wages but Not Above My Means* ~by Todd Clippard

I live a blessed life. I love to tell the story of my childhood dream – a boy living in southeast Missouri who wanted to live in this little Marion County, Alabama, community where I now reside, and the story of God's providence that brought me here.

I live a blessed life. I have a beautiful home, a 100-acre farm, a nice truck, tractor, UTV, ATV, and a host of other of life's amenities. I have FAR more than a country preacher and a school-teacher wife can afford, especially after sending two children to Freed-Hardeman!

I live a blessed life. I'm not boasting; I'm making a point. People probably think I'm up to my eyeballs in debt or that I make a lot more money than I actually do. I can tell you without equivocation, I can't afford all that I have. But I'm able to live this blessed life because others made provisions for me, some going back a couple of generations, others in the last ten years or so.

In short, my household wages – what has been earned – is not sufficient to account for all I have. But my means – that is, what others have made available to me beyond my earnings – allows me to live above my wages.

So it is with every Christian. If we lived according to what we earned, we would all be dead, for "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (**Rom 6:23**). Jeremiah put

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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)

it this way, “It is because of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness” (**Ecc 3:22-23**). Every morning when we wake, every step we make and every breath we take is testimony to the manifold mercy and love of God.

But Christians not only live, they live far above any physical or material thing that they might be blessed to possess. The richest man in the world in vain seeks solace in the abundance of his possessions. The richest man who ever lived understood that he would leave all of his possessions to another who would come after (**Ecc 2:18**). A man’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses (**Luke 12:15**).

Far and away the greatest means by which we live in this world is the blood of Jesus. It is the blood of Jesus that cleanses us of sin and redeems our souls (cf **Rev 1:5; 1 Pet 1:18-19**). It is this same blood that allows us to live each day without fear of hell as the punishment for sin (**1 John 1:7**). It is this same blood for which we cry out when confessing our sins (**1 John 1:9**).

We also have access to God because of the means provided for us through Jesus: “There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus” (**1 Tim 2:5**).

Oh yes, dear friends, we live far above our wages because God has provided us with unspeakable and immeasurable means through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

One final thought... Every Christian should understand the necessity and feel the compulsion of living according to our spiritual means. To do less is to fail to appreciate them, and more so those who have gone to such great lengths to provide them. God expects us to live up to our means that we might live an abundant life, as well as lift up others that they might be partakers of the same.



## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **Sherrill** came home from the hospital Friday evening. He is resting better, eating some, and was able to go outside for a bit yesterday.
- **Flossie Meals** passed away yesterday. Please keep her family in prayer.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Steve; Rita; 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 Bryant**
- **Fellowship next Sunday: Meet-Eat-Meet**

### MEMORY VERSES - Romans 12:1-2

*<sup>1</sup>I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup>And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (NKJ)*

### June Birthdays:

Finley Peevyhouse - 01; Dale Aden - 03; David Keel - 04; Dillon Foster - 10; Jeanie Brasher - 23; Ginger Foster - 26