TO SERVE TODAY:	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Mark Wright	Freeman Mahan
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Preside Lord's Supper	Dale Aden	
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	Dale Aden	
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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## Celebrations

Our English word *celebrate* comes from the Latin word *celebrates*, which was used in the Middle Ages, primarily in a religious sense: something solemn, especially an assembly of honor. More recently it has become the acknowledgement of a significant day or event with a festive gathering. In our country we celebrate in various ways our birthdays and anniversaries, and also holidays such as Christmas, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day. These celebrations may include gifts, parades, speeches, and fireworks. Just last week we celebrated Independence Day with picnics, parades, and plenty of fireworks.

Jesus told some parables which demonstrated that there are celebrations in heaven as well as on earth. In **Luke 15:1ff**, Jesus told three parables about the lost: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. In each of these parables, when that which was lost was found, there were celebrations on earth. He then pointed out that there was more rejoicing in heaven over one lost sinner who repents than over those who needed no repentance. They celebrate the return of the lost!

When Jesus died on the cross for our sins, His body was taken and buried, but His spirit went to the part of Hades

known as Paradise (Luke 23:43; Acts 2:31). Just as He prophesied, that body arose from the grave on the third day. Though He was not a sinner who had come to repentance, can you not imagine the celebrating in Paradise and heaven when this occurred! Paul went to great lengths to let us know that Jesus was resurrected from the grave and that the resurrected Christ was witnessed by many (1 Cor. 15:1ff). This is important because if Jesus was not resurrected, then what hope would we have to be resurrected on the last day?

The good news of Jesus – that He lived a sinless life, was crucified for our sins, and was resurrected on the third day as He promised – is something for us to celebrate. Let us praise God for His son Jesus and for our opportunity to go to heaven!

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer ...

- **John Henry** suffered a heart attack Wednesday and was airlifted to the Jackson hospital, where a stent was put in. He went home Friday evening.
- Sherrill is slightly improved after taking a few days of antibiotics.
- **Monte** continues to have issues with his balance.

**PRAYER LIST**: Miss Mary; Steve; Rita; Dale Aden's sisters Mary Lee Hall (hip replacement) and Carolyn Lovelace (Alzheimer's); Shirley's bro-in-law Richard Flowers (complications of diabetes); Ginger Avery (to begin full brain radiation in Houston this week)....

## 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.
- **Second Sunday Fellowship** following our morning service, after which there will be a devo in the fellowship hall.
- **Summer Youth Series** tomorrow evening at Martin. The van will leave at 6:00.
- Mark your calendars for our ANNUAL SINGING on Friday, the 28th of this month.
- Wednesday evening devo: Mark Wright

#### MEMORY VERSE - John 3:14:

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up... (NKJ)