

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



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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)

## God's Word: Sweet or Bitter?

*"You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar."*

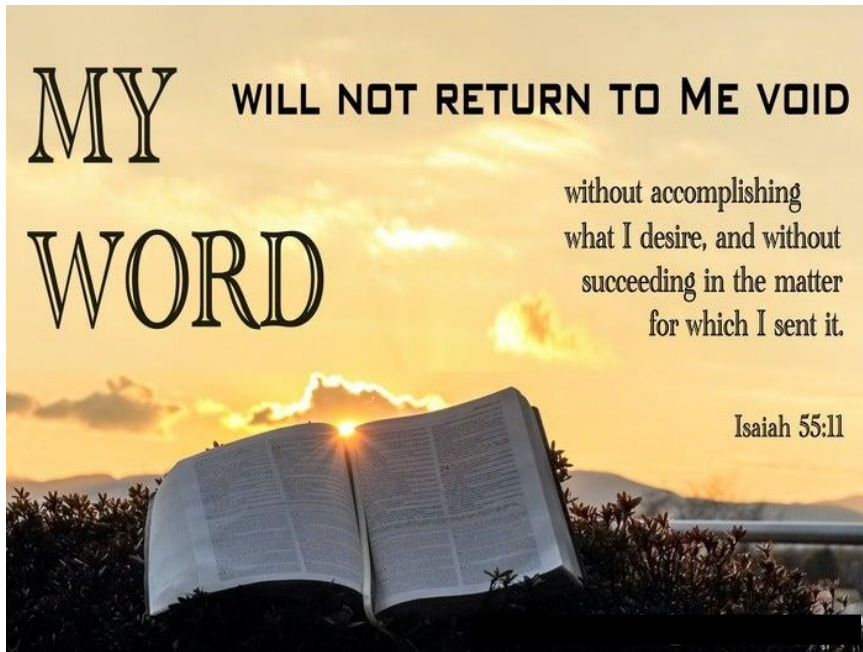
The first known instance of this familiar proverb was a book, *Common Places of Italian Proverbs*, dated 1666. Ben Franklin later introduced it in the United States in his book *Poor Richard's Almanac* (1744). "Catching flies" represents desired accomplishments. Honey (sweet) is more desirable than vinegar (sour) in attaining the goal. Success is achieved by being nice rather than by being rude and hateful.

In two instances recorded in the Bible, God told one of His servants to eat His word. The prophet Ezekiel was instructed to *eat this roll*, which he did, describing it as *honey for sweetness* (**Ezek. 2:9-3:3**). Centuries later, John the apostle was given a similar instruction in his vision. He was told to eat the book which would be bitter in his stomach, but sweet in his mouth (**Rev. 10:8-10**). The question arises: Is God's word sweet or bitter - or both? The answer is both. The commands and promises are sweet to those who love God and are truly interested in doing His will and in pleasing Him. However, the

same words are bitter to those who do not love God and are not interested in pleasing Him.

Consider this: The same sun which melts wax also hardens clay. The word of God accomplishes His will (**Isa. 55:11**) because it saves those who find it sweet and it condemns those who find it bitter. Let us always search for and find sweetness in the word of God.

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer ...

- Kyle got a good report from his biopsies last week, and the surgical procedure on his arm Friday went well.
- Eli's MRI has been scheduled for Thursday.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; John Henry; Eli; Gerald Hughes (Jeanie's dad); Alice McDaniel (Barbara's sister); Nick Davenport; Lesley Howell (Shirley's granddaughter); Jimmy Hamilton and Giles Bryant (David's cousins); Karen Wright (Mark's sister-in-law); Shannon Barton (Mandy's friend - chemo); Collin Vestal; Carolyn Lovelace (Dale Aden's sister - Alzheimer's); Richard Flowers (Shirley's bro-in-law - diabetes complications); Ginger Avery (breast cancer)....

## 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.
- **Devo Wednesday evening: Dale Aden**
- **Gospel Meeting at Obion Chapel** September 24-27. **Doug Sellers** of Christian Chapel will be speaking at 7:00 each evening.
- **Singing at Skullbone** Friday, October 6.

### MEMORY VERSES - 1 Peter 1:15-16

...<sup>15</sup>but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup>because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

(NKJ)