

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)

## *When It's More Than You Think You Can Bear*

In the book of Second Corinthians, Paul revealed some “trouble” that he had faced (1:8). The word for “trouble” primarily means “a pressing, pressure,” with reference to sufferings due to the pressure of outward circumstances or the antagonism of persons. Does that description sound familiar to your life experience? Notice how Paul portrays this event.

*“We were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves”* (1:8-9). Think about each expression in this statement. The word “burdens” means “to be heavy upon, press down with a weight,” and Paul said this one was “excessively” (NASB) “beyond” the “measure” that he could handle, and it was “beyond our strength” (ESV) of what could normally be endured. But, he was going to be alright, wasn't he? Brush it off and keep going, right? Note how he shares that “we despaired even of life.” The Greek for “despaired” literally means “to be utterly without a way.” Truly, “we had the sentence of death in ourselves.”

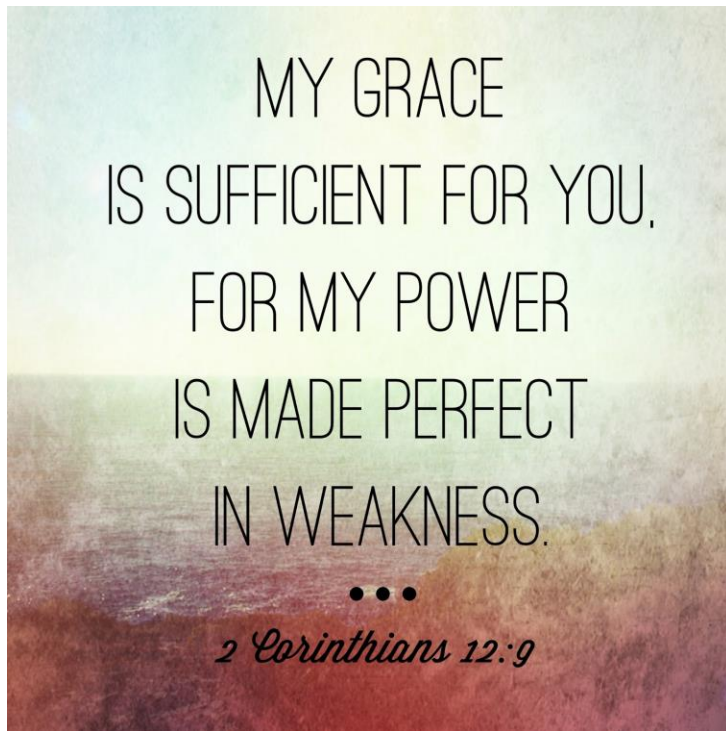
As you read Paul's description of where he was, could you relate? Have you been there? “Paul, how did you get through that?” Note two things that he pinpoints. First, Paul reveals that this point of despair “was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead” (1:9, ESV). If we think we can get through things on our

own, we're deceived and just arrogantly wrong. We must learn to trust God, period! Seeing that He had power to raise the dead, what is there He cannot do or handle in our lives? Look in the past—has He delivered you before? Yes! And “He will still deliver us” (1:10).

Second, Paul reveals that what was there “helping” him get through it were the “prayers” of his brethren on his behalf, as they were “joining in helping” (NASB) or “helping together” (NKJV) “in prayer.” When you have an excessive life burden that is beyond your strength to handle, ask your brethren to pick up the other side of it...with their prayers. Life's burdens are not meant to be borne alone. First, trust the Lord – not to just carry your burden, but to carry you! Second, seek and let fellow Christians bear it for you in prayer!

~David Sproule,

~via the bulletin of the Midtown Church of Christ, Victoria, TX



## Remember in Prayer ...

- **Kyle** has infection in the incision site of his recent arm surgery. He has an appointment with the surgeon tomorrow.
- **Rita's** knee surgery is scheduled for the 24th.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; John Henry; Shane Rimmer (cancer/chemo/surgery); Derek Evans (Valerie's friend - brain cancer); Barry Summers (David Hilliard's cousin – tumors in pancreas, spots on lungs); Nick Davenport; Jimmy Hamilton (David's cousin - cancer); Carolyn Lovelace (Dale Aden's sister - Alzheimer's)....

## 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 this Wednesday evening: Mark Wright**
- **Barbara** has a new phone number: 731-393-3802. Please make this change in your directory and contact info.
- **Gospel Meeting at Fairview** with Daniel Rogers begins today and continues through Wednesday. Services this afternoon at 1:30; weeknights at 7:00.

### MEMORY VERSES – Proverbs 27:17:

*As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.*

(NKJ)