

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



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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)

## Serpent of Brass

During the exodus from Egypt, the Israelites were guilty of disobeying the word of God numerous times. Despite these incidents of tempting God (**Num. 14:22**), He was still ready to keep His promise of the land "flowing with milk and honey." However, when the spies came back from their foray into Canaan and the majority reported that they would not be able to take the land, the people rebelled again against Moses, Joshua, and Caleb. God punished the people by condemning them to wander in the wilderness for forty years until all age twenty and older would die. During their wandering, they continued to murmur against Moses and God. **Numbers 21** records the account of God sending fiery serpents into the camp to bite the people. When the serpent bites resulted in death, they repented and asked Moses to pray to God to spare them of this misery. God's response was for Moses to make a brass serpent and hang it on a pole in the midst of the camp. Whenever an Israelite was bitten by a serpent, he was to look upon the brass serpent that he might live and not die.

There are at least two points we should get from this text. First, notice that God did not remove the serpents, but rather provided a remedy for the bite to those who believed/obeyed. This is exemplary of God's ways. Living in this world, we are

constantly in danger of being bitten by the poisonous serpent, sin. Instead of removing the temptations and the sins, God provided the remedy which enables us to live amidst the danger. God promised that He would not allow us to be tempted beyond our ability to withstand, and would provide us with a way of escape (**1 Cor. 10:13**). Second, Jesus used this text to demonstrate what He would provide for mankind. He taught that, just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so shall the son of man be lifted up, and that whoever believes on him should not perish, but instead live (**Jn. 3:14ff**). Thus, as the serpent of brass was the remedy for those in the wilderness, so is Jesus the remedy for our sins. When we demonstrate our belief in Jesus by obedience to God's word, we receive life, not death.

God has not removed our thorns or our temptations, but instead has graciously provided the way for us to endure and be safe. Let us all look upon Jesus in the way the Israelites were to look upon the serpent of brass so that we may be cured from the poison of sin in our lives.

~Freeman



(Maxine – in loving memory of Kay Greenway)

*Daylight Saving Time ends this coming weekend....*

## Remember in Prayer ...

- **Rita's** knee replacement went well. She is doing physical therapy and continuing to improve.
- **Monte** continues to have issues with his back, making it difficult for him to sit upright for very long.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; John Henry; Kyle; 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.
- We have extra of the **Bibles** we ordered from Apologetics Press. Please see Freeman if you would like to have one/some.
- A **HUGE thanks** to all who donated candy and participated in our **Track-or-Treat** project this year. Our decorations and costumes were a big hit - and we won first place!

### MEMORY VERSES - Galatians 4:4-5:

*<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. (NKJ)*

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

04 - Ponna Mahan.... 17 - David Bryant.... 18 - David Brasher, Aaron Hilliard.... 28 - Joshua Brasher