

TO SERVE TODAY:	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Dale Ballentine	Freeman Mahan
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Nick Bryant
Preside Lord's Supper	Nick Bryant	
Scripture Reading	Mark Wright	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	Nick Bryant	
Scripture Reading	Mickey Keen	Dale Aden
Closing Prayer	Monte Morris	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)

## Conformed or Transformed?

Paul wrote to the church at Rome, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove that which is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (**Rom. 12:2**). Conformed means to be like someone else, often like almost everyone else. Transformed, on the other hand, means to be different from, to change from what you have been to something else. While it is possible that each of these terms could be viewed in either a positive or negative way, in this case, to be conformed is negative, and to be transformed is positive.

The ways of the world are not viewed in a positive way by God. James said that *friendship with the world is enmity with God* (**James 4:4**). John wrote that we should *love not the world, neither the things which are in the world* (**1 John 2:15**). Thus, because of the way in which God views the world, for us to be conformed to the world is really negative. Moses commanded the Israelites, *Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil* (**Ex. 23:2**). These passages make what Paul said about being conformed to the world more clearly understood - it is a warning because the world is not our friend.

In contrast, Paul showed us that being transformed to the will of God is the better choice. When we are submitted to His will, we will forsake that which is unrighteous and turn to that which is good in His eyes. We will be transformed from the old man of the world into the new man of God (Col 3:9-10; Eph 4:22). We will then NOT be like the world, but rather more like Christ who lives in us as Christians (Gal. 2:20). We should, therefore, pay close attention to what Paul said instead of listening to the world.

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **Monte** is scheduled to have his AFib shock on Thursday.
- **Shirley, Pam, Callie, Britni, and Eli** are among those of our number who have been suffering with the flu or flu-like symptoms.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Steve & Rita; JoAnn Moore; John Henry; the family of Kenny Burriss in his passing; Dylan's girlfriend Brooke in the passing of her grandfather; Ronnie Belew (David Bryant's bro-in-law); Barbara Porch (Rhonda's mother); Jaclyn Mayo (Ruth's daughter); Erica Olivere (Joe Butler's great niece); Vickie Moss (formerly of this area) who is scheduled for open-heart surgery; Amy Barger Doyle; Patricia Coleman; Jimmy Hamilton (David's cousin - cancer); Carolyn Lovelace (Dale Aden's sister)....

## News and Notes . . .

- **We welcome our visitors;** we are indeed honored to have you with us. We ask that you 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**
- **We will meet for morning services only next Sunday.**
- **Fellowship and game night following evening services on Sunday, the 31st.** Please bring finger foods and games!

### MEMORY VERSES - Matthew 15:8:

*<sup>8</sup>These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. <sup>9</sup>And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.*

*(NKJ)*