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

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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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## Forgiveness

Forgiveness is a topic that is grossly misunderstood by most in the world, but one that the Bible is very clear about. Consider the following passages:

- After teaching His disciples how to pray, Jesus taught that, in order to receive forgiveness from God, we must be willing to forgive others: "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matt. 6:14-15).
- In the midst of Jesus teaching the disciples on a variety of subjects, "...Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times? Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven (Matt. 18:21-22). In other words, there is no limit on forgiveness.
- Paul encouraged the brethren at Ephesus to be Christ-like: "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:32).

In order for true forgiveness to be practiced, there are conditions which must be met. Jesus said, "...If your brother sins

*against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him* (**Luke 17:3**)." Repentance on the part of the offender is necessary for forgiveness to be given.

Additionally, we are to be like God who said, "But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps my statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him" (Ezek. 18:21-22). While we do try to practice forgiveness, we are sometimes deficient as we remember the forgiven past sins when our brother sins again. We must focus on forgiveness, striving not to bring to mind again the forgiven sins of the past.

Let us determine to be like God and His Son, Jesus, in the way we view and practice forgiveness. If a brother sins against us and repents, we should be quick to forgive and also to forget.

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer ...

- **John Henry** is to be checked out Thursday to determine if his pacemaker battery can be replaced.
- **Pam** got a good report from her procedure Tuesday.
- Olivia's MRI showed something behind her eyes, but the next step has not yet been determined.
- **Dennis Foster** was moved back to swing bed at Huntingdon yesterday; he is slowly improving.
- **Ronnie Belew** had a setback Friday; he remains in the Jackson hospital.

**PRAYER LIST**: Miss Mary; Monte & Sandy; John Henry; Kevin Wright (Mark's brother – colon cancer); Joann Moore; Kristi Martin (Rhonda's sister); Carolyn Lovelace (Dale Aden's sister); Burl Tidwell (cancer)...

### 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 night: Mark Wright
- Second-Sunday MEET-EAT-MEET next week.
- Ladies Day at McKenzie on Saturday, the 20th. Please check the foyer board for details.

#### **MEMORY VERSE - Hebrews 3:12:**

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God... (NKJ)