

TO SERVE TODAY 1-12-25	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Mark Wright	Dale Ballentine
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Preside Lord's Supper	D. Aden and M. Keen	
Scripture Reading	Mickey Keen	Elijah Bryant
Closing Prayer	David Brasher	John Henry Long
<b>NEXT WEEK:</b>		
Opening Prayer	Casey Bush	David Bryant
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Preside Lord's Supper	Dale Aden & Mickey Keen	
Scripture Reading	Mark Wright	Mickey Keen
Closing Prayer	Josh Brasher	David Brasher



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# The Follower

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Filthy Language

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Profanity is pervasive today, perhaps at an all-time high. It is common in schools, homes, and workplaces (blue-collar and white-collar jobs). In the past, it seemed to be used more as an exclamation if somebody was upset. Today, people use profanity as a standard part of a sentence, frequently to emphasize a point. Filthy talk is promoted on television and in movies; politicians, movie stars, and celebrities use and promote vulgarity. Also, the (\*\*—\*\*) is common in printed news stories, quoting people. (How long will it be before they write the word in its entirety?) The most popular curse words may change from generation to generation, but all are wrong.

The Bible abounds with passages condemning improper speech. For example, Psalm 10:7, describing the wicked, says, "His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue is trouble and iniquity." Ephesians 5:4 adds, "Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
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<b>SUNDAY:</b>	Bible Class 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM <i>(Meet-Eat-Meet each second Sunday)</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Bible Study 6:30 PM <i>(Fellowship &amp; devo each fourth Wednesday)</i>

rather thanksgiving” (NIV). Like-wise, Colossians 3:9 says we are to put off “filthy language” (“obscene talk” ESV), and in Matthew 12:36, Jesus says, “But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.” Another critical passage condemning offensive speech is Ephesians 4:29-30. Here Paul, after speaking about putting off the “old man” (our former conduct) and putting on the new life in Christ, says, “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. (30) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” Let’s take a closer look at these verses. He starts verse 29 by saying, “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth . . .” One translation renders “unwholesome talk” (NIV) and another “corrupting talk” (ESV). In his commentary, Barnes speaks of the meaning of the original Greek word. The word rendered “corrupt” (sapos) means bad, decayed, rotten, and is applied to putrid vegetable or animal substances. Then it is applied to a tree that is of a useless character, that produces no good fruit; Matt 7:17. Then it is used in a moral sense, as our word “cor-rupt” is, to denote that which is depraved, evil, contaminating, and may denote here any-thing that is obscene, offensive, or that tends to corrupt others. (Barnes’ Notes, Electronic Database) Why did Paul need to warn about “corrupt words?” Perhaps some of the Christians at Ephesus were recent converts and had come from a bad environment where profanity was common, and they may have used it. Maybe he felt there was the danger of some falling back into its use. Regardless, he said it should not be used, and he used the word “no,” which means none

## Remember in Prayer ...

- Sarah Beth Mayfield
- Monte Morris was moved to Cherrywood in Mckenzie
- David Keel and Gail Keel
- Kevin Ricketts
- Joann Moore; ; Pat Ing; Kevin Wright; Jim McCaig (Shirley’s half-brother); Kristi Martin (Rhonda’s sister); Carolyn Lovelace (Dale Aden’s sister) Ron McAdams

## News and Notes...

- We welcome our visitors!
- Devo this Wednesday evening:
- Sign-up sheets are on the foyer board for those who are willing to host the 4th Wednesday devo.
- 2nd Sunday Meal today

### January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mark Wright 11th, Edward Ray Ford 30th

Kyle and Ginger 30th

