

TO SERVE TODAY 1-19-25	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Casey Bush	David Bryant
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Preside Lord's Supper	D. Aden and M. Keen	
Scripture Reading	Mark Wright	Elijah Bryant
Closing Prayer	Josh Brasher	David Brasher
NEXT WEEK:		
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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Are the church and the kingdom the same?

The answer to this question is both “yes” and “no.” In some places “church” and “kingdom” are virtual synonyms. In other passages “church” and “kingdom” do not mean the same thing.

Jesus said His people would partake of the Lord’s Supper in the “kingdom” (Mt. 26:29) and Paul said this activity is done in the “church” (1 Cor. 11:20-22). In Mt. 16:18 Jesus spoke of the “church” and then immediately spoke of the “kingdom” (Mt. 16:19). Paul said the saved are “translated into the kingdom” (Col. 1:13) and then spoke of the “church” just a few verses later (Col. 1:18). In this same book he referred to “fellow workers in the “kingdom” (Col. 4:11) and then spoke of the “church” (Col. 4:15-16). Paul wrote to the “church” at Thessalonica (1 Thess. 1:1) and then said these Christians had been “called into the

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

king-dom” (1 Thess. 2:12). The Hebrew writer spoke of the “church” (Heb. 12:23) and then said these saints had access to the kingdom (Heb. 12:28). Jesus’ blood purchased a “kingdom” (Rev. 5:9-10, ASV), but Acts 20:28 says Jesus’ blood purchased the church. Just as there are different words in the New Testament that describe “elders” to describe different facets of an elder’s work (compare Tit. 1:5 with Tit. 1:7), so “kingdom” and “church” are some-times used in this same way.

While many passages do use “kingdom” and “church” interchangeably, these two words are not always identical. In Mt. 8:12 when Jesus said “but the sons of the kingdom shall be cast forth into the outer darkness: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth” He clearly was not referring to the church. Satan has a “kingdom” (Mt. 12:26), but this kingdom is certainly not the church. At the end of time when Jesus invites the saved into the kingdom (Mt. 25:34) He will not be inviting people into the church. In places where “kingdom” and “church” are not interchangeable, the word “kingdom” gen-erally has the sense of “rule.” All are “in the kingdom” in the sense that each one is ac-countable to God for his or her actions (i.e. God reigns or rules over all people). Only those who become Christians are “in the kingdom” in the sense of being a member of the church and thus part of the saved. Are you part of the “kingdom” in the sense of the church?

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!
- Guest Speaker today Michael Tankersley
- Guest Speaker next Sunday Coy Hathcock
- Devo Wednesday: Keith Peevyhouse

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mark Wright 11th, Edward Ray Ford 30th

Kyle and Ginger 30th

