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903/628-1292 Mon. - Fri...... 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM ... 6:00 PM ....Cell # 1-601/620-3474 ... 903/628-2891 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Secretary: Wilma Alexander PM Worship..... Johnny Thomas... Kevin Cauley..... AM Worship.. Bible Classes.. Minister:

**THOSE TO SERVE APRIL 12** 

**AM PRAYERS PM PRAYERS** Ernest Shelton.....Johnny Thomas Thomas McGee..... Ben Dooley

SHUT-IN.....Jamey Thomas

VISITOR CARDS...... Sawyer Hobson Chance Powell

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7:00 PM

Bible Classes.

**WEDNESDAY:** 

If you are unable to serve, please call Billy Johnson at 903.628.5827

NURSERY.....Janice Love

### **BIBLE LESSON TEXT**

Sun. April 12 - Call of Isaiah Isa. 1:1-8; 6; 31:1-9



Wed. April 15 - Hezekiah, Good King of Judah 2 Kings 18-20; Isa. 36; 37

### **OUR FAITH IN ACTION** SUNDAY, April 5, 2015

Bible Classes———	65
AM Worship	137
PM Worship————	106
Contribution————	\$2,910.26
Average to Date	\$3,178.67
Budget to Date———-	\$3,243.00
Wednesday, April 1——	107



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## A Growing Church!

We have a lot of activities on the radar right now, and that is good. A congregation that is alive has a lot to discuss and work on together. Our technology upgrade project is being discussed right now. The elders will continue to receive comments until April 19<sup>th</sup>. After that, they will meet to discuss the feedback, and then make a decision on how to go forward with the work. So, please continue to give them your comments, feedback, suggestions, or other thoughts. They want to know what you think!

Last Sunday evening, we had brother Richard Barton come and speak to us about Camp Ida. This encampment is located south of New Boston to the east of Maud, Texas. After he spoke, I talked about the ALPHA Leadership Camp Session, scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and its focus on training leaders in the Lord's church. Applications are due on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, and that the deposit is \$30.00 per camper. Also, the elders decided that the church would pay for the remaining fee of \$100.00 for the camp. This is a good deal, so I hope that you will take advantage of this. We have some paper applications here at the building, or go online to campida.com.

The visitors to our web site have been growing over the past three months. In the month of March, we had 707 visits to our web site. This is an increase of 150 visitors compared to February's total of 557. On our web site you can read the bulletin, listen to sermons, study sermon outlines, and be reminded upcoming events. Our web site stays up 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; so it is working even when we are not. Isn't God good? God bless you, and I love you.



Remember In Prayer
Peyton Richardson (grand daughter of Janiece Richardson);
Meg Shelton; Jan Lansford (sister -in-law of the Raney's). Gladys

Murray is in Room #550 Wadley. **Prayer Concerns**: Melda Spencer; Faye Anderson: Marie McPherson: Keith Clark:

Anderson; Marie McPherson; Keith Clark; Hubert & Glenda May; Phil Williams; Michelle Williams Pasley; Henry & Gladys Ann Murray; Nelda Stinson; J.D. & Thelma Johnson; Lonetta Cozart; Marsha Burkhalter; Winnie Tucker; Martha Downs; Ricky Champion; John Davis; Lucy Myers (Andrea Tyndell's grandmother); Junior Hammonds; Homer Batchelor.

Continue to pray for our nation and military: Rusty Castillo (James Bateman's grandson).

# **April Activities**

April 10th----**Area Wide Singing** @ Franklin Dr. Church of Christ @ 7 PM

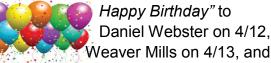
April 12th-15th----**Gospel Meeting** @ Franklin Dr. Txk, AR. Church of Christ

April 13th----**Bible Bowl** @ N. Jefferson with New Boston as hosts.

April 14th----Ladies Night Out

April 18th----**Spring Gospel Meeting** @ Hope Church of Christ 9 AM to 11:30 AM

April 19th -----Potluck



to Charles Howard and Mary Shirley on 4/15. "Happy Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Floyd on 4/12.



Learning to Serve

Sun. April 12, 3 PM

#### **Bible Bowl Hosts**

April 13th we will host the Bible Bowl.

### GOD'S SALVATION PLAN

- 1. HEAR the gospel
  Romans 10:17
- 2. Believe on the Lord & His Word Mark 16:16; John 8:24
  - 3. REPENT of our sins Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
  - 4. CONFESS Christ

Matthew 10:32; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9 5. BE BAPTIZED for the remission of sins

Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatíans 3:27; 1 Peter 3:21

6. Live a FAITHFUL, dedicated life Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

#### "Lord, Increase our Faith"

But without faith it is impossible to please him for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him," (Heb. 11:6 KJV).

The test above gives two reasons why faith is necessary to please God. Number one is that no one can come TO God unless they first believe IN God. In other words, no one can approach God unless they believe that He exists. That part of faith everyone gladly embraces.

The second part of that faith is where the controversy is. The one who pleases God is the one who lives their life knowing that God will reward those who follow diligently. They expect scrutiny from God and live accordingly.

The fact that "we walk by faith and not by sight," (2 Cor. 5:7) does not remove the expectation of obedience. Just the opposite. The one who does not "diligently seek" God is not living by faith. No one can truly claim that they diligently seek God and then refuse to obey what God says.

For that reason, the real test of our faith is not when we agree with God. God says not to murder, practice idolatry, practice witchcraft (Gal. 5:20-21). We say "No problem." Is it God's will that is preventing us from acting that way or are these things just not tempting?

How about when God says that hatred, envy and strife are wrong and must be avoided? (Gal. 5:20-21). Do we follow His will on these things or do we just disregard it and act as we like? Careful, God talks about lying too (Eph. 4:25).

Perhaps we can relate to this talk of Jesus with the disciples. (Luke 17:3-5) "Take heed to yourselves, if your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, "I repent," you shall forgive him. And the apostles said to the Lord "increase our faith."

They knew they were going to have trouble obeying God that far. The reality of forgiving under such conditions was beyond their grasp. Sometimes we also need help with our faith. We are not quite ready to follow God's ways. Maybe the goals are too high or our pride is too strong or the temptations just too tempting. Rather than excusing our human failures, what we really need to do is to pray, "Lord increase our faith."

Tim Orbison, The Maysville Messenger, July 14, 2013