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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

SUNDAY:
 Bible Classes.....9:30 AM
 AM Worship10:25 AM
 PM Worship6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY:
 Bible Classes.....7:00 PM

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BIBLE LESSON TEXT

Sun. December 13-**Parable of the Rich Fool**
 Luke 12:16-21



Wed. December 16-**Great Supper; Cost of Discipleship**
 Luke 14:15-33

OUR FAITH IN ACTION
SUNDAY, December 6, 2015

Bible Classes.....	70
AM Worship.....	104
PM Worship.....	100
Contribution.....	\$3,420.72
Average to Date.....	\$3,174.31
Budget to Date.....	\$3,243.00
Wednesday, Dec. 2.....	93

God's Salvation Plan

HEAR the Gospel – Romans 10:17
BELIEVE on the Lord & His Word – Mark 16:16;
 John 8:24
REPENT of our sins – Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
CONFESS Christ – Matthew 10:32; Luke 12:8;
 Romans 10:9
BE BAPTIZED for the remission of sins – Acts 2:38;
 Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; 1 Peter 3:21
LIVE a faithful, dedicated life – Revelation 2:10;
 2 Peter:5-10

**Happenings in
 God's Family**

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Waiting on the Lord

Gavin asked me this morning, “Dad, how many more days until Christmas?” We calculated it and decided we had seventeen more days. Gavin then said, “Dad, that’s too long.” Sometimes it’s hard to wait, especially when your seven and you’re waiting for Christmas. As adults, we know that waiting is a part of life, but who really likes to go to the DMV? We still have problems waiting.

Faithfulness to God means that we will need to have patience and wait. In killing an Egyptian, Moses acted before God was ready (Exodus 2:12). He had to wait another forty years before God was ready for him. In Psalm 27:14, we read: “Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!” Sometimes there is nothing to do about a situation except wait for God to act. Waiting means acknowledging that we do not have control over a situation, and that we need God’s help to get through it. Patience is the ability to wait without allowing the circumstances to affect your attitude, relationship with others, and relationship with God. James wrote, “Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain” (James 5:7). We need to be like the farmer waiting for his crops to mature.

We don’t have to wait 40 years for Christmas, and I’m sure all of our kids are thankful for that, but we must be patient and wait in all of our circumstances. Let us resolve as God’s people to put our faith in Him, and not allow our impatience to rule us. God bless you and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

DECEMBER 13, 2015 SERVANTS

AM PRAYERS

Jimmy Smith
Thomas McGee

PM PRAYERS

Ernest Shelton
Jerry Yates

Announcements: Scott Hobson

LORD'S TABLE: Mike Raney, Jim Scarbrough, Ben Dooley & Charles Cauley

Sunday PM Communion: Austin Cauley

VISITOR CARDS: Sawyer Hobson
Chance Powell

NURSERY: Janice Love

DECEMBER 20, 2015 SERVANTS

AM PRAYERS

Russell Tyndell
Larry Stinson

PM PRAYERS

Blake Tyndell
Jerry Boston

Announcements: Scott Hobson

LORD'S TABLE: Mike Raney, Jim Scarbrough, Ben Dooley & Charles Cauley

Sunday PM Communion: Austin Cauley

VISITOR CARDS: Sawyer Hobson,
Gavin Cauley

NURSERY: Marie Howard

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



Remember in Prayer

Peyton Richardson (*Janiece Richardson's granddaughter*);
James Shirley; Jr. Hammonds (*Betty Hammond's husband*); Ricky Champion and Jean Jones

Remember also our shut-in's: Hubert & Glenda May, Keith & Helen Clark, Phil Williams, Faye Anderson, & J.D. & Thelma Johnson. Marie McPherson (DeKalb Nursing home).

If you would like to spend your New Years Eve in a different way, attend the Winter Retreat at Camp Ida. The dates are December 31st thru January 2nd. Online registration is required. The link address is as follows: <http://goo.gl/8880a9>. Children age 10 and under will need the parents attendance.



"Happy Birthday" to Bettie Hammonds and Blake Tyndell on 12/13 and to Juanita Shelton on 12/15.

Calendar of Events.

Sat. Dec. 12---**Holiday Dinner @ 6 PM.**

Hosted by the Cauleys.

Sun. Dec. 13----**Learning to Serve @ 3 PM.**

Ages 4 thru 4th grade.

Mon. Dec. 14----**Bible Bowl**

Sun. Dec. 20----**Sign Language Class @ 4:30.**

No Bulletin will be printed the last 2 weeks of December.

Why The Ship Is Sinking

In 1628 the Swedish warship Vasa was set to take its maiden voyage. The ship was built on the orders of the King of Sweden Gustavus Adolphus and was richly decorated as a symbol of the king's ambitions for Sweden and himself. Upon completion she was one of the most powerfully armed vessels in the world. However the maiden voyage didn't go that well. Less than a mile offshore the ship encountered what was described as a slight breeze that capsized and sank it. How could such a powerful war ship go to the depths so easily?

Well official inquires didn't go too far, it seemed no one was willing to take the blame or the wrath of the King, but it was generally considered to have been built asymmetrically. This caused the center of gravity to be off and therefore it took very little force to tip the ship. Now how could this happen?

Well archaeologists have found four rulers used by the workers; two turned out to be based on Swedish feet with 12 inches. The other two used Amsterdam feet, with 11 inches. One group worked on one side of the ship with their ruler the other on the other side with their ruler. The finished ship may have looked impressive, but it sank the minute it was faced with difficulty.

The same thing I think is happening in our religious world today. For a long time the thinking has been we all can use a different measure for our religious authority. You have your doctrines and ideas and I will have mine. It won't matter because look at the magnificent creation we have made in our spirit of cooperation and togetherness.

However now the winds of change are starting to blow and that ship is toppling over. Without one set measure, one set rule the house is crumbling. Didn't Jesus warn us that a house divided against itself can't stand (Mark 3:25)? Yet we ignored him and now it seems that church groups can't really stand up against any moral issue because they have compromised so much there is no center ground anymore. That ship is sinking, before it could ever do battle!

It doesn't have to be that way. If everyone that claimed Jesus Christ would throw away the flawed measures we have created and agree to one rule, one measure, the ship could be righted. If we used the measure of our King, found in his Word, the ship that would be created would be formidable! *"Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment."* 1 Corinthians 1:10. You can't build a seaworthy ship with two different rulers. You can't make a structurally sound house with two different blueprints. You can't have a church that is truly His, if it ignores how He told us to build it.

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