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SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:30 AM
 AM Worship 10:25 AM
 PM Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....7:00 PM

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BIBLE LESSON TEXT

Sun. August 14
The First Sin (Genesis 3)



Wed. August 17
Cain and Abel (Genesis 4)

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, August 7th, 2016

Bible Class ----- 83
 AM Worship ----- 105
 PM Worship ----- 88
 Contribution ----- \$2672.51
 Average to Date ----- \$3037.26
 Budget to Date ----- \$3243.00

Wednesday, August 3rd ----- 80

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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AUGUST 14, 2016

You Cannot Earn Love (Part 1)

What is a gift? Dictionary.com defines the word as follows: "something given voluntarily without payment in return, as to show favor toward someone" Consider these key words involved and implied in the definition: voluntary, payment, return, favor, relationship. The word "voluntary" is related to the English word "volition." Volition involves the will, a mental faculty used to choose and make decisions. A volunteer is someone who does something without payment. The word "payment" means to exchange one thing for another with currency of some kind. The word "return" means to turn something around, or send something back. "Favor" is a wonderful word; it is both a noun and a verb. As a noun, it is something done or given out of goodwill or graciousness. As a verb, it involves the idea of preference or inclination toward someone or something. Considering all of these things, a gift is a gesture (of an item or service) from one person to another, originating within one's free-will, which demonstrates an inclination of good will, and it carries no expectations of anything to be given back. A gift is the perfect avenue to demonstrate true love because true love involves all of the same elements in a gift, and much more.

Consider that love is an act which expects nothing in return. Teaching us to love our enemies, Jesus said: "For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil" (Luke 6:32-35).

Jesus is teaching us that true love is free from expectations; it doesn't expect anything to be given in return. In fact, that is the blessing in love, because "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley



AUGUST 14, 2016 SERVANTS

AM PRAYERS

Kevin Cauley
Jamey Thomas

PM PRAYERS

Dave Conley
Justin Tyndell

Announcements: Ernest Shelton

LORD'S TABLE: Blake Tyndell; Jim Scarbrough; Jody Thomas & Thomas McGee

Sunday PM Communion: Jim Scarbrough

VISITOR CARDS: Sawyer Hobson

AUGUST 21, 2016 SERVANTS

AM PRAYERS

Johnny Thomas
Blake Tyndell

PM PRAYERS

Russell Tyndell
Larry Stinson

Announcements: Ernest Shelton

LORD'S TABLE: Blake Tyndell; Jim Scarbrough; Jody Thomas & Thomas McGee

Sunday PM Communion: Jim Scarbrough

VISITORS CARDS: Gavin Cauley

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

Calendar of Events

Mon, Aug.15: SYS at North Jefferson

Fri, Aug.19: SYS at Mt. Vernon (Note the day and date change!).

Sun, Aug.21: Potluck!



Remember in Prayer

Alan Wright (son of Renee' Wright); Martha Downs (Bobby Higginbotham sister); Ricky Champion; Paul Curbow;

Peyton Richardson (granddaughter of Janiece Richardson); Daniella Conley; Roberta Watson; Johnny Thomas, Roberta Watson, J.L. Foster.

Remember our shut-ins: Keith & Helen Clark; Phil Williams, Faye Anderson, and J.D. & Thelma Johnson.

Hospitalizations: Weaver Mills was admitted to the hospital Thursday, August 4th, with fluid on his lungs. He is in room number 616 N. Keith Clark was admitted to Health South. He is in room number 249B.



Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Bob Bateman, James' brother. He passed away on August 6th. We also extend our sympathy to the family of Louise Roach who passed Wednesday, August 3rd.



"Happy Birthday" to Grace Ann Duffer on 8/17; to Sommer Hobson on 8/18.

"Happy Anniversary" to Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Cauley on 8/17.

"SHELTERS, WHO NEEDS THEM?"

Tommy Gaither

In Psalms 31, David as the composer is in trouble. He needs some shelter. Can you see him looking around? There's nobody to help, so David looks up. **"In thee, O Lord, I have refuge; Let me never be ashamed; In thy righteousness deliver me. Incline Thine ear to me, rescue me quickly, Be Thou to me a rock of strength, A stronghold to save me"** (Psalm 31:1-2). Soldiers in David's day would seek a place on the hillside that gave them a place to hide from the enemy when they were wounded or surrounded, or in need of security. But why would David seek a place of shelter? For the same reasons we would. Distress, sin and adversaries... all of these are found in this Psalm. Listen to David in vivid, honest admission. **"Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted away from grief, my soul and my body also. For my life is spent in sorrow, and my years in sighing..."** vs. 9-10. Here is a grown man who cried! He admits his life was "spent with sorrow" and dark days of distress. The hope of tomorrow seems doubtful. In those lonely times of distress, it seems sorrow won't go away and shelters are hard to come by. In verse 10, David declares, **"My strength has failed because of my iniquity, and my body has wasted away."** Because of sin his guilt accuses him. Our sin, like David's, can make us physically sick. He's embarrassed because of the shame of sin. Now he is surrounded by his adversaries. (vs. 11-13) They ridiculed him: **"I have become a reproach... to my neighbors."** **"Forgotten, like a broken vessel."** Have you ever felt so miserable, so rejected? David did. He heard the slander of many. They even threatened his life. David needed a shelter and he looked to God. Where do you go in times of storm in your life? May I recommend a place of relief, a place of refuge? Seek the Lord while He may be found! **"God is our refuge and strength, An ever-present help in trouble."** Psalm 46:1.

There is a planning meeting scheduled for our **Learning to Serve Program** for Sunday, August 14th at 4:45 PM in the multi-purpose room. All who are willing to help in any way are invited to attend.

Thank you so much: Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for your concern for me the past few weeks as I have dealt with health problems. Your visits, calls and cards were a great comfort to me. May God bless you. Sincerely, Jerry Boston.