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Bible Classes.

**BIBLE LESSON TEXT** Sun. April 24----Simon the Sorcerer Acts 8:5-25 Wed. April 27----Philip & the Man in the Chariot Acts 8:26-40 **OUR FAITH IN ACTION** SUNDAY, April 17, 2016 Bible Class— AM Worship--PM Worship Contribution---\$2,514.75 Average to Date— ----\$2,986.60 Budget to Date-----\$3,243.00 Wednesday, April 13-----82 **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



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# **Getting the Advantage?**

The travelling salesman is an example of someone who is trying to get an advantage. He is seeking to take advantage of your desires so that he may ply his merchandise. Sadly, we often look at our relationships in this way; "he is someone over whom I can gain an advantage." Now, before you say, "I don't do that," think for a minute. If you've ever said, this or that person can help me, then you've done it. That's not to discount that people can be helpful, nor that it is good to be helpful. However, we're not supposed to look primarily at people from this perspective. People are valuable in and of themselves regardless of whether they can help us.

There are at least two things wrong with looking at people from the standpoint of advantage. First, we see people for their usefulness instead of their value. Second, we see people as being useful to us, in particular. These perspectives distort the value of people. The first perspective distorts their value by deeming others only as good as their usefulness. This is the great sin of our modern and pragmatic age. A person's worth is equated to his utility. The second perspective says, "You are only worth usefulness to me." Self becomes the standard for a person's value. One will cease valuing another when he ceases to be useful to him. This is not loving one's neighbor (Matthew 22:39).

Jesus said, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26). One soul is worth more than the whole world. Will we value people the way Jesus did? God bless you and I love you. Kevin Cauley

DeWayne Hardage lamey Thomas Billy Johnson lody Thomas **Mike Raney** Deacons:

> ..10:25 AM 903/628-1292 903/733-1137 Mon. - Fri...... 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM 9:30 AM 00:9..... Kevin Cauley......Cell # 1-601/620-3474 ..... 903/628-2891 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Secretary: Wilma Alexander WEDNESDAY: PM Worship ..... SUNDAY: Johnny Thomas..... **Russell Tyndell** AM Worship... Bible Classes.. Office: ..... **Minister:**

Ernest Shelton Elders:

903/628-2201

### **APRIL 24, 2016 SERVANTS**

#### AM PRAYERS

Ernest Shelton Jamey Thomas

Announcements: Blake Tyndell

LORD'S TABLE: Mike Raney; Jim Scarabrough; Austin Cauley & Jody Thomas

Sunday PM Communion: Scott Hobson VISITOR CARDS: Sawyer Hobson

**NURSERY:** Juanita Higginbotham

## MAY 1, 2016 SERVANTS

Ben Dooley

AM PRAYERS Mike Raney Larry Stinson

Announcements: Kevin Cauley

LORD'S TABLE: Ben Dooley; Jamey Thomas: Scott Hobson & Charles Cauley

Sunday PM Communion: Jim Scarbrough

VISITOR CARDS: Sawyer Hobson,

NURSERY: Sandra Conley

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



**Charles Cauley** 

## **Remember in Prayer**

Marie McPherson; Martha Downs (Bobby Higginbotham sister); Hazel McCright of (sister Marie Peyton Richardson; Roberston):

(Granddaughter of Janiece Ricardson); James Shirley (moved to Waterton Rehab) Dylan Tyndell (Russell Tyndell's great nephew); Ricky Champion; Paul Curbow; Norma Crawford; Jean Jones; Robin Upson; Trevor Montgomery and Briley Kate (granddaughter of Richard & Ramona Cowling).

**Remember** also our shut-in's: Keith & Helen Clark. Phil Williams. Fave Anderson, & J.D. & Thelma Johnson.



With

and Our prayers sympathy is extended to the family of Hubert May. Our faithful member of the church passed away Sunday afternoon.

our prayers and sympathy is Also extended to the family of Carol "Turtle" Hankins . Carol was loved by the very young and old, she will be missed by us She passed away on Sunday. all.

## Calendar of Events.

April 24----Worship Service @ New Boston Nursing Home @ 2 PM. May 1----Final Learning to Serve class with a hamburger cookout. **May 1-4----**Gospel Meeting @ the Foreman Church of Christ.

# I Can Sleep When the Wind Blows

A young man applying for a job on a farm was asked what he knew how to do. He replied, "Sir, I know nothing about farm work, but I can sleep when the wind blows."

The farmer did not understand, but as he was desperate for help, he employed the young man.

A few nights later a terrible storm blew in. The farmer was wakened and ran to the young man's room. There, just as he had said, he was sleeping through the storm. Rather than trying to awaken the youth, the farmer himself ran out to the barn to check the animals and equipment. He found the doors to the barn tightly shut. The animals were in their shelter, properly secured. Then he remembered the pile of straw the wind would be blowing in all directions, but he found it covered with canvas and tied down. Everything was secure.

On the way back to the house, he remembered what the young man had said: "I can sleep when the wind blows". And he understood.

What about us? Can we have the confidence to live through life's storms? Are we fulfilling all our obligations to God? Are our "chores" done?

"I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

2 Timothy 4:7-8

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Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, phone calls, food and gifts while Daniella was recovering. We appreciate all that you did for our family. In Christian Love,

Dave, Sandra & Daniella



"Happy Birthday" to Marie McPherson on 4/30; to Hud Raney on 5/5 and to Camryn Berry on 5/7.

Thank you all for the beautiful flower arrangement given in Terry's memory. He had an upbeat attitude throughout his lengthy illness. Our comfort is knowing he is no longer suffering. Our church family is our life preserver in times like these. Thanks for all the heartfelt condolences, cards and calls. We love you. Russell & Suzette; Justin & Andrea & family and Blake & Danielle & family.