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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

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

Sunday, November 6
Joseph Sold Into Slavery
 Genesis 37:12-36



Wednesday, November 9
Joseph Ran
 Genesis 39:1-20

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016

Bible Class-----	83
AM Worship-----	96
PM Worship-----	81
Contribution-----	\$2,913.55
Average to Date -----	\$3,020.71
Budget to Date-----	\$3,243.00
Wednesday, Oct. 26-----	76

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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Offending and Being Offended (Part 3)

We may sometimes avoid offending others, but some offenses cannot be avoided. Christians will offend some people simply because they are Christians. Paul wrote, "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12). Why would the godly be persecuted? Isaiah 5:20 states, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" In such a sinful environment, we will offend others because they love darkness more than they love light (John 3:19).

Paul said preaching the gospel offends some people. Consider 1 Corinthians 1:23, "but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness." The Greek word for "stumbling block" yields our English word "scandalous." A scandal is a great offense! The Jews were offended by Jesus. Many are offended by the teaching and preaching of the gospel because the gospel confronts their pride and condemns it.

Even Jesus offended people when telling them the truth (Matthew 13:57, 15:12). At one point, He even offended his own disciples (John 6:61)! Did Jesus apologize for telling the truth? In Matthew 15:12, after his disciples told him that the Pharisees had been offended, he said, "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matthew 15:13-14). We must preach the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15), but the Christian ought not to be primarily concerned about offending someone as he is teaching or preaching the truth. It is a prideful spirit that takes offense at truth, but truth needs to offend our pride in order for lives to be changed.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

NOVEMBER 6, 2016 SERVANTS

AM PRAYERS

Dave Conley

Jamey Thomas

PM PRAYERS

Scott Hobson

Jody Thomas

Announcements: Ernest Shelton

LORD'S TABLE: Blake Tyndell,
Jimmy Smith, John David Thomas &
Thomas McGee

Sunday PM Communion: Austin Cauley

VISITORS CARDS: Gavin Cauley

NOVEMBER 13, 2016 SERVANTS

AM PRAYERS

Weaver Mills

Jim Scarbrough

PM PRAYERS

Jerry Boston

Justin Tyndell

Announcements: Ernest Shelton

LORDS'S TABLE: Blake Tyndell,
Jimmy Smith, John David Thomas &
Thomas McGee

Sunday PM Communion: Austin Cauley

VISITORS CARDS: Sawyer Hobson

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

Calendar of Events

November 6----Daylight Saving Time
Ends. Set clocks **Back** 1 Hour

November 7----Bible Bowl

November 8----Ladies Night Out

November 13----Learning to Serve

November 19----Annual Stew Supper



Remember in Prayer

Bobby Higginbotham; Ricky
Champion; Paul Curbow; Peyton
Richardson (granddaughter of
Janiece Richardson); Daniella
Conley; Roger Smithson, father of Pat
Smithson; Joe Martin; Nancy Milam; and
Valerie Martin.

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

Our Annual Stew will be held November 19th
at 6 PM in the Fellowship Room. The sign-
up sheet for the ingredients is posted on the
bulletin board. We will meet at 9 AM
Saturday morning to prepare the meat and
vegetables for cooking. Jimmy Crawford will
be our cook again this year.



Thank you so much for your
support during this difficult
time. We appreciate all your
prayers and the beautiful floral
arrangement sent in Larry's
honor. We are so grateful to all of our friends at
the church and the comfort you provided.

The Family of Larry D. Johnson



"Happy Birthday" to Janie
Martin, Russell Tyndell and
Deacon Tyndell on 11/6;
Glenda May on 11/7 and to
Mason Thomas on 11/12.
"Happy Anniversary" to Mr. &
Mrs. Monty Crawford on 11/11.

"A SMALL GROUP OF PILGRIMS..."

When I was taught U.S. History in school, I was taught that the pilgrims came to this "new country" to escape religious persecution in Europe. The text read something like this-"*In 1620, a small group of Pilgrims, seeking religious freedom, set sail from England with the hope of establishing a colony...*"

I am being told that some history books now being written fail to mention "religious persecution" as the primary motivation for the Pilgrim's trip to America. Current political correctness paints the Christian religion as the problem... and nothing good can be attributed Christians or Christianity.

The thought occurs to me- do you suppose that those who desire religious freedom will ever have to leave the United States of America to be allowed to preach and practice Christian principles? ... You don't think so? Let me ask you a question or two. Can your children/grandchildren read a Bible aloud in school? Can their teacher? Can they pray? Can a church meet in public school facilities if they were unable to meet in their own building? ...

Could you do those things when you were in school? I could. I did. Can you legally display the Ten Commandments in a government building? Can you teach that God created the heavens and the earth?

You tell me if Christians and Christianity are being "persecuted." I wonder if in some distant tomorrow history books will read, "In 2____, a small group of Pilgrims seeking religious freedom, left the shores of the United States of America with the hope of establishing a colony...?"

...Ken Stegall

*"For as the body without the spirit is
dead, so faith without works is dead
also."* James 2:26

Truth for Today Commentary on 1
Corinthians have arrived and can be
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get one.

