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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

Sun. Aug. 7----**Creation**
Genesis 1-2:7



Wed. Aug 10----**Adam and Eve**
Genesis 2:7-25

OUR FAITH IN ACTION
SUNDAY, July 31, 2016

Bible Class-----58
AM Worship-----101
PM Worship-----81
Contribution-----\$2,935.00
Average to Date-----\$3,049.02
Budget to Date-----\$3,243.00

Wednesday, July 27-----63

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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The Significance of the Sufferings of the Christ (Part 4)

Sixth, we should consider the sufferings of the Christ because that will motivate us to live more faithfully. Without the doctrine of the perseverance of the Christ through His sufferings, we would have no foothold upon which to place our faith. Jesus' enduring the cross motivates us to endure as well. It motivates us to live better. It motivates us to study more. It motivates us to worship God. It motivates us to help the poor. Jesus endured life and death. Through Him, we can endure too! The writer of the book of Hebrews (12:2-3) exhorts us to look "...unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. **For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.**" The sufferings of Christ cause us to consider our faithfulness.

We don't consider the sufferings of Christ merely to gape at a gruesome spectacle. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:16, "*Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.*" We consider the sufferings of Christ today in light of the doctrines that were taught by the Christ. Jesus himself said, "*It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me*" (John 6:45). Ultimately, it is the belief of Christ's doctrine in association with His sufferings that will bring one to salvation and move those who are saved toward greater service in the kingdom of Christ. God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

AUGUST 7, 2016 SERVANTS

AM PRAYERS

Johnny Thomas
Scott Hobson

PM PRAYERS

Austin Cauley
Larry Stinson

Announcements: Ernest Shelton

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

Sunday PM Communion: Jim Scarbrough

VISITOR CARDS: Sawyer Hobson

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

VISITORS CARDS: Sawyer Hobson

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

Calendar of Events

August 8----SYS @ Oak Grove C of C, Mt. Pleasant

August 9----Ladies Night Out

August 10----Kevin @ Westside C of C



Remember in Prayer

Jerry Boston; 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; J.L. Foster and Bob Bateman.

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

Congratulations to Ben and Lee Dooley on the birth of their grandson, Jake Allen, weighing in at 8 lbs. 9 oz. And 21 inches long. The proud parents are Todd & Kristin Dooley.



Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Kelly Boston. He was fatally injured in an auto accident. Kelly was the son of Jack & Kathy Boston and a nephew of Jerry Boston.



"Happy Birthday" to Latorie Brown on 8/7; to Teresa McGee and Maddux Tyndell on 8/11.

"Happy Anniversary" to Mr. & Mrs. Jody Thomas on 8/8.

Examining the Heart

By Jon McCormack

Psalm 51 has been attributed to David and was supposedly written after the prophet Nathan confronted him concerning his sin with Bathsheba. In this contrite psalm, the Psalmist writes, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Psa.51:10). The inspired psalmist understood that righteousness begins in the heart. One must not only like the idea of being faithful, but one must be fully committed to serving the Almighty. If I fail to first make changes in my heart as David confirms, I will never be able to have a "right spirit within me." The prophet Daniel proves this point when he denied himself the food from the king's table. The key to Daniel's success is found in these inspired words: "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with wine which he drank..." (Dan. 1:8). As Daniel did, we must first make the decision in the heart. We should never expect to be faithful to God if we do not first purpose in our hearts to do so.

Jesus spoke of the consequences of trying to serve God without examining our heart first when He said, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:8-9). Beloved, the heart is a necessary tool in the life of a faithful Christian. Without a clean heart we can never live a clean life. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8). The key is examining our hearts on a daily basis. The heart is the place upon which truth must be written (Prov. 3:3), as well as being the author of our obedience (Prov. 10:8).

Remember, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23).

We rejoice with the angels in heaven, James and Amanda Ervin were baptized into Christ Tuesday, July 26th by Kevin. Their address is: 206 Hall St. New Boston, TX. 75570. Please welcome our new brother and sister in Christ.

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation,
purchase of God, Born of His Spirit,
washed in His Blood.*