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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, May 7
**Eli's Sons;
 The Ark is Taken**
 1 Samuel 1; 2:12-17, 22-25; 4:1-18



Wednesday, May 10
The Ark is Returned
 1 Samuel 5; 6-7:4

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017

Bible Class-----	52
AM Worship-----	90
PM Worship-----	62
Contribution-----	\$3,288.93
Average to Date -----	\$3,177.57
Budget to Date-----	\$3,180.00
Wednesday, April 26-----	79

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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Abounding in Hope

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope” (Romans 15:13).

I don't know that there is any worse feeling than that of hopelessness. Left unchecked, it is soon followed by despair. These strong feelings present themselves those who are suicidal. Satan desires humans to die in sin so they may accompany him to the place prepared for him and his angels (Matthew 25:41). Satan does not want people to have hope, and that means that hope is a powerful tool of God for good. God is the God of hope (Romans 15:13). This verse also presents a connection between joy, peace, faith, and hope. Joy, peace, and faith are powerful tools of the Holy Spirit that enable the Christian to abound in hope.

Having a life filled and overflowing with hope is a process that begins with faith, the foundation of joy and peace. It is “in believing” that God fills us with joy and peace. Faith comes by hearing God's word (Romans 10:17). Joy and peace are the natural results of believing (in an obedient way) God's word. The Ethiopian nobleman went on his way rejoicing after believing (in an obedient way) the word of God (Acts 8:39). Peace comes from the fact that we have Christ as our reconciler (Ephesians 2:14-22). It is a blessing of putting our trust in Christ. Philippians 3:6-7 emphasize the connection between trusting in God through prayer and receiving the peace of God that passes all understanding. When we have faith producing joy and peace, then we have wonderful hope in the One who can bring the abundant life both now and in eternity (John 10:10).

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley



MAY 7, 2017 SERVANTS

AM PRAYERS

Ben Dooley
Mike Raney

PM PRAYERS

Scott Overstreet
Jim Scarbrough

Announcements: Blake Tyndell

LORD'S TABLE: Scott Hobson; Jody Thomas; Jamey Thomas & Monty Crawford

Sunday PM Communion: Scott Hobson

VISITORS CARDS: Gavin Cauley

MAY 14, 2017 SERVANTS

AM PRAYERS

Russell Tyndell
Thomas McGee

PM PRAYERS

John D. Thomas
DeWayne Hardage

Announcements: Blake Tyndell

LORDS'S TABLE: Scott Hobson; Jody Thomas; Jamey Thomas & Monty Crawford

Sunday PM Communion: Scott Hobson

VISITORS CARDS: Sammy Hobson

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

Calendar of Events

May 7----Last Learning to Serve at 3 o'clock.

May 7th----**10th**--Phil Sanders @ the Highland C of C in Texarkana, AR.

May 9----Ladies Night Out

May 14----Mother's Day



Remember in Prayer

Daniella Conley; Ricky Tribble (brother of Sandra Conley); Charles Howard; Meg Shelton; Chance Powell; Ricky Champion (brother of Teresa McGee); Jimmy Crawford; Roberta Watson; Virginia Parrish; and Peyton Richardson (granddaughter of Janiece Richardson).

Shut-Ins: J.D. & Thelma Johnson; Faye Anderson; Phil Williams; Bea Williams; Keith & Helen Clark and Joe Martin



We would like to give each child an opportunity to attend church camp. The church will pay all camp fees above the deposit per child for Mountain Fork or for Camp Ida. School will be out in about a month, so let's encourage our young to attend one of these camp sessions during the summer months. Information available in church office.

Skeet shooting at the Richard & Ramona Cowling residence, June 3, 2017 at 4 PM. Bring your own firearm.



"Happy Birthday" to Shara Hobson and to James Ervin on May 12th and to Janice Love on May 14th.

With His Last Breath

Darren Holt was the preacher for the Figueroa church of Christ in LA. On Sunday, October 25, 2015, he drew his last breath. It seemed to be just like any other Sunday and any other sermon. As he came to the end of his lesson, he stepped down from the podium and told the congregation he needed to sit down. While resting on the front pew, and in his final breaths, he uttered the words, "If you're not a Christian, say yes to Him. You've heard the Word. Believe it. Repent of your sins, confess Christ, be baptized." After these incredible words, Darren Holt became unresponsive. Several members with medical training administered CPR until the paramedics arrived and rushed him to the hospital. Sadly, all efforts were unsuccessful. He passed away a short time at the hospital. He had drawn his last breath, uttered his last words, and taken his last action.

Every breath we take brings us closer to our last. We do not know when our final life-sustaining draw will be. While we should not live in a panic, we need to live with a sense of urgency. We do not know what our live will be like tomorrow, or even if we will have a tomorrow (James 4:14). Like the rich farmer, tonight could be when we leave this world (Luke 12:16-21).

Darren Holt used his final words to tell people what they needed to do to be saved. As we near our end, let's leave no unfinished business. If life ended today, what would we regret? Who would we wish we had tried to reach with the gospel? What sins would we wish were forgiven? What relationship would we wish we had tried to mend? What apologies would we wish we had made? What words of love would we wish we had expressed?

Possibly thinking about such things, David wrote these humbling words: *"Lord, make me to know my end, and what is the measure of my day, that I may know how frail I am. Indeed, You have made my days as handbreaths, and my age is as nothing before You; certainly every man at his best state is but vapor"* (Psalms 39:4-5).

Let's seize the moment. Let's fix what needs fixing. Let's use every breath we take today for good and for God.

"Life is even a vapor". James 4:14