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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, April 9
Gideon II
 Judges 7; 8



Wednesday, April 12
Jephthah
 Judges 11-12:7

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

Bible Class-----81
 AM Worship-----111
 PM Worship-----68
 Contribution-----\$3,956.75
 Average to Date -----\$3,279.51
 Budget to Date-----\$3,180.00

Wednesday, -----

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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God Made a Lamb the Shepherd

Worldly leadership emphasizes power and control. God does not think like that. Just the opposite – God tells us that our ways are not His ways, and we need to make His ways our ways (Isaiah 55:8)! In 1 Corinthians 1:26-29, Paul writes that God chose “foolish,” “weak,” and “low” things that no person should glory in His Presence. Consider David’s statement in Psalm 51:17, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” Isaiah 57:15 states, “For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.’”

It should not surprise us that God became the Son of a carpenter’s wife, and lived a relatively ordinary life (for the most part). He truly humbled Himself (Philippians 2:7-8). He rebuked His disciples for having the attitude of a world that desired power above all (Mark 10:35-45) concluding that, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” The image of Jesus as a lamb that has been slain comes from the first Passover in Exodus 12:1-13. John uses this image repeatedly in the book of Revelation. It is most striking, however, when he draws upon it in Revelation 7:17 to highlight the fact that Jesus is our Shepherd and fulfilled prophecy in Isaiah 49:9-10. Only God could make a Lamb the Shepherd! This is the leadership that describes who God is—the kind we must practice as His people.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

APRIL 9, 2017 SERVANTS

AM PRAYERS

Ben Dooley
Jamey Thomas

PM PRAYERS

Kevin Cauley
DeWayne Hardage

Announcements: Dave Conley

LORD'S TABLE: Mike Raney; Jim Scarbrough; Thomas McGee; John D. Thomas

Sunday PM Communion: Mike Raney

VISITORS CARDS: Sammy Hobson

APRIL 16, 2017 SERVANTS

AM PRAYERS

Ernest Shelton
Jimmy Smith

PM PRAYERS

Larry Stinson
Justin Tyndell

Announcements: Dave Conley

LORDS'S TABLE: Mike Raney; Jim Scarbrough; Thomas McGee; John D. Thomas

Sunday PM Communion: Mike Raney

VISITORS CARDS: Sawyer Hobson

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

Calendar of Events

April 6----Processing Grief & Emotional Pain Class @ 6 PM

April 9----Learning to Serve @ 3 PM

April 10----Last Bible Bowl w/ N. Jefferson hosting

April 11----Ladies Night Out



Remember in Prayer

Robin Upson; Norman Hooten; Ricky Tribble (brother of Sandra Conley); Charles Howard; Meg Shelton; Chance Powell; Ricky Champion (brother of Teresa McGee); Jimmy Crawford; Roberta Watson; Sue Yarberr; Virginia Parrish; Marie McPherson; Juanice Foster's daughter 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

OVERCOMERS

Often tribulations and trials we face
Viewing life through veils of tears
Everything is cares, anxiety and fears.
Reality is torn apart, where's grace?
Can anything the pain in your heart erase?
Or will the storm last for years and years.
Make me to know victory in this race,
E'en though things aren't as they appear,
Reality says the Savior's near,
Sing Hallelujah, we overcome through
grace!

By: Angela Metcalf



"Happy Birthday" to Clara Inman on 4/10; to Weaver Mills on 4/13 and to Charles Howard on 4/15.

True Worship

"Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you; I am God, your God. I do not reprove you for your sacrifices, and your burnt offerings are continually before Me. . . . He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; and to him who orders his way aright I shall show the salvation of God" (Psalm 50:7, 23).

Using our Lord's judgment of His Old Testament people as an example, mark out the essential elements of pure religion before God. These determinations will be easy to make. This fact is true because we see in this psalm that sincere religion in God's sight is clearly defined. God Himself defines it. In His view, righteousness has two elements: worship from the heart and godly living. These two traits are inseparable. One without the other is insufficient and unacceptable to God. Can we not say that the lesson of this psalm is just as vital today as it was when given? The Old Testament context was that of animal sacrifices and temple worship, while the context for the Christian is the last days, the Christian Dispensation. The New Testament church worships through singing, preaching, prayer, communion, and giving as it looks to God in faith and love. Even though we live in a different dispensation from the time of this psalm, the lesson it gives is relevant and is repeated in the New Testament. Worshiping God from the heart and living out His words in our darkened world are mandated by both covenants. If God called us before Him today for correction, what would He say? Would He rebuke us for our lack of heart in His worship and our lack of faithfulness in living out His will?

Key Thought: "He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; and to him who orders his way aright I shall show the salvation of God" (50:23).

TFT Daily Devotionals Using the Psalms of the Old Testament Selections and Applications by Eddie Cloer

Gospel Meeting Attendance

Monday, March 27th-----99
Tuesday, March 28th-----90
Wednesday, March 29th-----92

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard." Psalm 19: 1-3