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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, Dec 17
Jonah
Book of Jonah



Wednesday, Dec 20
Isaiah the Prophet
Isa 7:14; 9:6; 40:1-5; 53

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, December 10

Bible Class-----	68
AM Worship-----	105
PM Worship-----	n/a
Contribution -----	4183.85
Average to Date -----	3027.85
Budget to Date-----	3180.00
Wednesday, Dec 6-----	75

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;
James 1:12; 2 Pet 1:5-10

**Happenings in
God's Family**

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Jesus Our Brother (Part 2)

To have Jesus as our brother means that He seeks fellowship with us. If you have ever had a brother or sister growing up, then you know that this was the person with whom you spent the most time. He or she was your friend and constant companion since you lived together in the same family. However, while many natural brothers and sisters eventually grow apart and go their own ways, Jesus is a brother that stays with us always because He desires to stay with us. In 1 Corinthians 1:9, Paul wrote, "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord," and in Hebrews 13:5-6 we read, "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' So we may boldly say: 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?'" Indeed, Jesus said, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). Having Jesus as a brother means having a constant friend and companion.

To have Jesus as our brother means that He experienced the same human passions that we experience. Life can be tumultuous. There are many troubles and trials that will come our way, and our emotions can be overwhelming. Loss of employment, separated friendships, the death of our loved ones, and our own sins can bring us great grief and sorrow. Sometimes we wonder, "Does anyone truly understand?" Jesus is our true brother because He completely understands what we go through in this life. Hebrews 4:15 states, "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin," and Hebrews 2:17-18 states, "Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted." Having Jesus as a brother means that someone truly understands what we are going through.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley



December 17, 2017 SERVANTS

AM PRAYERS

PM PRAYERS

Ernest Shelton
Jim Patterson

Larry Stinson
Thomas McGee

Announcements: Scott Hobson

LORD'S TABLE:

Jim Patterson
Johnny Thomas

Blake Tyndell
Monty Crawford

Sunday PM Communion: Jim Patterson

VISITORS CARDS: Sammy Hobson

December 24, 2017 SERVANTS

AM PRAYERS

PM PRAYERS

Dave Conley
Weaver Mills

Mike Raney
Jody Thomas

Announcements: Scott Hobson

LORD'S TABLE:

Jim Patterson
Johnny Thomas

Blake Tyndell
Monty Crawford

Sunday PM Communion: Jim Patterson

VISITORS CARDS: Logan Wages

**If for some reason you cannot serve,
please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141,
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Remember in Prayer

Marie Robertson; Marie Howard;
Russell Tyndell; Ricky Tribble
(brother of Sandra Conley);
Roberta Watson; Robin Upson;
Virginia Parrish; Carla Price; Meg Shelton;
Melda Spencer; Ricky Champion (brother of
Teresa McGee); Thomas McGee, Juanita
Higginbotham and Nancy Price.

Shut-Ins: Faye Anderson; Sue Yarberr;
Keith & Helen Clark.

Birthdays

Jim Scarbrough Dec 22

We received two cards this week. One from Mary Lynn Cauley, and one from the Howards. From the Howard family, Marie penned inside:

Dear Church Family, We have been blessed with your love, prayers and help this year. Charles tried hard to get back up and moving but it wasn't meant to be. Thank all of you for your visits and calls. Our family appreciated your support for us. The funeral lunch you provided was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Weaver and Kevin for the thoughtful funeral service.

Love,
Marie Howard

Sister Cauley's card says: "Dear Loved Ones, Thank you for coming to my birthday party, and for all the wonderful gifts! I had a wonderful time, especially with my church family! My family & I have been blessed to be a part of this wonderful congregation! I love you all & God bless you all!

In Christ's love, Mary Lynn Cauley"

\$ Tax Exempt Investments \$

A tax assessor came one day to a poor minister of the gospel to determine the amount of taxes the minister would have to pay.

"What property do you possess?" asked the assessor.

"I am very wealthy," replied the minister.

"List your possessions, please," the assessor instructed.

"I have everlasting life (John 3:16), a mansion in heaven (John 14:2), peace that passeth understanding (Philippians 4:7), joy unspeakable (1 Pet 1:8), a faithful and pious wife (Proverbs 31:10). Healthy, happy, obedient children (Exodus 20:12), true, loyal friends (Proverbs 18:24), songs in the night (Psalms 42:8), and a crown of life (James 1:12)."

The tax assessor closed his book and said, "Truly you are a very rich man, but your property is not subject to taxation."

How very few people realize that the greatest blessings are tax free! How many work and strive for more of the taxable possessions (which they must soon leave here), and go from this life as spiritual paupers, with no "treasures" for eternity. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

From the Scrapbook of George W. Dehoff church bulletin material, pg 60

Soldiers and Security

In our society, the once unheard-of types of atrocities such as mass shootings occur all too often. Any would be too often! We hope as a people these things will decrease and even cease here and everywhere. Indeed, it is best if we are able to lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, 1 Timothy 2:2.

Despite the opposition, we recognize those on the side of wrong cannot ultimately win. More than that, our own position in spiritual struggles is one of security. We are secure in our knowledge that none can stand against our Mighty God. Sun Tzu even touched on this vein of thought "Victorious warriors win first and then go to war, while defeated warriors go to war first, and then seek to win." GI Joe represented to our last few generations that "knowing is half the battle." The Bible grants us comfort in the truth of the limitations of men, particularly those that would harm us. Lincoln mentioned this as "Our poor power to add or detract". Our New Testaments quote David in the Old--"So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." (Hebrews 13:6) It is wonderful to live without fear despite terrorism, and that is the life that we can and ought to have in Christ. We do know the final outcome

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul:" Mat 10:28a