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## BIBLE LESSON TEXTS

Wednesday, January **Jesus Blesses**  
13 #187 **Children**

Matt 19: 13-15; Mark 10:13 Jesus is never  
-16; Luke 18:15-17 too busy for me!

### GOD'S SALVATION PLAN

Divine Love:..... John 3:16  
God's Grace: ..... Ephesians 2:8  
Christ's Blood:..... Romans 5:9  
Holy Spirit's Word: ..... Romans 1:16  
Sinner's Faith:..... Acts 16:31  
Sinner's Repentance: ..... Luke 13:3  
Sinner's Confession:..... Romans 10:10  
Sinner's Baptism:..... Acts 22:16  
Christian's Love:..... Matthew 22:37  
Christian's Work: ..... James 2:24  
Christian's Hope: ..... Romans 8:24  
Christian's Endurance: · Revelation 2:10

### SERVICES

**SUNDAY:**                      **WEDNESDAY:**

Worship 10:25 AM    Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Worship 6:00 PM

**Elders:** Ernest Shelton    903/628-2201  
                 Johnny Thomas    903/628-1292  
                 Russell Tyndell    903/748-2672

**Deacons:**  
Mike Raney                      Scott Hobson  
John David Thomas            Jody Thomas  
Jamey Thomas                  Blake Tyndell

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   8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
   903/628-2891  
   Jim Patterson, Secretary

**Minister:** Kevin Cauley  
   Local# 430/200-7870

## Happenings in God's Family



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### Building Spiritual Strength

Gavin has been telling me about his strength-building exercises in athletic class. He talks about how they start lifting at a lower weight, do a certain number of repetitions, increase the weight, and continue with the repetitions. They repeat this process until they reach a final, higher weight and then stop. This is the hard part because it requires a great amount of effort. Additionally, to build muscle strength, he must also eat food with lots of protein and carbohydrates. Eating is the easy and fun part. This is a proven method to building physical strength.

Building spiritual strength occurs in a similar way. Hebrews 5:14 says, "But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." To grow strong spiritually, we must eat some solid spiritual food. This means we must study God's word and wrestle with the spiritual truths that are within it. We must also do some spiritual exercise, or heavy lifting. This means visiting the sick, comforting the bereaved, giving to the church, worshipping with the saints, and many other spiritual activities. We do these things on a regular basis so that we can be spiritually strong.

Just like gaining physical strength, gaining spiritual strength requires effort, but it is not easy to make an effort. The word "effort" means "exertion of physical or mental power" or "an earnest or strenuous attempt." The words "exertion," "power," and "strenuous," imply a level of involvement beyond merely spectating. To be spiritually strong, one must get involved and do some work. What will we do this week to make an effort for Christ and grow spiritually stronger? The choice is up to us to remain weak or grow stronger spiritually.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

ATTENTION-final announcement, LADIES!

A baby shower honoring Trenton & Allison Raney Phillips is being planned for January 10, 2021. Due to covid restrictions, we are asking for your gift to be brought to the building, and we will get them to Allison. Gifts can be brought anytime between now & January 10. There will be more information later. A baby boy is expected. Gift registry is on [www.babylister.com](http://www.babylister.com)

<b>January 10, 2020 Servants</b>	
Announcements: Mike Raney	
<b>AM Prayers</b>	<b>PM Prayers</b>
Thomas McGee	Ben Dooley
Dave Conley	Jody Thomas
<b>Lord's Table</b>	
Jim Patterson	Jimmy Smith
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PM Communion: Jimmy Smith	
<b>January 17, 2020 Servants</b>	
Announcements: Mike Raney	
<b>Am Prayers</b>	<b>PM Prayers</b>
Derrell Patterson	Scott Overstreet
Blake Tyndell	Jody Thomas
<b>Lord's Table</b>	
Jim Patterson	Jimmy Smith
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PM Communion: Jimmy Smith	
<i>If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572</i>	

**Please Pray for ...**

Lindy Raney  
Faith Salfen  
Meg Shelton  
Winnie Tucker  
Marie McPherson  
James Love  
Clara Inman  
Ginger Plumlee  
J.L. & Jaunice Foster  
Juanita Higginbotham  
Amanda Georgakis  
Charles Downs  
Lindsey Book  
Michael Langford  
Henry Murray  
Andrea Tyndell family  
Norma Crawford  
Grieving families

Billy Johnson  
Don Grider  
Mary Hankins  
Robin Upson  
Blake Drinkard  
Keith & Helen Clark  
Helen Francis Davis  
Johnny Loe  
Mary Hankins  
Kimberly (Shute) McDaniel  
Gerald Watkins  
Kyndlee Clark  
Cayden Harris  
Josh Higgs  
Ray McClung

**Ladies' Bible Class Resumes!**

Sister Peggy says...the Ladies' Bible Class will startup again January 13, 2021. Meetings are Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**  
**Wednesday, Dec 23, 2020**

Devotional/classes----- 39

**Wednesday, Dec 30, 2020**

Devotional/classes----- 45

**SUNDAY, Dec 27, 2020**

AM Worship----- 77

PM Worship----- 41

Contribution----- \$3,132.00

Average for 2020 ----- \$2,973.87

**SUNDAY, Jan 3, 2020**

AM Worship----- 71

PM Worship----- 41

Contribution----- \$4,238.50

Average to Date ----- \$4,238.50

Budget ----- \$3,100.00

Birthdays	
Madison Thomas	Jan 6
Edward Cauley	Jan 11
Marie Howard	Jan 11



Peanut Butter or Jelly

**Joyful Things**

At times I'm so discouraged  
with the problems of the day,  
I fail to see the joyful things that  
are along the way.

When trouble overwhelms me,  
it's then my nerves may fray,  
That's when I need to take the  
time to simply sit and pray.

Reflecting on God's many gifts it  
makes one so aware..  
Of all the joy in little things around  
me everywhere!

I must remember...though prob-  
lems can come my way,  
Not to miss the joyful things and  
the beauty of the day.

Author Unknown

The above poem indicates a mental process by which a person may arrive at some degree of contentment. We have songs in our songbooks that have similar references and themes. This contentment is spiritually healthy. It reminds me of the "glad game" from the old Disney movie *Pollyanna*. The orphaned child of mis-

sionaries comes to a town and deals with individuals and their own specific problems, bringing cheer along the way. She mentions the "glad game" as a way of characteristically dealing with adversities and misfortunes. The twist toward the end of the story is that she falls from a tree and gets lower body paralysis. (Her will to try any more seems to suffer a reversal, but the town rallies around her to give her a good send off as she goes for surgery and/or rehab.)

While there is strength in community, and there should be, an individual's strength should come from God and His promises. We can then endure losses by relying on Him and His Word. Reflecting on the good that has been done for us helps us to remember at such times what has not been--nor will be--in vain (Job 1:21; 1 Cor 15:58).

People with this strength don't react as others do. Such Christians will not succumb ultimately to despair. (Phil. 4:11-12; Acts 16:25; 27:25). Simplistic though some of it is, "letting go" of frustrations, worries, fears, malice, envy, and other spiritual malignancies can help us become undefeatable with God.

It takes a **disciplined mind and a loyal person** to focus intently on God and His Goodness when there is so much evil and suffering around us daily. Satan would blind us to the blessings around us, and forgetting about them and their origins is disastrous!

Part of Nathan's response to David (just after "Thou art the man!") indicates this might have prevented the king from erring as he had into adultery, murder, and lies. We must remember what God has given us! (2 Sam 12:8,9; John 3:16; Eccl 12:7; Act 17:25; Jas 1:13-18).  
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