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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes..... 9:30 AM

AM Worship..... 10:25 AM

PM Worship..... 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY:

Ladies' Bible Class..... 10:00 AM

Bible Classes and Devo..... 7:00 PM



BIBLE LESSON TEXTS

Sunday, January 21

Eutychus ; Ephesian Elders

Acts 20

Wednesday, January 24

Paul in Jerusalem

Acts 21 ; 22

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 10:9-10

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

people do. On the other hand, he loves his wife and daughters, works hard, takes care of his animals, gets along well with people, obeys the authorities, observes the Sabbath, prays frequently (his only prayer that is answered is for his son-in-law to get a sewing machine), and is very interested in “the good book.” He’s inconsistent and petulant, but he’s likable because he’s identifiable, and like all of us, there are some things that Tevya loves more than God, and he should not (Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Matthew 22:37).

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life. And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God. (Ecclesiastes 3:10-13)

Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live. Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry? (Jonah 4:3-4)

Happenings in God's Family



Pictured this week: the familiar front of the building from Highway 8

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Some Spiritual Thoughts about The Fiddler on the Roof (Part 1)

Last night we watched The Fiddler on the Roof, again. I think I have watched it four or five times, maybe more. I don't know. This time, however, I had a thought about the movie that I had never had before, and that thought is that the Fiddler on the Roof represents God. Could that be?

In the movie, Tevya says, “Every one of us is a fiddler on the roof, trying to scratch out a pleasant, simple tune without breaking his neck.” In these words, the fiddler represents the effort to live a good life while dealing with all the challenges life throws at us. On the other hand, the movie also represents Tevya as believing that God throws these challenges specifically at him. Tevya constantly complains to God throughout the movie about how He makes his horse lame, curses him with poverty, gives him five daughters, etc. After receiving bad news on the day of his daughter's betrothal, he says, “Dear God. Did you have to send me news like that today of all days? I know; I know we are the chosen people. But once in a while, can't you choose someone else?” Then after the authorities invade and ruin the wedding celebration, Tevya looks up into the sky with arms outstretched, a pained look on his face, wondering why God would allow his daughter's wedding celebration to be so disrupted.

Tevya has the answer to this question, though he doesn't like it very much. In one of his prayers, he says to God, “You are very busy now. Wars, revolutions, floods, plagues, all those little things that bring people back to you.” Tevya is one of those people. He is not exactly a figure of high moral integrity. He's angry, bitter about his life, avaricious, yells at others a lot, argues with his wife, gets drunk, doesn't keep his agreements, causes trouble between others for amusement, claims to know things he doesn't know, and is not a very good man of faith. He has many sins just like most

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January 21, 2024 SERVANTS

Announcements: John Thomas

LORD'S TABLE: Jody Thomas
Tommy McGee..... Maddux Tyndell

AM Songleader Tyler Orbison

AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYERS**

Blake Tyndell..... Jerry Yates
Justin Arsenault..... Jim Patterson

PM Songleader: Scott Overstreet

PM Communion: Jim Patterson

Prepare and fill communion trays for January:
Janiece Richardson and Wilma Alexander

January 28, 2024 SERVANTS

Announcements: John Thomas

LORD'S TABLE: Jody Thomas
Tommy McGee..... Maddux Tyndell

AM Songleader Jim Patterson

AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYERS**

Derrell Patterson Ernest Shelton
Jody Thomas..... Jimmy Smith

PM Songleader: Jamey Thomas

PM Communion: Jim Patterson

Prepare and fill communion trays for January:
Janiece Richardson and Wilma Alexander

Visitor Cards are picked up Sunday mornings after announcements by **Deacon Tyndell** and **Parker Orr**.
If you cannot serve, please call **John D. Thomas-903-490-5572**.
If you would like to host a **POTLUCK LUNCHEON** in 2024, please sign up on the bulletin board

Birthdays!	
Jim Patterson	January 22
Angela Oliver	January 24
Anniversaries	
M/M Blake Tyndell	January 24
M/M James Williams	January 24
M/M Doug Wages	January 27



Food Pantry Needs

Peanut Butter
H2R wants
canned cream corn

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, January 14, 2024

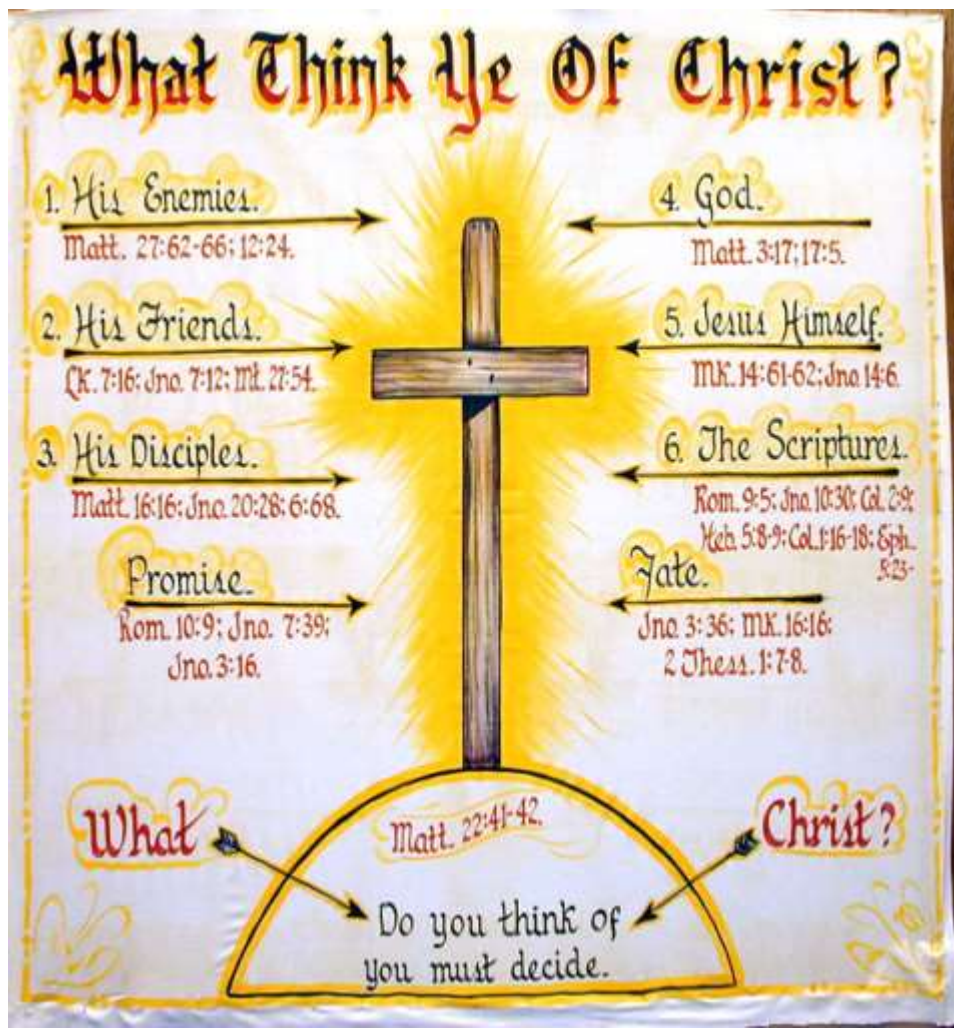
Bible Class-----	49
AM Worship-----	87
PM Worship-----	n/a
Contribution-----	\$2,534.32
Average to Date -----	\$2,357.99
Budget to Date-----	\$3,127.00

Wednesday 10, 2024

Bible Class-----	56
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Reminders/Notices

1. Please mark your calendars for January—Potluck will be on the 21st after morning worship.
2. Please mark your calendars for January—Youth Activity will be on the 28th after morning worship.
3. Please mark your January 2024 calendars —(3rd time's the charm!) Game night January 26th at 5:30 pm. Bring games and fingerfoods
4. Check our bulletin board for other events taking place in the area
5. Women of Valor 6th annual retreat will be March 21-23 at Camp Ida. Registration forms and all pertinent event information are on the table in the foyer.
6. We're making preparations for the Spring Gospel Meeting here which will be March 31 through April 3. Andy Baker will preach. He's planning on bringing the family!



Our "two cents' worth' in this case makes all the difference! Honest handling of the evidence provided by the Holy Spirit (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) should convict us. The truth revealed to men by God is the basis for the operation of the church. While some are ignorant or apathetic, the honest and good heart receives the truth and bears fruit (Luke 8; Acts 17)