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<i>Bible Class Lesson Texts:</i>	
Sunday March 22, 2020 Josiah 2 Kings 22; 23	Wednesday, March 25, 2020 Call of Jeremiah Jer. 1:1-10; 11:6-8; 19; 20:1-18
God's Salvation Plan	
Divine Love:	John 3:16
God's Grace:	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood:	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel:	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith:	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance:	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession:	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian Work:	James 2:24
Christian Hope:	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance:	Revelation 2:10
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SERVICES

SUNDAY:	Wednesday:
Bible Class 9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible class 10AM
Worship 10:25 AM	Bible Classes 7:00 PM
Worship 6:00 PM	



Boring!

A teacher wrote, "Why do you like/don't like math?" and "why?" The student circled "Don't like" and then wrote, "takes too long," and "boring!" Why did the student so respond? Is the problem math? Nope. Math helps us keep track of things like money, time, weather, property, and people. Life is a lot easier when we know basic math. It's practical! This is why we teach children to learn it. The problem is not math, but the attitude toward it.

"Why do you/don't you like going to church?" Many would respond in the same way. "It takes too long!" "It's boring!" Many, however, have avoided prison because they remembered, "Thou shalt not murder." Many have avoided great family strife because they remembered, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Like math, "Going to church" has practical value that will help us avoid tremendous problems if we will listen and obey the teaching. The problem is not "going to church," but our attitude toward it.

That something is "practical," however, is still an immature attitude to take toward things of great importance because one is still focusing on the benefit to ME! What can math do for ME? What can "going to church" do for ME? With this attitude, one has not advanced very far from declaring boredom. Boredom is a state of being where we run out of things to entertain the self. It is narcissistic to be bored because the sole focus is ME. Is there a better way? Yes.

"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3-4). Focusing on others helps us to learn math and "go to church."

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

When your cup runs over, is it a blessing, or a mess? Is your glass half full or half empty? Do you make difficulties out of your opportunities, or opportunities out of your difficulties? Are you the kind that complains about the noise when opportunity knocks? Do you claim to be an optimist who doubts that being one really helps?

I was reading Psalm 23 this week, and it occurred to me that King David was a true optimist. "I am never in need...green pastures...peaceful waters...paths of righteousness...my cup overflows...even though I walk through the dark valley of death, because you are with me, I fear no harm...your rod and staff give me courage." His faith in God enabled him to overcome obstacles that would derail our faith. His faith in God allowed him to see winning possibilities in horrible circumstances. Remember how he faced a lion, a bear, a giant, and a mentally unstable king? Remember how he faced the death of a child, and rebellion within his own family? His faith empowered him to live with optimism and assurance of victory.

When faced with setbacks and difficulties, our reactions reveal whether we are people of faith and optimism, or people of pessimism and defeat. There are three basic differences in the way optimists and pessimists react.

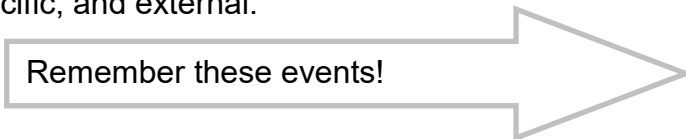
The first is that the optimist sees a setback as temporary, while the pessimist sees it as permanent. When David's infant child died, he saw it only as a temporary separation. Even after praying and fasting that the child would not die, his faith in God never wavered. He could not bring the child back, but he said, "I will go to him" (2 Sam. 12:23). Even death is not permanent for those with faith in God.


The second difference is that the optimist sees difficulties as specific, while the pessimist sees them as pervasive. David's sin with Bathsheba was not allowed to destroy his whole life and eternity. He messed up big time, but he dealt with it as the specific sin it was, repented, and went on to live as a man with the heart of God. His failure with Bathsheba did not cause his whole life to be a failure.

The third difference is that optimists view events as external, while pessimists interpret events as personal. King Saul's repeated attempts to kill David was seen by David as rebellion against God, not him personally. He would not raise his hand against Saul because he still saw him as the Lord's anointed. Difficulties are most often simply external circumstances, not personal attacks.

Learn from David to live by faith and optimism. Look upon the inevitable setbacks that you face as being temporary, specific, and external.

Joe Chesser
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Please Pray For these in need	
Don Grider	Clara Inman
James Love	Faith Salfen
Robin Upson	Enoies Curbow
Billy Johnson	Terry Woods
Sue Yarberry	Gayle Floyd
Winnie Tucker	Blake Drinkard
Sara Jo Vance	Meg Shelton
Juanita Higginbotham	Marie McPherson
Keith & Helen Clark	Charles Lansford

<u>OUR FAITH IN ACTION</u>	
Attendance	
Wednesday, March 11	40
Sunday, March 15	
Bible Class	73
Morning Worship	90
Evening Worship	54
Contribution-Budget \$3,100.00	
Sunday, March 15, 2020	\$3,004.50
2020 Average	\$2,961.15

- **Youth Devotional/Bowl activity March 22 after evening worship.**
- **Game Night March 27th @ 6pm**

March 22, 2020 Servants	
Announcements: Johnny Thomas	
AM Prayers	PM Prayers
Jimmy Smith	Mike Raney
Ernest Shelton	Jim Patterson
Lord's Table	
Eddie Cauley	Jody Thomas
Jamey Thomas	Ben Dooley
PM Communion: Jody Thomas	
Visitors Cards: Maddux Tyndell	
March 29, 2020 Servants	
Announcements: Johnny Thomas	
Am Prayers	PM Prayers
Charlie Cauley	Blake Tyndell
Monty Crawford	Mike Raney
Lord's Table	
Eddie Cauley	Jody Thomas
Jamey Thomas	Ben Dooley
PM Communion: Jody Thomas	
Visitors Cards: Logan Wages	
<i>If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572</i>	

- **Baby Shower for Terrie Thomas March 29th**
- **Fifth Sunday March 29th.**

Joe Martin was baptized into Christ Sunday, March 15, 2020! It has been a blessing to see him coming regularly for the past several months, smiling through the seasons. We are blessed to have him as part of the New Boston church family.