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<i>Bible Class Lesson Texts:</i>	
Sunday April 26, 2020 Daniel 5 Handwriting on the wall Lesson: We must give God honor.	Wednesday, April 29, 2020 5th Wednesday

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SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Class suspended

Worship 10:25 AM

Evening Worship sus-
 pended

Wednesday:

Bible Classes suspended

We hope everyone is "tuning in" for the
 worship and frequent devotionals Kevin
 has been doing on YouTube via
 Livestream. Our YouTube channel is
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Happenings in God's Family

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Does the Bible Teach Socialism/Communism? (Part 4)

Some may ask, "Doesn't the Bible teach us to obey the government?" Yes. Passages such as Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:13-17 command us to obey the law and even pay taxes. However, the Bible also teaches that if these laws contradict God's law, we have an obligation to obey God first (Acts 5:29). This in no way suggests that God sanctions a specific form of government.

Can advocates of income redistribution find support in the New Testament? The words of the apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 9:7 speak God's desires for how the church is to collect funds: "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." While God desires that we give, it is to be a free-will offering, not a government legislated obligation. It was this kind of giving that was done in Acts 2:44-45 and Acts 4:32-37. This giving was voluntary, not mandatory. Peter makes this clear in Acts 5:4 when he said to Ananias, "While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control?" In other words, Ananias was under no obligation to give this money. (His sin was in lying about what he gave, Acts 5:4). Having said that, does the church have the obligation to help the poor? Yes, but it is to be done as we have opportunity (Galatians 6:10).

While socialism/communism conflicts with religion in many ways (its founders, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, were atheists), the heart of its message is to employ the power of government to force economic change on societies by centrally controlling their capital through state ownership of property. Neither Jesus, nor the Bible, endorses such a system. To suggest otherwise is a failure to understand Jesus, who teaches His disciples to help the needy as a personal responsibility and as a work of the church.

God bless you, and I love you.
 Kevin Cauley

Especially for the regular contribution, Treasurer Dave wants to let everyone know that anyone who wasn't here Sunday is welcome to come and leave their weekly contribution here at the office, during office hours (M-F 8a-12p). If you don't already have it in an envelope, we'll immediately place it into one upon arrival. If you call ahead, I can generally meet you at the door of your choosing. We appreciate the diligent brethren who have also taken to mailing these in to us.



Cereal
Canned Milk
Jelly

Birthdays

Marie McPherson April 30

**Please Pray
For these in need**

Don Grider	Clara Inman
James Love	Faith Salfen
Robin Upson	Enoies Curbow
Billy Johnson	Terry Woods
Amanda Georgakis and family	Family of Elaine Cowling
Winnie Tucker	Blake Drinkard
Sara Jo Vance	Meg Shelton
Juanita Higginbotham	Marie McPherson
Keith & Helen Clark	Charles Lansford
Sue Yarberry	

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Attendance

Sunday, April 19

Morning Worship*

Contribution-Budget \$3,100.00

Sunday, April 19, 2020	\$4,132.00
2020 Average	\$2,988.92

*approx. # (~) is online

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

