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**BIBLE LESSON TEXTS**

Sunday July 5, 2020

Luke 2:41-52

Jesus at the Temple

Children can be servants of God too



Wednesday July 8, 2020

Matt 3:1-12; Mark 1:1-8;

Luke 3:1-20; John 1:19-28

John's Ministry.

Explain how John prepared the way for Jesus

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**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

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**Happenings in God's Family**



**The Invisible God**

One of God's attributes is that He is invisible. Paul wrote, "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen" (1 Timothy 1:17). John wrote, "No one has seen God at any time" (John 1:18, 1 John 4:12). He is the "invisible God" (Colossians 1:15).

This attribute of invisibility is not trivial. God is invisible on purpose! Hebrews 11:3 states, "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible." God desired to be invisible from the beginning of the creation. He placed a "veil" between earth and heaven. This was illustrated in the tabernacle by a veil between the holy and most holy place (Exodus 26:33, Hebrews 9:3). Hebrews 6:19 says God's presence is behind a veil. Why this obscurity?

God wants us to have faith in Him. "We walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). God has established a contrast between our five senses and Himself. In other words, between Him and me. The five senses are limited to the present. They cannot confirm the past; they cannot predict the future. But He is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last (Revelation 1:8, Isaiah 44:6). Will I trust my limited self over the unlimited God? That's the question Abraham wrestled with when he offered Isaac. We wrestle with it daily. Jesus said, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it" (Matthew 16:24-25). Visible self, or invisible God. Who will we believe?

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**  
**SUNDAY, June 28, 2020**

Bible Classes -----	n/a
AM Worship -----	88
PM Worship -----	n/a
Contribution -----	\$4,398.50
Average to Date -----	\$3,097.50
Budget -----	\$3,100.00

Wednesday, July 1 -----

**July Birthdays**

Tammy Thomas	July 1
Helen Clark	July 5
James Hobbs	July 8
Josie Tyndell	July 9

**July Anniversaries**

M/M J.L. Foster	July 1
M/M Justin Arsenault	July 6
M/M James Ervin	July 9



Canned beans or  
Canned chili

**Appreciation**

Sometimes it helps us wrap our minds around a concept by considering the antonym's (opposite) definition. Depreciation describes the way *considered* value drops typically over time, such as what usually happens to cars and most driven vehicles. Appreciation, then, describes how our estimation (usually more personally) of value of a thing rises. Economics says there is depreciation of a thing in times of plenty or surplus, while price gouging can be a danger as there are shortages.

Ever noticed the way food or even plain cool water can "taste" better than we remember it ever being before, particularly when we have gone without for a while? I can't help but think of the Rich Man in Luke 16 who "lift[ed] up his eyes being in torments" and had an inquisitive and pleading conversation with "Father Abraham". **"And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame."** He asked for what would arguably be the least relief. The drop of water would have been a show of mercy as far as he was concerned. The very first thing he could think of asking for--the realized shortage--was water.

There are an awful lot of things we should be able to appreciate MORE as time goes by in life. David looked on the word of God this way (Psalm 119) As we mature, as we become more spiritually minded, as we rely more heavily on others (maybe a spouse, brethren, or friends), our hindsight should not be dimmed, but provide rather the clearest way of seeing the value of blessings the Lord provides. Our appreciation and gratitude should be expressed to others, certainly, but to none so much as the one from whom "every good and every perfect gift" comes. (James 1:17).  
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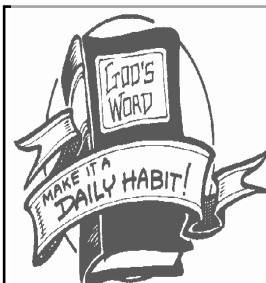


**Please Pray**  
**For these in need**

Don Grider	Clara Inman
James Love	Faith Salfen
Robin Upson	Enoies Curbow
Billy Johnson	Shina Shaw
Amanda Georgakis and family	Juanita Higginbotham
Winnie Tucker	Blake Drinkard
Sara Jo Vance	Meg Shelton
Juanita Shelton	Marie McPherson
Keith & Helen Clark	Charles Lansford
Miki Fowler	

Let's pray for and support the brethren at De Kalb as the church will be hosting an **evangelism seminar** with Rob Whitaker July 5-7.

- Sunday at 9:30am for Bible Class hour
- Sunday at 10:30am for Worship hour
- Sunday at 6:00 pm for evening worship
- Monday at 7:00 pm
- Tuesday at 7:00 pm



Be **approved** 2 Tim 2:15;  
 Be **furnished** 3:16,17;  
 Be **transformed and renewed**  
 Romans 12:1,2  
 Be **led/guided by the Spirit** Romans 8:14; 10:17; 1 John 1:7-10.

**July 5, 2020 Servants**

Announcements: John David Thomas	
AM Prayers	Lord's Table
Doug Wages	Jody Thomas
Mike Raney	Ben Dooley
	Jamey Thomas

**July 12, 2020 Servants**

Announcements: John David Thomas	
Am Prayers	Lord's Table
Jimmy Smith	Jody Thomas
Monty Crawford	Ben Dooley
	Jamey Thomas

*If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572*



Avery Grace Williams graduated from Fort Worth Christian School, Friday June 19. She plans to attend Abilene Christian University in the fall. She is the the granddaughter of James and Sylvia Williams and great granddaughter of Juanita Shelton.

Be **reminded/assured** of the promises of God Acts 2:26; Heb 11:1; Rom 15:4; 2 Pet 3  
 Be **strengthened** Eph 3:16; Col. 1:11; Philippians 4:13