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BIBLE LESSON TEXTS

Sunday August 23, 2020

Through the roof. Mat. 9:2-8;

Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:18-26

Jesus is our healer too.

Wednesday August 26, 2020

Pool of Bethesda John 5:1-20

Ask God to make you well
when you are sick.

**Are you interested in 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

Living in a Rubber Room (Part 1)

“Why is there so much suffering in the world?” the atheist asks. The believer responds, “Because God made people free to choose between right and wrong, and all suffering is the consequence of wrong (sinful) choices” (Genesis 3:14-19). The atheist follows with, “Why couldn’t God have made the world in such a way so that people could be free to choose between right and wrong without any negative consequences?” The answer: “Without negative consequences, we would live in a ‘rubber room,’ a place where one is entirely ‘safe’ because no one can harm another, and one cannot be harmed. What kind of life would that be? It would be prison, and that’s not freedom.” Let’s break the answer down further.

There are only two possibilities to eliminate all suffering. First, God could intervene and stop the person who chooses to create suffering. This would mean that any time a person was about to do something wrong, God would simply take control of the person’s body and stop them, preventing the bad consequences from happening. Is that freedom? No. Who wants to be a puppet? This “solution” prevents suffering but eliminates freedom.

Second, God could eliminate the consequences. In other words, God allows the murderer to pull the trigger, but the bullet transforms into a bouquet of flowers. The person who jumped off a building would find gravity suspended until he safely reached the ground. God would only allow “safe” things to happen. There would be no risk in the world. All outcomes would be guaranteed “good.” This is just another version of the “rubber room,” but without any consistent laws of nature, which would mean that it would be impossible to do just about anything that involves risk, and what kind of life would that be? (Continued next week.)

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

August 23, 2020 Servants	
Announcements: Mike Raney	
AM Prayers	PM Prayers
Scott Hobson	Mike Raney
Ben Dooley	Justin Tyndell
Lord's Table	
Jody Thomas	Ben Dooley
Jamey Thomas	XXXXXXXX
PM Communion:	
Visitors Cards: XXXXXX	
August 30, 2020 Servants	
Announcements: Mike Raney	
Am Prayers	PM Prayers
Scott Hobson	Tommy McGee
Dave Conley	Johnny Thomas
Lord's Table	
Jody Thomas	Ben Dooley
Jamey Thomas	XXXXXXXX
PM Communion:	
Visitors Cards: XXXXXX	
<i>If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572</i>	

Notice!

Truth for Today *Book of James* commentary by Duane Warden is available in the office. They are \$26 each.

Please Pray For these in need	
Don Grider	Clara Inman
James Love	Faith Salfen
Robin Upson	Sara Jo Vance
Billy Johnson	Jay Mills
Juanita Higginbotham	Charles Lansford
Winnie Tucker	Blake Drinkard
Keith & Helen Clark	Meg Shelton
Juanita Shelton	Marie McPherson
Gayle Floyd	Phil Mills
Amanda Georgakis and family	Callie Perkins' and Danielle Tyndell's aunt (&) doctors

It is a joy to see brethren happy to see one another on Sundays, and doubly encouraging to see it as we meet for worship on Sundays twice! "Thank You" to all of the members and leadership of the congregation here at New Boston for encouraging one another jp

<u>OUR FAITH IN ACTION</u>	
SUNDAY, August 9, 2020	
AM Worship-----	54
PM Worship-----	30
Contribution -----	\$3,927.78
Average to Date -----	\$2,978.45
Budget -----	\$3,100.00



“Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?” (John 4:29 KJV)

God knows the condition of man

“And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: “ (Acts 17:26-27)

“**Known unto God are all his works** from the beginning of the world.” (Acts 15:18)

“**Now are we sure that thou knowest all things**, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. “ (John 16:30-33)

Our Bible class curriculum materials are being made available to all who will contact Sandra Conley at her home phone (903) 628-3299 and provide her with the 1) number of children and 2) their (children's) grade levels. Time and place details also need to be worked out for delivery or pick up of materials.