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BIBLE LESSON TEXTS
Sunday September 27, 2020
Twelve Commissioned **Mat 10:1-14;**
Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6 All of us have
a job to do.

Wednesday September 30, 2020
John's Death **Mat 14:1-13;; Mk 6:17-32;**
Luke 9:7-9 We must be ready to die for
our belief.

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

Should We Prevent All Negative Consequences?

Our culture is driven by an unhealthy desire to prevent all negative consequences. Someone might object and say, "What's so wrong with that?" It's a good question. Many people buy into the notion that all suffering is morally evil. Is it? What about the athlete who trains and suffers so that he/she may compete? Is that morally wrong? What about an overweight person who diets, enduring gnawing hunger pains because he/she knows it is good for his/her health? Is that morally wrong? What about a person who works long hours with great exertion under difficult conditions so he may take a month's long vacation in Hawaii? Is that morally wrong? These cases show that suffering is not morally evil in and of itself; it depends upon the purpose of the suffering.

Now, consider this notion. What if most suffering really embodied such good purposes? That is, it contained within it a dignifying and benefic effect. Would we look at it as evil? Or would we view it as we do the suffering athlete, the hungry dieter, and the hard-working vacationer? This is the heart of what the gospel teaches about suffering. Consider Paul's words in Romans 5:3-5: "And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." God permits suffering to improve us, if we let him. If we don't, however, it follows that suffering degenerates. So, what does this say about having faith in God? "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

September 27, 2020 Servants	
Announcements: John David Thomas	
AM Prayers	PM Prayers
Scott Hobson	Mike Raney
Ben Dooley	Justin Tyndell
Lord's Table	
Blake Tyndell	Jimmy Smith
Thomas McGee	XXXXXXXX
PM Communion: Jimmy Smith	
Visitors Cards: XXXXXX	
October 4, 2020 Servants	
Announcements: Scott Hobson	
Am Prayers	PM Prayers
Ben Dooley	Blake Tyndell
Dave Conley	Monty Crawford
Lord's Table	
Jody Thomas	Mike Raney
Thomas McGee	XXXXXXXX
PM Communion: Jody Thomas	
Visitors Cards: XXXXXX	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572</i></p>	



Canned Spinach
or other greens

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

<u>OUR FAITH IN ACTION</u>	
SUNDAY, September 20, 2020	
AM Worship -----	70
PM Worship -----	54
Contribution-----	\$3,187.29
Average to Date -----	\$3,072.16
Budget -----	\$3,100.00

Want to update your pic?
Kevin has a spare tripod in the evangelism/prison ministry/blue room with a backdrop set up. If you've had recent additions to the family or want a nice new digital picture taken, we'll be glad to update the Family board in the front and have it ready to use in the next directory. Give us a heads up, and we'll try to be ready to expedite the photo "shoot".

Calling all Elders and Deacons!

October 5, 2020, at 6 pm, we'll have an elders and deacons meeting at the building in the multipurpose room.

Prayer meeting success.

Last Sunday evening, our deacons led a series of prayers during the worship. The general topics centered around the current crises and problems in our nation and community, morally, socially, and politically. A multilevel mental and spiritual unburdening took place as the worship progressed. Thanks to God for this blessing with many components!

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It Is Not Easy - rerun from 4/27/80

My two cents

- To apologize
- To begin over
- To admit error
- To be unselfish
- To take advice
- To be considerate
- To endure success
- To keep trying
- To avoid mistake(s)
- To forgive and forget
- To make the most of little
- To maintain a high standard
- To shoulder a deserved blame --

But it always pays.

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These are all great lessons in maturity we try to instill in the young, but how often these things come up as obstacles for us as adults! Living according to godliness even begets persecution. Pride can get in the way of progress. Pride can usher us down paths of destroyed relationships and lifetimes of regret, but we do have an example and a teacher to help us get through the worst of times.

Jesus tells us how humility must be a big portion of our "loving our neighbor." Certainly the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 puts a spotlight on hypocrisy, but it also constructively and positively shows what is doable, helpful, and expected of us. (Mat 25)

God never expects us to do anything impossible. God wants us to have love and show it, and He makes his expectations clear in His Word (2 Tim 2:15).

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