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BIBLE LESSON TEXTS

Sunday,	Vineyard Workers Matt 20:1-16
	God is happy when we decide to obey Him however old we are.
Wednesday, December 16	Blind Bartimaeus Matt 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43
	Do we know that Jesus will help us? Do we trust Him to take care of us?

SERVICES

SUNDAY:	WEDNESDAY:
Worship 10:25 AM	Bible Classes 7:00 PM
Worship 6:00 PM	

Elders:	Ernest Shelton	903/628-2201
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	Russell Tyndell	903/748-2672
Deacons:	Mike Raney	
	Scott Hobson	
	John David Thomas	
	Jody Thomas	
	Jamey Thomas	
	Blake Tyndell	
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	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	
	903/628-2891	
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A Move in the Right Direction

Late in October, President Trump changed his religious affiliation from Presbyterian to “nondenominational Christianity.” We can only speculate on his motives (the news articles did not give a specific reason why he chose to make the change). However, the change itself (from denominational to nondenominational) is one that we should appreciate. Jesus did not establish a denomination, and the apostles did not preach denominationalism. The organizations known as denominations had their origins in the reformation movement, not in first century Christianity. Denominationalism is an innovation that was not part of what Jesus originated. 2 John 9 states, “Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Father and the Son.”

We are also admonished in the word of God to continue steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine (Acts 2:42). One cannot do this within the framework of denominationalism because it presupposes an organization that neither Jesus nor the apostles conceived. The move out of denominationalism brings one closer to the divine order. Jesus did not die on the cross for a denomination. He died for his church (Acts 20:28). It would be a good thing if everyone would leave denominationalism.

Denominationalism has made a mockery of the teachings of Jesus and the apostles in the past five hundred years. By declaring that “one church is just as good as another,” those who agree with such a statement consent to false doctrine when even one denomination embraces heresy. In the past thirty years, much of that false doctrine has been the utter abandonment of what Jesus and the apostles taught about marriage and sexual ethics. How can one church be just as good as another? They cannot. Denominationalism needs to go away permanently.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

December 13, 2020 Servants	
Announcements: Johnny Thomas	
AM Prayers	PM Prayers
Scott Hobson	Jimmy Smith
Monty Crawford	Blake Tyndell
Lord's Table	
Mike Raney	Thomas McGee
Jody Thomas	XXXXXXXX
PM Communion: Ben Dooley	
December 19, 2020 Servants	
Announcements: Johnny Thomas	
Am Prayers	PM Prayers
Jamey Thomas	Derrell Patterson
Ben Dooley	Scott Hobson
Lord's Table	
Mike Raney	Thomas McGee
Jody Thomas	XXXXXXXX
PM Communion: Jody Thomas	
<i>If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572</i>	

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Devotional/classes----- 51

SUNDAY, December 6, 2020

AM Worship ----- 74
 PM Worship ----- 39
 Contribution----- \$1,843.61
 Average to Date ----- \$2,974.66
 Budget ----- \$3,100.00

Please Pray for ... Billy Johnson
 Lindy Raney Don Grider
 Faith Salfen Mary Hankins
 Meg Shelton Robin Upson
 Winnie Tucker Blake Drinkard
 Marie McPherson Keith & Helen
 James Love Clark
 Clara Inman Helen Francis Davis
 J.L. & Jaunice Foster
 Juanita Higginbotham
 Amanda Georgakis
 Lindsey Book
 Family of Andrea Tyndell's grandmother
 Lucy Myers
 Grieving families

Birthdays

Bettie Hammons Dec 13
 Blake Tyndell Dec 13



Canned chili or
 Vienna Sausages

Thanks

We appreciate sister Gayle Floyd and helpers updating our building's flowers and decorations seasonally.

Announcement!

Donations to the hurricane disaster relief effort via Brian Spicer should be dropped off or mailed to the church office in the next few weeks.

It Seems to Me

Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25 say the same thing: "There is a way which/that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." A disastrous and important distinction exists between what seems right and what is right. Men who do not apply themselves to ascertain the difference may be convinced they are right, but find out they are (were) wrong later! A big danger lies in refusing to consider all the facts. It must be admitted that circumstances are not always favorable for man to find or know what is right. We are limited, finite creatures. Sometimes it is difficult to know our own heart, much less the details and particulars of relationships with fellow men. Satan makes it easy for us to self-justify, however, as we approach decisions as well as looking back on them. Genesis 4 gives us the familiar familial record of Cain and Abel. God himself spoke to **Cain**, but by a process reproduced in every generation, Satan got Cain to see things differently (James 1:15). The way that seemed right to him was murder. We are tremendously talented at getting what we want and making excuses later. ("It's not my fault!") We are also able to head-off the blessings of God by thinking we know better than He does ("Behold, I thought..." 2 Kings 5). Even those who have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge (Rom 10:2), staying on that course, find out too late (Matt 7:23).

In John 16:2, Jesus told His Apostles "They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service." Some sought to kill Paul (Acts 23:12, 21), binding themselves under a curse. Again, the way that seemed right to them was murder. Then, as well as now, it is a serious thing to fight against God in such manners (Acts 5:35-39; Mat 25).

What do we do in the face of our limitations? What do we do with the (negative) examples we can see in life of people who jump to conclusions, function on inadequate standards, or close-mindedly proceed to do things contrary to God's will? We proceed cautiously, acknowledging our limitations. We lay hold of the best guide ever provided for man in the way of static morality-the Bible (Psa 119:11; Prov 30:5; John 8:32). We allow our religious fervor and zeal to be directed by what God says in His Word. We study it so much it shapes and colors our thoughts. God designed it that way. He designed us this way. He is capable of helping and instructing us in the way of pleasing Him (2 Tim 3:16,17). And finally, when we do make mistakes in decisions of right and wrong, we confess and repent of the wrong. (Mat 26:75; Luke 22:62; 2 Sam 12:13; 1 Jn 1:9) jp