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BIBLE LESSON TEXTS

Sunday, December 20
Zaccheus Luke 19:1-10

Jesus loves you no matter who you are. A little man did what he had to do to see Jesus.

Wednesday, December 23
Mary Anoints Jesus Mat 26:6-13; Mark 14: 3-9; John 12:1-9

We should give the best we have to Jesus.

SERVICES

SUNDAY: **WEDNESDAY:**

Worship 10:25 AM Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Worship 6:00 PM

Elders: Ernest Shelton 903/628-2201
Johnny Thomas 903/628-1292
Russell Tyndell 903/748-2672

Deacons: Mike Raney
Scott Hobson
John David Thomas
Jody Thomas
Jamey Thomas
Blake Tyndell

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Happenings in God's Family



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December 20, 2020

Was 2020 Upside Down, or Were You?

There have been some jokes going around that on December 31st at 11:59 PM, instead of the year changing from 2020 to 2021, we will just stay in the year 2020 and get December 32nd, or the clock will continue ticking at 11:59 and 61 seconds keeping us in the year 2020 instead of letting us move on to the year 2021. That is just the kind of year that many people feel 2020 has been. Most of us are ready to get off this crazy ride.

There really is no magic in the clock changing from 2020 to 2021, though. What we celebrate as the passing away of one period of time and the beginning of another is really a convention that we create to artificially mark our progress. The change is in our mind, not in the world around us. Don't get me wrong. The world changes, just not on our command, or at the point of time that we impose, but it's not really the world changing that impacts us so greatly, but our acknowledgement of that change. It's how we view the change within our own minds. That's really what the year 2020 was about.

God is telling us something like that in His word as well. He wants us to view things the way He views things, not the way the world seems to dictate to us how to view things. His perspective is the right perspective, but from the world's point of view, it appears as if He is viewing things upside down (Acts 17:6). That's what the gospel does. It changes how we view things so that we no longer have a heart that is dead set on reacting to the world's desires. Instead, we have a heart that is attuned to God.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Devotional/classes----- 53

SUNDAY, December 13, 2020

AM Worship ----- 61

PM Worship ----- 31

Contribution----- \$2,229.36


Average to Date ----- \$2,969.76

Budget ----- \$3,100.00

December 20, 2020 Servants	
Announcements: Johnny Thomas	
AM Prayers	PM Prayers
Scott Overstreet	Jimmy Smith
Ben Dooley	Scott Hobson
Lord's Table	
Mike Raney	Thomas McGee
Jody Thomas	XXXXXXXXX
PM Communion: Jody Thomas	
December 27, 2020 Servants	
Announcements: Johnny Thomas	
Am Prayers	PM Prayers
Jamey Thomas	Derrell Patterson
Jim Patterson	Dave Conley
Lord's Table	
Mike Raney	Thomas McGee
Jody Thomas	XXXXXXXXX
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>	

Please Pray for ...

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| Lindy Raney | Billy Johnson |
| Faith Salfen | Don Grider |
| Meg Shelton | Mary Hankins |
| Winnie Tucker | Robin Upson |
| Marie McPherson | Blake Drinkard |
| James Love | Keith & Helen Clark |
| Clara Inman | Helen Francis Davis |
| Ginger Plumlee | Johnny Loe |
| J.L. & Jaunice Foster | Mary Hankins |
| Juanita Higginbotham | Kimberly (Shute) McDaniel |
| Amanda Georgakis | Gerald Watkins |
| Charles Downs | Kyndlee Clark |
| Lindsey Book | Cayden Harris |
| Michael Langford | Josh Higgs |
| Henry Murray | Ray McClung |
| Andrea Tyndell family | |
| Norma Crawford | |
| Grieving families | |

	
Birthdays	
Payton Clark	Dec 21
Derrell Patterson	Dec 24



Canned chili or Vienna Sausages

ATTENTION, LADIES!

A baby shower honoring Trenton & Allison Raney Phillips is being planned for January 10, 2021. Due to covid restrictions, we are asking for your gift to be brought to the building, and we will get them to Allison. Gifts can be brought anytime between now & January 10. There will be more information later. A baby boy is expected. Gift registry is on www.babylist.com

The *status quo* --a life of ease

The New Testament shows us some of what life was like in the first century for Christians. We ought to have our expectations of ourselves formed first after Christ's example, then that of the apostles and other early Christians. Zeal and enthusiasm for seeing things the way they ought to be may wane over time, but the renewing of mind for the Christian (Rom 12) helps keep us "fresh in the fray" against the worldliness around us every day.

We should refuse to rationalize--to apply unfit standards. Seriously looking at the spread of the Gospel and what was done in the book of Acts helps us digest how we ought to behave ourselves. The apostles and other early Christians suffered in order to spread the Gospel. They also suffered at the hands of violent and hostile reactionaries. However, they persevered, clinging to the promises of God. In 2 Timothy 3, Paul was concerned that Timothy behave himself in a godly, consistent, productive way. He was interested in conveying to (and reminding) the young preacher some of the generalities of expectations of life as a disciple of Christ. Included here are a few of his words:

But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Tim 3:10-16)

Only by watering this down, deluding ourselves, and searing our consciences can Christians arrive at a conclusion that we're okay if we have "gone along to get along" in life. God gives us His excellent standard (James 1:22-25). jp

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.