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Bible Class LESSON TEXTS

Sunday, May 2, 2021 #205	Wednesday, May 3, 2021 #206
Luke 24:13-35;	Matt 28:16-20;
John 20:19-31;	Mark 16:14-20;
John 21:1-25	Luke 24:36-53;
	Acts 1:1-12

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

SERVICES

SUNDAY: **WEDNESDAY:**

Bible Class 9:30am Ladies' Bible Class
Worship 10:25 am 10:00 am

Worship 6:00 pm Bible Classes 7:00 pm

Elders: Ernest Shelton 903/628-2201
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 Russell Tyndell 903/748-2672
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 John David Thomas Blake Tyndell
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Happenings in God's Family



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Challenges in Evangelism

Jesus was an evangelist. "Now after John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God" (Mark 1:14). He said, "For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Jesus did an amazing job of evangelizing others, however, even Jesus had challenges when it came to evangelism. He told the parable of the sower (Matthew 13) to explain what some of those challenges are. Some will refuse to hear (the wayside soil). Some will hear but gain no depth (the rocky soil). Some will hear but leave for the world (the thorny soil). Some, however, will hear and bear fruit (the good soil).

How many flat out refused to hear Jesus? There were many Pharisees who rejected the counsel of God. "But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected for themselves the counsel of God, being not baptized of him" (Luke 7:30). Some would not confess Jesus because of peer pressure. "Nevertheless even of the rulers many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, lest they should be put out of the synagogue" (John 12:42). Some could not handle the difficulty of Jesus' teaching. "Upon this many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him" (John 6:66). Jesus never let this phase Him because He knew some would hear and repent.

Do we allow the challenges of evangelism to prevent us from evangelizing? Jesus did not. We must continue the effort even when many fail to respond. God will see those efforts and recognize them even if man does not. What are you doing to evangelize others? We have many resources available for you to do so. Ask me or call the office to get them.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Singing Night -----47

SUNDAY, April 18, 2021

AM Bible class-----66

AM Worship -----83

PM Worship -----69

Contribution -----\$4,338.00

Average to Date-----\$2,925.20

Budget -----\$3,100.00

May 2, 2021 Servants

Announcements: Mike Raney

AM Prayers

PM Prayers

Jimmy Smith

Blake Tyndell

Ernest Shelton

Johnny Thomas

Lord's Table

Jim Patterson

Jamey Thomas

Jody Thomas

PM Communion: Jody Thomas

May 9, 2021 Servants

Announcements: Mike Raney

AM Prayers

PM Prayers

Scott Overstreet

Derrell Patterson

Ben Dooley

Justin Tyndell

Lord's Table

Jim Patterson

Jamey Thomas

Jody Thomas

PM Communion: Jody Thomas

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

Please Pray for ...

Don Grider
Mary Hankins
Meg Shelton
Winnie Tucker
Marie McPherson
James Love
Clara Inman
Juanita Higginbotham
Amanda Georgakis
Charles Downs
Stephanie Wages
Norma Crawford
Stephanie Lebsack
James Posey

Wyvon May
Faith Salfen
Gerald Watkins
Robin Upson
Blake Drinkard
Keith & Helen Clark
Ginger Plumlee
Mary Hankins
Kimberly (Shute) McDaniel
Cayden Harris
Henry Murray
Vince Hardage



Canned (condensed) milk

Reminders

1. If you would like to host any of our monthly potluck luncheons, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board.
2. Let's remember our graduates as we enter May. Details of an ice cream supper should be available soon.
3. Ladies Bible Class is dismissed until the school year change after the summer break.
4. Mother's Day is May 9th. Potluck is 16th.

And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have **mercy** on me. And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have **mercy** on me. And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. **And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.** (Luk 18:35-43)

Our heartfelt gratitude—part of our fellowship

For the church, the care and feeding is from the Word (Acts 20:28; 2 Tim 4:1-4; 1 Pet 2:2). We are grateful to God for His Book and its great blessings. We are grateful to Him for our elders, who have had the foresight to plan the Gospel Meeting. We are grateful to the preacher who came to us having lessons ready and abounding zeal for souls. To one another, as we so often may think and yet not say the words, we are thankful. As we are encouraged, and the church is edified with the word, we thank God along the way. As souls are reached with the message of salvation, we praise Him anew and offer our thanks to the One who saves us all.

We are encouraged to see and hear from so many brethren in nearby congregations. Many have been represented, and many more are welcome. Isn't it interesting to witness the smiles and handshakes, the laughter and hugs that go along with the meetings of brethren? To me, they are a kind of foreshadowing of Heaven itself. Luke records in chapter 1 how that the salutation of Mary to Elizabeth was received. Satan's blow of introducing death into the world through sin diminishes and fades behind God's promises and blessings. We can still have the purity of such emotions with full assurance from God such will be magnified many times over when this life is over (1 Thess 4:17,18).

As I write, the meeting is not yet over. In fact, we still have tonight and the Wednesday meetings to go. Anticipation (expectation) is yet another blessing, begetting hope. "If the LORD will, we shall live, and do this or that" (James 4:15) considers the END of this life and the world. (2 Pet 3). For the faithful, what a thrill it will be to be ushered in by the words of our Master, "Come, ye Blessed of my Father" (compare "Enter in to the joy" vss 21, 23) (Matthew 25).

Appreciation is heightened as we "do without" our blessings, comforts, and loved ones. Think on the restored and multiplied blessings that await the faithful because of the One who laid down His life that He might take it again. We leave all and follow Christ (Luke 18:28-30). The grace and mercy bestowed by Him are sufficient, and they enable us to have abundant life, both here and in eternity. Truly, "life is worth the living just because He lives." jp