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Bible Class LESSON TEXTS

Sunday, February 6, 2022 #38 Wednesday, February 9, 2022 #39
Plagues II Exodus 9:8-10:29 **Last Plague and Passover Exodus 11; 12**

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 5:13-16)
Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? (Matthew 6:26)

SERVICES

SUNDAY: 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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John David Thomas Blake Tyndell
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Happenings in God's Family



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Are You Just a Souvenir?

Our family has done some travelling over the years to many different national parks. Each time we go, we obtain some memento of our visit. The tourist industry accommodates this desire by supplying numerous souvenirs at overpriced amounts. Not too long ago, I visited my parents. My mother had set out an assortment of such memorabilia. Among them was a number of souvenir playing cards that had never been opened. Can you imagine being bought, taken home, and sorted away just to sit around and never be used? It seems that this is rather commonplace to our society.

How great is it that God does not do that with us? Jesus Christ died on the cross and shed His blood to purchase us to God (Acts 20:28). He has graciously taken us into His home, the family of God, the church of Christ (1 John 3:1). He has done this NOT to file us away but to use us to His glory. Paul wrote, "For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:20). He also wrote, "[Jesus] gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works" (Titus 2:14). The church is not a pack of useless playing cards packed away with other memorabilia never to see the light of day again. God did not buy us for that reason. He bought us so that we could be used for His glory and be zealous for good works. Let's not be useless souvenirs, but useful citizens in God's kingdom.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Wednesday, Jan 26, 2022

PM Bible class ----- 57

SUNDAY, Jan 30, 2022

AM Bible class----- 51

AM Worship ----- 87

PM Worship ----- 47

Contribution ----- \$0.00

Average to Date ----- \$2,835.61

Budget ----- \$3,100.00

Servants, February 6, 2022

Announcements: Jim Patterson

AM Prayers

PM Prayers

Derrell Patterson

Scott Overstreet

Jamey Thomas

Justin Tyndell

Lord's Table

Justin Arsenault

Jody Thomas

John David Thomas

PM Communion: Jody Thomas

Pick up cards: Logan Wages

Servants, February 13, 2022

Announcements: Jim Patterson

AM Prayers

PM Prayers

Thomas McGee

Ernest Shelton

Jim Patterson

Eddie Cauley

Lord's Table

Justin Arsenault

Jody Thomas

John David Thomas

PM Communion: Jamey Thomas

Pick up cards: Gavin Cauley

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	Wyvon May
Mary Hankins	Faith Salfen
John Seagraves	Gerald Watkins
Winnie Tucker	Robin Upson
Marie McPherson	Blake Drinkard
James Love	Keith & Helen Clark
Clara Inman	Henry Murray
Marc Higgs	Tim White
Amanda Georgakis	Kimberly (Shute) McDaniel
Charles Downs	John Loe
Cayden Harris	Linda Roberts
Norma Crawford	Vince Hardage
Dale Stephens	Valerie Martin
Art Schwiethale	Jon Schwiethale
Jimmie Thomas	Sue & John Powell
Peyton Clark	
Shelton Family	
Scott and Stephen Fillingame	



Vienna Sausages

Birthdays!

Shelah Shirley	Feb 6
Sammy Hobson	Feb 8
Richard Cowling	Feb 10
Jana Duffer	Feb 10
Jamey Thomas	Feb 10
Juanice Foster	Feb 11

Anniversary

M/M David Conley	Feb 8
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Notices/Reminders

1. February 25th, De Kalb church of Christ will hold their annual Singing. Details are on the bulletin board.
2. Meg Shelton's funeral was Saturday here at the building. It was livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

Talent and ability

My band director started playing his horn at a much younger age than I was when I started learning music. I think it counts for a lot to be able to start using a talent like that early. We wire our brains ourselves by practice; we get better listening to suggestions and coaching. As a young person, I was encouraged by my brethren in Christ, and exhorted by the word of God, to apply myself toward the use of my talents and abilities. After all, it is only through use and application that such blessings can be honed to greater usefulness. (Hebrews 5:14) We do well to consider God's expectations (Matthew 25) in view of how he will deal with the unprepared and fearful.

Do you have a talent for being kind? For recognizing the needs of others? For preparing dishes and meals? For encouraging your brethren? For laboring in the kingdom toward the salvation of souls by teaching and preaching? For politely and kindly offering sentiments that can diffuse anger? For greeting folks at the building? For leadership (by example)? For visiting and checking on others? For upholding Biblical values as part of a strong family? For being able to function virtually alone? For generously giving worthily? For expediting the spread of the Gospel with technology? For staying current on social and political issues? For smiling and being cheerful? It is easy to utilize such talents and abilities. It is great to improve them. It is imperative we do so, leveraging what we can against Satan and for the Kingdom of God.

We ought to recognize that our skill set is dynamic. We can and should learn new things. Learn about the benefits of visiting brethren by doing so with someone who is good at it. Pick up the skill of encouraging brethren by noticing and paying attention when others are doing it. The Bible speaks about our leaders and servants being "apt to teach", and there is much to be said in favor of "apt students" We can decide to improve ourselves (2 Peter 1), and in the worst of circumstances we still have the best of teachers. We have Jesus' example to look to.

We can forget or not ever recognize what God committed to us in the way of "talent and ability," but God certainly knows what is within man. He will demand of us in the day of Judgment what has been committed to us. (Acts 24; Hebrews 9:27).

And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. (Acts 18:3)

But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. (Matthew 25:18)