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But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. (Galatians 1:11-12)
O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. (Jeremiah 10:23)
And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not

BIBLE CLASSES LESSON TEXTS

Sunday, June 19th, **1 Sam 3** God Speaks to Samuel



Wednesday, June 22nd, **1 Sam 2:12-17, 22-25; 4:1-18** Eli's sons; The Ark is taken

SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Class 9:30am
Worship 10:25 am

Worship 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY:

Ladies' Bible Class
4:00 am

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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Happenings in God's Family



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What is Grace? (Part 3)

No discussion of grace can exclude Ephesians 2:8-10, which says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Many conclude from this that a person can do absolutely nothing to be saved. John Calvin taught that one must experience the direct operation of the Holy Spirit for salvation. This implies that the many invitations in the Bible for sinners to respond to God's call for salvation mean absolutely nothing since it would be impossible for them to respond. Calvin's view implies that one does not need to hear the gospel, believe it, repent, confess Christ, or much less be baptized; salvation is entirely God's choice of to whom He will give the Holy Spirit. Why even have the Bible at all in this scenario? Paul himself practiced and taught many things contrary to this notion such as Philippians 2:12 and Colossians 1:10 where he exhorted Christians to "work out their own salvation" and be "fruitful in every good work." The idea that there is absolutely nothing that one must do to be saved flatly contradicts many verses in the Bible such as Hebrews 5:8-9, Acts 2:38-41, Philippians 2:12, and 1 Timothy 4:16.

So, what did Paul mean in Ephesians 2:8-10? Christians have been saved by the grace of God's sharing the gospel, the power of God's salvation today (Romans 1:16). People who want to be saved cannot conjure up some other plan; it is not of themselves to do that. Rather, salvation is for everyone who believes and demonstrates that belief by obeying Jesus' teaching. This is not saving oneself; it is letting Jesus save us through our obedience to Him.

God bless you, and I love you.
Kevin Cauley

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

PM Bible Class ----- 66

SUNDAY, June 12, 2022

AM Bible class -----49

AM Worship -----90

PM Worship -----39

Contribution -----\$2,575.56

Average to Date -----\$2,816.78

Budget ----- \$2,950.00

Servants, June 19, 2022

Announcements: Blake Tyndell

AM Prayers

PM Prayers

Ernest Shelton

Scott Overstreet

Justin Tyndell

Eddie Cauley

AM Communion and offering

Justin Arsenault

Jamey Thomas

John David Thomas

PM Communion: Jamey Thomas

Pick up cards: Maddux Tyndell

Servants, June 26, 2022

Announcements: Blake Tyndell

AM Prayers

PM Prayers

Derrell Patterson

Johnny Thomas

Ben Dooley

Scott Overstreet

AM Communion and offering

Justin Arsenault

Jamey Thomas

John David Thomas

PM Communion: Jamey Thomas

Pick up cards: Logan Wages

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

Please Pray for

Wyvon May

Don Grider

Faith Salfen

Mary Hankins

Tim White

Blake Drinkard

James Love

Marc Higgs

Dale Stephens

Peyton Clark

Stephen Fillingame

David Shute

Robin Upson

Kimberly (Shute)



McDaniel

Keith & Helen Clark

Cayden Harris

Vinson Hardage

Jon Schwiethale

Norma Crawford

Henry Murray

Winnie Tucker

Gerald Watkins

Virginia Parrish

Marie Robertson

Glenda May

Gayle Floyd

Kevin Cowling

Birthdays for this week!

Johnny Thomas June 21

Mary Jo Orr June 21

Lyle Orr June 22

Anniversary

M/M Duffer June 19

M/M Russell Tyndell June 21

Notices/Reminders/Thanks

1. Change of plans on the Summer Youth Series—DeKalb church is trading dates with us due to some illness among the members. We will host the June 20th meeting here in New Boston at the church building at 7:00pm. Arrangements are being made to feed 200+ people.
2. Our elders will meet on the 21st at 7:00 pm in the library. If you would like to meet with them, you may make arrangements through one of the elders or the church office.

3. Thanks to all who updated their membership forms, confirmed directory entries, and updated their photos recently. I am making corrections and getting close to printing.
4. We'll have a 5th Wednesday in June, so plan on singing—maybe *warming up* for Oak Grove's singing on July 8th.
5. Happy Father's Day this Sunday!
6. Potluck Luncheon will not occur until June 26th.
7. Kevin will be out at Camp Ida (Maud) during the first full week of July.

What is in thine hand? (Exodus 3,4)

Monday's lesson in the Summer Youth Series featured this question. I did not attend this particular meeting, but like the rest of the questions answered, there is a real and deep spiritual application if we inquire with an honest look at ourselves.

If we consider the principle: "To whom much is given, much shall be required" (Luke 12:48), plus "Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power?" (Acts 5:4). It behooves us to align our will with God's in matters of knowing "to do good" (James 4:17). That means the expressions of the song "Follow Me" — "if just a cup of water I place within your hand", etc. —should find their way into our introspections as we "examine ourselves" (2 Corinthians 13:5). Truly, we should be like the apostle Paul, willing to "spend and be spent" (2 Corinthians 12:15) for the good of others.

Further, it is worthwhile to **consider the great potential we all have** despite our own depreciations and underestimations. Five and two talent men are able to do *something* with their Lord's money, and so please him and be blessed. (Matthew 25:21,23). What we have (in our hands) can change over time, or be much more than we thought initially. The rod at the burning bush was the same rod that parted the Red Sea (Exodus 14:16), which played a role in the defeat of enemies, the salvation of the Israelites, God's provision for His people, as well as plagues and battles, and even our own understanding of baptism (1 Corinthians 10).

First century Christians were scattered abroad (Acts 8)—I'm sure without much in their hands, but they were able to go everywhere, preaching the word. Let's be like the woman in Mark 14 of whom it was said, "She hath done what she could"