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We are delighted to have Bible Classes with students eager to learn, and teachers prepared to assist and grow also. Let's avail ourselves of the time looking closely at God's word, the Bible. Make sure you bring a copy with you to class! If you don't have a copy, let us know, as we have plenty available for distribution so that you can have one for yourself. We urge all to study the Bible, for it is the basis of our unity: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."(1 Corinthians 1:10).

God's Salvation Plan

Divine Love:	John 3:16
God's Grace:	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood:	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel:	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith:	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance:	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession:	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian Work:	James 2:24
Christian Hope:	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance:	Revelation 2:10

Bible Class LESSON TEXTS

Sunday, December 11, 2022	Wednesday, December 14, 2022
<i>Valley of Dry Bones</i> Ezekiel 37	<i>Job</i> Book of Job

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. (James 1:22-25)

SERVICES

SUNDAY: **WEDNESDAY:**

Bible Class 9:30am	Ladies' Bible Class
Worship 10:25 am	40:00 am
Worship 6:00 pm	Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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 Johnny Thomas 903/628-1292
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Happenings in God's Family



Telling the Truth

It is important that we tell the truth regardless of how uncomfortable that may be. That does not mean that we must be mean spirited or belligerent to do it. We must speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). Lies, however, are so appealing to many today. This is because people generally want to justify how they act without worrying about whether what they are saying and doing is right or wrong. A lie is an easy way to justify oneself. The Bible tells us where this deceptiveness originates—in our own hearts! "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). Fortunately, God has given us the truth so that we can expose the lies. "Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You" (Psalm 119:11).

What is more difficult than telling the truth to another person who does not want to hear it is telling the truth to yourself. My heart has already persuaded me to believe some false justification and for me to change, I must tell myself that I am wrong! That is not easy to do, but that is what repentance is all about, acknowledging the falsehoods in our lives, rejecting them, and moving in the other direction away from them. This takes time. God waited nine months to send Nathan to David regarding his sin with Bathsheba. Why did God not send Nathan immediately? The only reason I can think of is that David's heart was not ready to change, but God knew that David would once he got over himself. We all need to get over ourselves and let God's powerful word transform our lives. To do that, we must keep telling the truth to others and ourselves, no matter how uncomfortable that might be.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Wednesday, Nov 30, 2022

Evening classes and devo -----51

SUNDAY, Dec 4, 2022

AM Bible class -----48

AM Worship -----68

PM Worship -----39

Contribution -----\$2,453.00

Average to Date -----\$2,855.37

Budget -----\$2,950.00



Canned Chili

HR² items:
paper towels

Birthdays	
Bettie Hammonds	Dec 13
Blake Tyndell	Dec 13

<u>Please Pray for</u> ...	
Henry Murray	
Keith & Helen Clark	Faith Salfen
Winnie Tucker	Robin Upson
Debbie Crawford	Gerald Watkins
Blake Drinkard	David Perkins
Stephen Fillingame	Mendi Shirley
Don Grider	Glenda Lambert
Mary Hankins	Marie Robertson
Vinson Hardage	Vance/Wright families
Cayden Harris	Linda Brown
Marc Higgs	Raynee Crabtree
Brandon Kumpy	Wil Segraves
James Love	Habashi family
Glenda May	

Reminders and Notices

1. The **Cookie and Ornament Exchange** will be December 15th at 6 pm
2. The a missionary in Egypt, Alfred Habashi, wrote us emails lately and told of his wife Hala's health problems. She passed away. **Please pray for the Habashi family. Got another prayer request this week.**
3. Ladies' Bible Class will resume after the first of the year.

What Then?

When the great plants of our cities
Have turned out their last finished work;
When our merchants have sold their last yard of silk
And dismissed the last tired clerk;
When our banks have raked in their last dollar,
When the judge of the Earth says,
"Close for the night,"
And asks for a balance—What Then?

When the singers have sung their last anthem,
And the preacher has made his last prayer;
When the people have heard their last sermon
And the sound has died out in the air;
When the Bible lies closed on the pulpit
And the pews are all empty of men
And each one stands facing his record
And the great book is opened—What Then?

When the actors have played their last drama,
And the mimic has made his last fun,
When the film has flashed its last picture,
And the billboard displayed its last run;
When the crowd seeking pleasure has vanished,
When the trumpet of ages has sounded,
And we stand up before Him—What Then?

When the bugle's call sinks into silence,
And the long marching columns stand still,
When the captain repeats his last orders,
And they've captured the last fort and hill;
When the flag has been hauled from the masthead,
And the wounded afield checked in,
And a world that rejected a Saviour
Is asked for a reasonWHAT THEN?
J. Whitfield Green *Church Bulletin Material*
Dehoff Publications, 1962

Reflections

This poem reminds me not only of sentiments of many of the invitation songs we sing, but also and more importantly, of the truths of the scriptures themselves. Acts 24 tell us Paul preached of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come before Felix. Felix trembled, but that was not the response Paul and God were looking for. We should be convicted of our sins, repent of them, confess Jesus as the Son of God, and be baptized for the remission of sins. **Then** we can go on our way rejoicing (Acts 8) like the Ethiopian. We can know of our reward in Heaven based on our relationship with Christ, having submitted to His will (1 John 1, 2 Timothy 4). We can look forward to Jesus' return, "looking for and hastening unto that day." (2Peter 3:12; Revelation 22:20). Our state of being will be different, to say the least. "So shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:17) Comfort and rest, THEN

Servants, Dec 11	
Announcements: Blake Tyndell	
AM Prayers	PM Prayers
Dave Conley	John David Thomas
Jody Thomas	Jamey Thomas
Lord's Table	
John David Thomas	Jerry Yates
Johnathon Thomas	
PM Communion: John David Thomas	
PM Songleader: Jim Patterson	
Servants, Dec 18	
Announcements: Blake Tyndell	
AM Prayers	PM Prayers
Derrell Patterson	Johnny Thomas
Jimmy Smith	Jim Patterson
Lord's Table	
John David Thomas	Jerry Yates
Johnathon Thomas	
PM Communion: John David Thomas	
PM Songleader: Scott Overstreet	
<i>If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572</i>	