God's Salvation Plan

HEAR the Gospel – Romans 10:17 **BELIEVE** on the Lord & His Word – Mark 16:16;

John 8:24

REPENT of our sins – Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30

CONFESS Christ – Matthew 10:32;

Luke 12:8:Romans 10:9

BE BAPTIZED for the remission of sins – Acts 2:38;

Mark 16:16;

Galatians 3:27; 1 Peter 3:21

LIVE a faithful, dedicated life – Revelation 2:10;

James 1:12

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: SUNDAY:

Bible Classes	9:30 AM
AM Worship	10:25 AM
PM Worship	6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY:

BIBLE LESSON TEXT

Sunday, April 16 Luke 5:1-10 Great Catch of Fish



Wednesday, April 19 Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16 Healing of the Leper



Peanut butter or jelly. Home of Recovery needs **beef broth**



Now concerning the things whereof ye

wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. (1 Corinthians 7:1-5)



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Sex and Marriage

In Genesis 1:28, the Bible records, "Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." For this to happen, humans had to procreate. The Bible discusses the sexual relationship. Genesis chapter two provides the circumstances under which that relationship may be pursued. God showed Adam that animals were not suitable for him. So, God made Eve, and Adam found a suitable mate. They were married by God Himself and became husband and wife. Genesis 2:24-25 says, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed." God expects and approves of husbands and wives having sex; it is a holy activity. Hebrews 13:4 states, "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge." The primary purpose of sex is to reproduce humans. This is its basic biological function.

Today, the world has changed God's original purposes for sex. Pleasure has become the chief aim. Sex is pleasurable, but if that is its chief purpose, marriage no longer has any real significance beyond pleasure, and when the married decide there is no more pleasure, they will abandon their relationship. Consider, however, the difference between that and the notion that reproduction is the primary purpose of sex. When reproduction is the goal, married people may pursue that goal together by having and rearing children. That goal will not admit to easy defeat because they are investing themselves in something other than themselves, their children.

God bless you, and I love you. Kevin Cauley

April 16, 2023 SERVANTS

Announcements;Johnny Thomas

LORD'S TABLE: John D. Thomas
Jerry Yates...... Johnathon Thomas

AM Songleader......Jim Patterson

AM PRAYERS PM PRAYERS

Derrell Patterson...... Dave Conley Jimmy Smith......Jim Patterson

PM Songleader: John David Thomas

PM Communion: Jerry Yates

April 23, 2023 SERVANTS

Announcements;Johnny Thomas

LORD'S TABLE: John D. Thomas
Jerry Yates...... Johnathon Thomas
AM Songleader..... Eddie Cauley

AM PRAYERS PM PRAYERS

John David Thomas.....Jim Patterson Jimmy Smith...... Eddie Cauley

PM Songleader: Scott Overstreet

PM Communion: Jerry Yates

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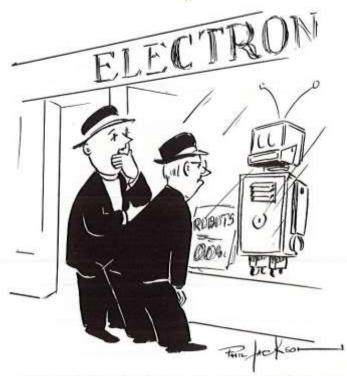
OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, April 9, 2023

Bible Class54
AM Worship103
PM Worship48
Contribution2,785.00
Average to Date2,786.27
Budget to Date3,127.00
Wednesday, April 554







"DO YOU SUPPOSE HE—IT—COULD HANDLE THAT JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS?"

ABOVE: Poking fun at AI may not be so much fun anymore (since it can retaliate!?), but our society has become the most ridiculous version of itself. Recent news items and discussions about Artificial Intelligence show that there are great prospects for the technology, though the cartoonist's representation here hyperbolically represents what many do with their God-given responsibilities. God would have us instruct our children. We court disaster if we neglect them. RIGHT: A little almost-Biblical, post-Easter humor. I can remember finding Easter leftover or forgotten candy and eggs many days later.

Notices and Reminders

- 1. Our **Potluck luncheon** is this Sunday, April 16
- 2. April 23 will bring our month's **Youth Activity**
- 3. April 30 is the **5th Sunday**, upon which we customarily hear from men of the congregation who are willing to preach.
- Please bring names of our graduates for 2023 to the office for recognition in a few weeks'. Ice Cream Supper is set for May 28

