

## 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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Secretary: Jim Patterson

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

#### SUNDAY:

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

#### WEDNESDAY:

Ladies' Bible Class ..... 10:00 AM  
Bible Classes and Devo ..... 7:00 PM

## BIBLE LESSON TEXT

Sunday, May 7  
Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10  
Centurion's Faith



Wednesday, May 10  
Luke 7:11-17  
Widow's Son Raised

I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against *them*. And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled *them* to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted *them* even unto strange cities. Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me. And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.** And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.**

(Acts 26:9-15)

## Happenings in God's Family



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### The Cross or the Consumer?

Many people today choose a church based on what they like. "Go to the church of your choice," is a popular saying. They pick a church like they choose a flavor of ice cream. This one is vanilla. That one is chocolate. They reason: "I may choose whatever flavor suits me because ice cream is all the same: sugar, milk, and cream. The additional flavoring is merely a matter of personal taste." That thinking goes something like this: "All churches preach the same morality, Jesus, and Bible. Therefore, I may choose whatever church suits my fancy." This is the consumerist decision process of wanting something (a toaster, bank, cup of coffee, etc.), finding what we like, and getting it. Is that how to "pick a church?"

Many churches tap into this consumerism. They design "worship" around the shopper—offering a rock concert-like experience. They have a motivational speaker to make people feel good. They segregate children's worship to "give parents a break." It's what the consumer likes.

What if church isn't about the consumer? What if it isn't about personal preference? What if churches don't preach the same morality, Jesus, or Bible? What if "picking a church" was about something other than "me." What if "picking a church" means picking the cross?

When Jesus says, "Not my will, but thine be done" (Luke 22:42), is that about pleasing the masses? When the Savior washes the disciples' dirty, nasty, filthy toes (John 13:2-17), is that about personal preference? When you see God take the form of a slave (Philippians 2:5-8), is the church about "your choice?" When an innocent Man dies on the cross for the sins of the world (John 20), is that about the "experience of worship?" Should consumerism form the church or should the cross?

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

**May 5, 2023 SERVANTS**

**Announcements;** .....Ernest Shelton

**LORD’S TABLE:** Johnny. Thomas

Jody Thomas ..... Lyle Orr

**AM Songleader**..... Justin Tyndell

**AM PRAYERS**

**PM PRAYERS**

Blake Tyndell .....Jim Patterson

Jim Patterson..... Eddie Cauley

**PM Songleader:** John David Thomas

**PM Communion:** Jody Thomas

**May 14, 2023 SERVANTS**

**Announcements;** .....Ernest Shelton

**LORD’S TABLE:** Johnny Thomas

Jody Thomas ..... Lyle Orr

**AM Songleader**.....Blake Tyndell

**AM PRAYERS**

**PM PRAYERS**

Tommy McGee ..... Dave Conley

Jody Thomas ..... Jamey Thomas

**PM Songleader:** Scott Overstreet

**PM Communion:** Jody Thomas

**If you cannot serve, please call John D. Thomas-903-490-5572..**

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

**SUNDAY, April 30 2023**

Bible Class-----42

AM Worship-----86

PM Worship-----44

Contribution-----3,382.00

Average to Date -----2,786.86

Budget to Date-----3,127.00

**Wednesday, April 26-----56**

**Remember in Prayer**



**Birthdays**

**Cami Jo Orr**

**May 10**

**James Ervin**

**May 12**

*I will praise you,  
O LORD,  
with all my HEART;  
I will tell*



*of all your  
WONDERS.*

(Psalm 134)



**Food  
Pantry  
Needs**

**Canned chili or  
Vienna sausages.**  
Home of Recovery  
needs **beef broth**

Reminders

1. Mother’s Day is May 14.
2. Potluck Luncheon will be May 21. (after morning worship)
3. Ice Cream supper will be May 28. (evening)



**Got all your Ducks in a Row?**

Jesus taught his disciples to watch regarding the Judgment. He taught that we should get ready and try to stay in a state of readiness for His return (Matthew 24:42f; Mark 13:33-37). Another phrase that is used for being ready to “meet our Maker” upon His return or our death is used in the Bible: “Set thy house in order” ! (2 Samuel 17:23; 2 Kings 20:1; Isaiah 38:1). Sometimes we use similar phrases, like “get your ducks in a row”.

Since it will be the case that when Jesus comes again, those who obey not the Gospel will receive of the wrath of God, we can easily see *that (obedience)* is mandatory, crucial, and essential to “be ready” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

What needs to be done in order for us to be ready? How can we get ready? God tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:10 “We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether good or bad.” Mark 16:16 and Hebrews 11:6 both make it clear that one must have faith in God. We must believe that He is, and He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him.

While it is also made clear in Hebrews 9:27 it is appointed unto man once to die, and after this cometh the judgment, Paul further enlightens us in Acts 17 regarding the judgment of mankind by that man who “He [God] hath ordained”. The urgency comes through very well in Acts as Paul addressed some in Athens on Mars’ Hill. Repent! (v.30)

There’s no wiggle room or any gray area regarding the commands and instructions of God from Matthew 10:32-33 and Romans 10:9-10. We must confess Jesus as the Son of God, just as the eunuch demonstrated in Acts 8.

Many times over the books of Acts gives accounts of those who were converted. They believed, repented, confessed, and were baptized (Acts 2:38-42; 3:19ff; 16: 15,33; 22:16, etc). So these people obeyed the instructions (Gospel– good news) they were told. We do the same 2000 years later to access the blood of Christ, obtain the forgiveness of sins, and “get all our ducks in a row”