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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

SUNDAY:
 Bible Classes 9:30 AM
 AM Worship 10:25 AM
 PM Worship6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY:
 Ladies' Bible Class..... 10:00 AM
 Bible Classes and Devo7:00 PM

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

Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.
 (Luke 6:28)

Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.
 (1 Peter 3:9)

And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:
 (1 Corinthians 4:12)

BIBLE LESSON TEXTS

Sunday, July 9
Good Shepherd
John 10:1-18



Wednesday, July 12
Teach us to Pray
Matthew 6:9-15; Luke 11:1-13



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Happenings in God's Family

July 9, 2023

Wrestling with Self Forgiveness (Part 5)

Negative thoughts can be a big struggle as we try to forgive ourselves. Recurring negative thoughts may be symptoms of unresolved issues. In the previous article we noted that identifying when these negative thoughts begin can help us stop them, but it can also help us determine what is triggering them to get at the root cause. We can address these causes with God's word. Is the problem injustice? God will provide eternal justice to all (2 Corinthians 5:10). The problem is a lack of faith in Him. Is the problem self-justification? A desire to have been right? We must remember that God is the one who justifies (Romans 8:33). We must put our faith in His power to make us right. Are we trying to avoid the same problem again? If we have learned, remember the lesson, but throw away all the negative thoughts accompanying it (Philippians 3:13-14). Are we in denial of reality? Acceptance can be a long and difficult process, but admitting the truth will go a long way to helping us forgive ourselves (John 8:32). Maybe the truth is difficult to discover. Talking to someone about our past may help us discover some things that will disabuse us of wrong beliefs.

Sometimes, our thoughts are just sinful. Do we desire revenge? Do we harbor hatred? Are we envious? These attitudes are wrong, and we must replace them with good attitudes. Instead of revenge, trust in God (Romans 12:19). Instead of hatred, pray for your enemy (Matthew 5:44). Instead of envy, rejoice with those who rejoice (Romans 12:15). Whatever the negative thoughts are, we must address them with God's truth. Jesus said, "The truth will make you free" (John 8:32). We need freedom from our negative thoughts to achieve self forgiveness.

God bless you, and I love you.
 Kevin Cauley

July 9, 2023 SERVANTS

Announcements: John David Thomas

LORD’S TABLE: Jamey Thomas
Justin ArsenaultMicah Thomas

AM Songleader.....Blake Tyndell

AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYERS**

Tommy McGee Dave Conley
Jody Thomas Jamey Thomas

PM Songleader: John David Thomas

PM Communion: Jamey Thomas

Prepare and fill communion trays for
July: Janiece Richardson and Janie Martin

July 16, 2023 SERVANTS

Announcements: John David Thomas

LORD’S TABLE: Jamey Thomas
Justin ArsenaultMicah Thomas

AM Songleader..... Justin Tyndell

AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYERS**

Derrell Patterson..... Johnny Thomas
Jimmy SmithJim Patterson

PM Songleader: John David Thomas

PM Communion: Jamey Thomas

Prepare and fill communion trays for
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If you cannot serve, please call John D. Thomas-903-490-5572.

Birthdays!

Helen Clark July 5
James Hobbs July 8

Anniversary

M/M Justin Arsenault July 6

Remember in Prayer



Special prayer request from Robin Upson:

I’m having surgery Friday at Wadley. Could you please put me on prayer list. I need prayers please! My new address is [*posted on bulletin board or available upon request via phone*].

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, July2, 2023

Bible Class-----55
AM Worship-----73
PM Worship-----32
Contribution-----\$3,409.76
Average to Date -----\$2,890.77
Budget to Date-----\$3,127.00

Wednesday, June 28-----49



Canned chili or Vienna sausages.
Home of Recovery needs **canned soup**

Reminders/Notices

1. Youth Series meeting on July 10 is at Pittsburg. Van will leave at 5:45
2. Potluck Luncheon for July is to be on the 16th.
3. Let’s keep praying for our Summertime Travelers, Camp-goers, and vacationers in general! But especially for the Brazil mission trip.
4. Our own turn at hosting the Summer Youth Series will occur later this month, on July 24th.
5. Ladies’ Night Out is going to be on Tuesday, July 11th.
6. Stamps church of Christ is holding a Gospel Meeting with Jerry Monholland Starting today (7/9) through Wednesday evening. Meetings are nightly at 7:00. Theme is Hebrews 12:2 “Looking to Jesus”

Destinations

Ever sit in traffic in a big city like Dallas or Houston and wonder “Where are all these people going?” If we read and understand the Bible correctly, it’s pretty plain where most people are headed when life is over: Most are not concerned with-as Jerry Clower put it-where they are gonna be when they get where they’re going.

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (Matthew 7:13-14)”

Connected to the above question, we might also wonder what so many people in the “rat race” are busy doing. Our creator has expectations of us, and we will stand before Him in the Judgement. (Matthew 25, Hebrews 9:27; 2 Corinthians 5:10) Jesus wants us to follow Him. He is the way (John 14:6).

I like to think of the verse we’d sing in an old spiritual song about these things: “A few sweet words may guide a lost one to his side, or turn sad eyes on Calvary. So work as days go by, that yonder none may cry you never mentioned Him to me” I am glad to genuinely believe the truths of scripture and the words of many of the songs we sing. Let us always be ready to give an answer to every man that asketh a reason for the hope that is in us, and may we not lose our way in pointless pursuits. If we hope to get to Heaven, it should be because of the promises and the covenant we have with the Father through the Son. jp