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Karen and Mike Raney brought a card to the office Sunday morning: *Thank you so much for sending the wreath to my mother's funeral service. I would also like to thank the Elders for the use of the building & the ladies for preparing such a fine meal for our family after the service. Thank you also for the many phone calls, texts, and visits during my mother's illness.*



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

Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. (Jude 1:9)
Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. (Romans 12:14)
Balak to Balaam: **Num_23:7.11,13, 27**
“Curse me Jacob”, “curse mine enemies”, “curse them”, etc.
Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; (Deuteronomy 11:26)

BIBLE LESSON TEXTS

Sunday, August 13
Rich Young Ruler
Matthew 19:16-30 Mark 10:17-31;
Luke 18:18-30



Wednesday, August 16
Vineyard Workers
Matthew 20:1-16



Pictured this week: Our multipurpose room (MPR)

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Forbidden Words - Curses

The word “curse” has a couple of different meanings, but they are related. On the one hand, there is the idea of cursing someone with a spell like in witchcraft. I don't personally know anyone that does that, although, I have known a few people who claim to be “witches.” The notion is that someone wants to inflict ill fortune on another because of envy, jealousy, revenge, anger, or some other sinful motive. Cursing a person in this way is sinful. Galatians 5:20 lists “sorcery” as one of the works of the flesh. “Sorcery” was the ancient method of using potions to curse other people.

The other idea of the word “curse,” is related to language. We talk about “curse words,” or sometimes colloquialized, “cuss words.” “Cuss” is just another form of “curse.” We have used the word “cuss” as a euphemism for “curse,” since “curse” carries such a negative connotation with it. I doubt anyone really thinks of themselves as uttering curses, though, whether we use the word “cuss” or “curse” it is really the same thing: one is cursing an object, person, or action with one's language. Such cursing is sinful. Consider what James says: “Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be” (James 3:10).

I do not need to list the various curses that people utter. There are many. These words condemn something God has made, but everything that God made was good (Genesis 1). Who are we to condemn the good things that God has made? Euphemisms of these words are no better. They are just veiled curses. Jesus said, “But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment” (Matthew 12:36). Please, don't curse.

God bless you, and I love you.
Kevin Cauley

August 13, 2023 SERVANTS

Announcements: John David Thomas

LORD'S TABLE: Tyler Orbison

Jerry Yates.....Maddux Tyndell

AM Songleader.....Blake Tyndell

AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYERS**

Ernest Shelton, Jr Johnny Thomas

Jody Thomas Jamey Thomas

PM Songleader:Scott Overstreet

PM Communion: Jerry Yates

Prepare and fill communion trays for August:

Stephanie Wages and Mary Lynn Cauley

August 20, 2023 SERVANTS

Announcements: ...John D. Thomas

LORD'S TABLE: Tyler Orbison

Jerry Yates.....Maddux Tyndell

AM Songleader.....Eddie Cauley

AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYERS**

Derrell Patterson.....Scott Overstreet

Jimmy SmithJim Patterson

PM Songleader: Jamey Thomas

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Visitor Cards are picked up Sunday mornings after announcements by

Deacon Tyndell and Parker Orr.

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

If you would like to host a POTLUCK LUNCHEON, please sign up on the bulletin board

Remember in Prayer



OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, August 6, 2023

Bible Class-----	53
AM Worship-----	89
PM Worship-----	45
Contribution-----	\$3,060.10
Average to Date -----	\$2,887.68
Budget to Date-----	\$3,127.00

Wednesday, August 2-----47

Birthdays!

Kyndlee Clark	Aug 17
Grace Duffer	Aug 17
Anniversary	
M/M Kevin Cauley	Aug 17



**Tomato Soup
H2R wants
canned fruit or
jelly**

Reminders/Notices

1. Youth Series meeting on August 14th is at Mount Pleasant hosted by the North Jefferson church of Christ. Van will leave at 6:10 pm.
2. Potluck Luncheon for August will be on the 20th.
3. Kevin will be gone Wednesday the 16th to speak in Hope, Arkansas.
4. Baby shower on 27th at 2 (see below)
5. We'll have a 5th Wednesday singing on the 30th.

Baby Shower!



The ladies are invited to a baby shower honoring
Morgan Thomas
on Sunday, August 27, at 2:00 p.m.

in the multipurpose room of the church of Christ.

A baby girl is expected.

She is registered with Target and Amazon.



The Final Sacrifice

"Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness." 1 Peter 2:24

I don't like to really clean. Instead, I would rather put something over a mess so that I don't have to look at it. That is sort of the way I clean things. In contrast, when my wife cleans, she really cleans. I think she actually enjoys the process, which is a mystery to me. I like things clean, but I don't like the process of cleaning.

In the Old Testament, God established that the sins of individuals would be symbolically transferred to an animal that would die in his or her place (see Leviticus 1--8). This atoning sacrifice was necessary to meet the righteous demands of a holy and just God. The word atonement can be translated to say, "a cover-

ing" or "to cover over something." While this atonement provided covering, it didn't get to the root of the problem. But Jesus Christ's death on the cross did. His atoning sacrifice washed away, eliminated, and wiped out all of our sins.

Jesus was the fulfillment of all that the Old Testament pointed toward. He became the final sacrifice. Jesus was "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

When Jesus uttered the words, "It is finished," it could also be translated, "It is made an end of." Or, "It is paid." Or, "It is performed." Or, "It is accomplished."

What was made an end of? Our sins and the guilt that accompanied them. What was paid? The price of our redemption. What was performed? The righteous requirements of the law. What was accomplished? The work the Father had given Him to do.