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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

God's purposes considered by men in the Scriptures:

And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants. And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but *God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.* Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them. **(Genesis 50:18-21)**

And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. **(Acts 9:10-18)**

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

BIBLE LESSON TEXTS

Sunday, September 10
Ten Virgins
Matthew 25:1-13, 31-46



Wednesday, September 13
Parable of Talents
Matthew 25:14-30

**Happenings in
God's Family**

*Pictured this week: Our fountain,
stool, and retired communion table*

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For Such a Time as This
Jerry Monholland

As she walked into the room, she heard an audible gasp from the others already present. She imagined the thoughts running through their minds at this time. "What was she doing?" "How could she be so bold?" "Doesn't she realize the risk she's taking?" She paid them no mind but kept herself focused on the task at hand. In her own mind she kept repeating these words. *"For such a time as this, for such a time as this..."*

She held her breath, anxiously awaiting the decision from the king. How would he react to her entering the room uninvited? Would he be angry? Displeased? Or welcoming? Would he extend the scepter or not?

We all know the story of Esther as she laid it all on the line for the sake of salvation of the Jews. Her boldness and determination of action made the difference of salvation for the Jews.

As we approach the time of our Gospel Meeting I want you to think as Mordecai thought. Who knows whether or not you are in this place *for such a time as this?*

For such a time as this you are working beside your fellow coworker and have the opportunity to invite them to our Gospel Meeting. *For such a time as this* you are visiting with your neighbors and the subject of church comes up. Be bold and invite them to come to the Meeting. *For such a time as this* your kids are playing with one another and the parents are sitting around talking about the events coming up these next few weeks. Extend the invitation! We may never know the difference we can make.

September 10, 2023 SERVANTS

Announcements:Ernest Shelton

LORD’S TABLE: John D. Thomas
Jody Thomas Lyle Orr

AM Songleader.....Blake Tyndell

AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYERS**

Earnest Shelton John D. Thomas
Jamey Thomas Jamey Thomas

PM Songleader:Scott Overstreet

PM Communion: Jody Thomas

Prepare and fill communion trays for
September : Peggy Johnson and Juanita Smith

September 17, 2023 SERVANTS

Announcements:Ernest Shelton

LORD’S TABLE: John D. Thomas
Jody Thomas Lyle Orr

AM Songleader.....Eddie Cauley

AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYERS**

Derrell Patterson.....Scott Overstreet
Jimmy Smith Jamey Thomas

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, September 3, 2023

Bible Class-----	56
AM Worship-----	91
PM Worship-----	59
Contribution-----	\$2,306.23
Average to Date -----	\$2,864.62
Budget to Date-----	\$3,127.00

Wednesday, August 30----- 50



**Ramen
noodles
H2R wants
canned
fruit or
jelly**

Birthday!

Steven Oliver	September 10
Kaden Segraves	September 10
Donald Johnson	September 11
Terrie Thomas	September 12
Ernest Shelton, Jr.	September 15

Reminders/Notices

1. Ladies’ Night Out in September will be September 12th.
2. Our monthly Youth Activity on September 24 will be after morning worship.
3. Our Stew Supper will be on September 30 this year, looks like. If you would like to cook the stew this year, please let the elders know.

Forbidden Words – Backbiting, Talebearing, Slander

The common element in these three activities is talking about others behind their back. Psalm 15:3 makes it clear that the person who backbites does not dwell with God. Paul lists “backbiters” in Romans 1:30 among those who have rejected God. “Backbitings” is a sin that causes divisions (2 Corinthians 12:20). God will destroy the one who slanders his neighbor (Psalm 101:5), and Proverbs 26:20 says that where there is no talebearer, strife ceases.

Why is going around talking about other people behind their backs a sin? People do it all the time. *First*, it creates strife, anger, and division (Proverbs 25:23, 26:20, 2 Corinthians 12:20). As Christians, we are trying to avoid these negative consequences among our friends, neighbors, and brethren. We want to promote friendship, love, and unity.

Second, these sinful modes of communication are ways of self-justifying and not dealing with the real problem. Many times, people talk about others behind their back because they don’t want to confront the problem itself. This is passive-aggressive. Christians are to speak truth to each other. That means dealing with problems openly, honestly, and forthrightly. Yes, this is hard to do, but God wants us to do the hard things!

Finally, using this language is destructive for both the person doing this and the person being attacked. Paul calls this behavior “animalistic” in Galatians 5:15, “But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!” Like two animals squaring off against one another, the result is that both get hurt. We have no countenance from God to behave in this fashion (regardless of the motives), and those who do should be ashamed. Let’s repent of such sinful ways and elevate our lives to the level of Jesus Christ.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley