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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

BIBLE LESSON TEXTS

Sunday, September 17

Judas' Plot, Last Supper, & Passover

Matthew 26:14-30; Mark 14:12-25; Luke

22:3-20; John 13:1-30



Wednesday, September 20

In Gethsemane

Matthew 26:30-46; Mark 14:26-42; Luke

22:39-46; John 18:1

But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. (Matthew 5:34-37)

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

DO-IT-YOURSELF

“How-to” books are the thing today.
They fill up many a shelf.
The Bible is the original one
On how to help yourself.

“How to Live Happily Ever After”
“How to Leave Worry Far Behind”
“How to Grow in Grace and Wisdom”
Are these subjects on your mind?

“How to Have A Blessed Marriage”
“How to Be A Saint”
“How to Behave as a Child of God”
(Don't ever think you can't).

If you want to be a better you,
The Bible is the place to start.
It does not beat around the bush
It goes straight for your heart. (Copied)

Happenings in

GOD'S FAMILY

Pictured this week: Our membership “God's Family” wall on North side of foyer, as it appeared in 2019

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The Lighthouse

based on Matthew 4:12-23

Well, this is a story about a lighthouse. This lighthouse is on a dangerous coast where there are a lot of shipwrecks. This lighthouse was very simple, and had just one boat. But the people who volunteered there were committed and kept a constant watch over the sea. Looking for ships in distress. When a ship went down, they unselfishly went out day or night to save the lost.

So many lives were saved by that lighthouse that it became famous. Then a lot of people wanted to be associated with it, and give their time, talent, and money to support the important work of the lighthouse. New boats were bought, new crews were recruited, and they had a formal training session. As the membership in the life-saving station grew, some of the members became unhappy that the building was so simple and that the equipment was so old. They wanted a better place to welcome the survivors pulled from the sea. So they replaced the emergency cots with soft beds and put in better furniture and enlarged and decorated the place.

The lighthouse became a popular gathering place for its members. They met regularly and when they did, you could see how they loved one another. They greeted each other, hugged each other, and shared the events of their lives.

But something funny happened. Fewer and fewer members were now interested in going to sea on life-saving missions; so they hired lifeboat crews to do this for them. Then a big ship was wrecked off of the coast, and the hired crews brought into the life-saving station boatloads of cold, wet, dirty, sick, and half-drowned people. Some were first-class cabin passengers of the ship, and some were the deck hands. The beautiful meeting place became a place of chaos. The plush carpets got dirty. Some of the exquisite furniture got scratched. So the property committee immediately had a shower built outside the house where the victims of shipwreck could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting of the lighthouse members there was disagreement. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's life-saving activities, for they were unpleasant and expensive. Other members insisted that life-saving was their prima-

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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

PM Communion: Jody Thomas

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

September 24, 2023 SERVANTS

Announcements:Ernest Shelton

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

AM Songleader..... Jim Patterson

AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYERS**

Dave Conley Jim Patterson
Blake Tyndell Eddie Cauley

PM Songleader: John D Thomas

PM Communion: Jody Thomas

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

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 10, 2023

Bible Class-----	39
AM Worship-----	76
PM Worship-----	51
Contribution-----	\$2,506.00
Average to Date -----	\$2,854.93
Budget to Date-----	\$3,127.00

Wednesday, September 6-----53
Wednesday, September 13-----39



*Food
Pantry
Needs*

**Ramen noo-
dles**
**H2R wants
canned fruit or
jelly**

Birthdays!

Justin Tyndell	September 17
Landrie Tyndell	September 20

Anniversaries!

M/M Micah Thomas	September 18
M/M John David Thomas	September 21

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ry purpose and pointed out that they were still called to be a lighthouse and a life-saving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save the lives of all those various kinds of people who would be shipwrecked, they could begin their own life-saving station down the coast.

Hello, church! I think this story illustrates an important message and prompts me to ask an important question. Have we become so content with the status quo that we are not involved in the soul saving mission of the church? Think about it. I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks. Jerry Monholland

Reminders/Notices

1. Our monthly **Youth Activity** on September 24 will be after morning worship.
2. 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.
3. Thank you to our good Ladies and cooks who provided another meal this week to the Murray family. Well done.

Forbidden Words – Taking God’s Name in Vain

In Exodus 20:7, God said, “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.” What is this? The word “vain” means: empty, futile, without significance, senseless. The word “take” here means: to lift, bear, carry along. In other words, the prohibition is against using the name of God in an empty, futile, or senseless way. The specific name is the Hebrew word YHWH. That is the name that God gave to Moses for Himself in Exodus 3:14.

God did not want the children of Israel using His name for vows or oaths that they did not intend to keep. Numbers 30:2 says, “If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.” Using God’s name in association with an oath was a way of emphasizing that a person intended to complete his promise. This command is, fundamentally, a prohibition against lying about one’s future actions. The command, “Thou shalt not bear false witness,” concerned lying about things that had already transpired.

Not taking God’s name in vain is not limited, however, to just prohibiting empty vows. It also was designed to ensure that God’s name was honored and respected in general usage. The word “vain” can also mean “trivial.” Talking about God as if He were some common, unimportant thing, is also prohibited. The expression “Oh my God,” makes God into a trifle and does not honor or respect Him. It is not in keeping with the spirit of this command and should be removed from our vocabulary.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley