



**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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**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 3

**Jesus rides into Jerusalem**

Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11;

Luke 19:29-38; John 12:12-18



Wednesday, August 30

**Two Sons; Widow's Mites**

Matthew 21:28-32; Mark 12:41-44;

Luke 21:1-4

Biblical Pictures of religious zeal

*Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.*

*(Jeremiah 20:9)*

*But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, .... therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. (Daniel 1:8)*

*Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. (Esther 4:16)*

*So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. (Jonah 3:5)*



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

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**Remembering the good old days.**

I laid the candy bar upon the counter and reached for my card to make payment. As she was ringing up the price I asked, "Do you know how old I am?" She looked up at me with a confused look upon her face so I answered the question myself. "I'm old enough to remember when you could get both a candy bar and a cold drink for a quarter". "Oh my" she said. "That must have been a long time ago." It really didn't hurt my feelings that she said it must have been a long time ago. But it was *the way she said it* that made me feel old. She said, "That must have been a loooooong time ago".

She then laid a penny on the counter and remarked that her grandmother told her "back in the day" you could buy candy for a penny. "Oh yes," I said, "It was called penny candy. And there would be a whole shelf on the candy counter dedicated to all the penny candy."

We talked a little bit more about the good old days and how things have changed. The price of a postage stamp, the price of gasoline, and the price of a new house were all prices she could hardly believe.

As you are reading this article, I bet you are thinking too about the good old days and how things have changed. So I would like to direct your thoughts to remembering the good old days when a congregation held a Gospel Meeting.

It was a time when members would make plans to attend each and every service. It didn't matter that the meeting would last 8 days, 10 days, or even two weeks long. Members were there each and every night.

It was a time when members would get excited about the opportunity to invite neighbors to hear the gospel. Oftentimes members would go out on door knocking campaigns the week before the meeting to make sure the community was invited.

It was a time when the congregation spent time in prayer as the time of the meeting drew near. Prayers for tender hearts, prayers for lost souls, prayers for new commitments, and prayers for the speaker were offered in public assemblies as well as in the homes.

We can't roll back the price of a candy bar, but we can bring back the revival of the good old days of a Gospel Meeting. Plan, prepare and pray. I'll see you in a few weeks.

Your speaker for the meeting,

**Jerry Monholland**

**September 3, 2023 SERVANTS**

**Announcements:** .....Ernest Shelton

**LORD'S TABLE:** John D. 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

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

**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

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 27, 2023**

Bible Class-----	43
AM Worship-----	78
PM Worship-----	36
Contribution-----	\$1,934.00
Average to Date -----	\$2,880.57
Budget to Date-----	\$3,127.00

**Wednesday, August 23-----59**



**Ramen noodles**

**H2R wants canned fruit or jelly**

**Birthday!**

**Jerry Yates**

**Sept 6**

Brother Jerry Monholland of Texarkana will be preaching our upcoming Gospel Meeting October 1-4. He requests that all members here **read the book of Nehemiah five times through** before the meeting starts. Our choice: show up with an empty cup or arrive prepared to grow and encourage others! jp

**Reminders/Notices**

1. Ladies' Bible Class will start for the 2023-24 year on September 6th.
2. Ladies' Night Out in September will be September 12th.
3. Men's class will begin September 5. Meeting time of 6:00 on Tuesday evenings
4. 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 – Filthiness, Foolish Talking, Course Jesting**

So far in this series, we have considered cursing, lying, and murmuring. Another area of forbidden speech is filthiness, foolish talking, and course jesting. Ephesians 5:3-4 says, "But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks." We used to call this telling "dirty jokes." The context makes this clear. Discussing sexual matters in an inappropriate way is behavior not fitting for saints. It is sinful.

Why? It changes something that God has made holy into something that is common. God has appointed the sexual relationship for married men and women. In marriage, human sexuality is holy. This means it is not intended to be promiscuous, common, occurring in public, or available for open consumption. God did not want human beings to behave like animals. Sexual relationships outside of marriage is sinful. To discuss it in an unholy way is also sinful. It denigrates marriage, and makes light of what God has sanctified. It takes what is beautiful and makes it ugly by vulgarizing it. It's like throwing mud on the Mona Lisa.

Filthy speaking trivializes and threatens marriage by implying that sexual matters are unimportant, may be made light of, and do not need to be taken seriously. This is the opposite of what God says about it. First Thessalonians 4:7-8 says regarding fornication, "For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit." Respect for marriage is a matter of salvation. Those who do not respect it, reject God.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley