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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, December 10
Aeneas and Dorcas
Acts 9:32-43

Wednesday, December 13
Cornelius
Acts 10

But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

(Hebrews 2:6-18)

Happenings in God's Family

Pictured this week: the familiar front of the building from Highway 8

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Why Did God Wait to Send Jesus? (Part 2)

After the fall of Adam and Eve, mankind became very wicked. God destroyed them in a great flood. Noah's family began a new era of hope for man to have relationship with God. The years went by and finally, Abraham was born. Could Abraham's family produce a person who was morally upright? Through the book of Genesis, we see the history of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and his twelve sons. The descendants of Abraham are anything but righteous. They sin frequently even though there are some that do better than others. They do not get the job done.

Could a nation produce a morally upright person? In Exodus, God redeems the nation of Israel from Egypt and has Moses lead them to the promised land where they could develop. Yet, the nation itself becomes corrupted repeatedly. From reading the many sins in the Old Testament, a distinct pattern emerges. No individual human, family, or nation is free from the corrupting influence of sin. This is proved throughout the pages of the Old Testament.

Finally, God said, "if mankind cannot do it, then I will." So, God produced a morally perfect person, His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, both God and man in the flesh. Galatians 4:4-5 says, "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons." God knew all along that mankind would not accomplish salvation. God proved this beyond a shadow of a doubt over the many years of waiting for His Son to come into the world. Today, that record stands. Man needs God to save him, and the history of the Bible documents all of man's failures "that no flesh should glory in His presence" (1 Corinthians 1:29).

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

December 10, 2023 SERVANTS

Announcements; Blake Tyndell

LORD'S TABLE: John David Thomas
Jerry Yates Johnathon Thomas

AM Songleader Justin Tyndell

AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYERS**

Tyler Orbison Ernest Shelton
Jody Thomas Jimmy Smith

PM Songleader: Scott Overstreet

PM Communion: John David Thomas

Prepare and fill communion trays for December:
Peggy Johnson and Shelah Shirley

December 17, 2023 SERVANTS

Announcements; Blake Tyndell

LORD'S TABLE: John David Thomas
Jerry Yates Johnathon Thomas

AM Songleader Blake Tyndell

AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYERS**

Derrell Patterson Dave Conley
Scott Overstreet Jim Patterson

PM Songleader: Jamey Thomas

PM Communion: John David Thomas

Prepare and fill communion trays for December:
Peggy Johnson and Shelah Shirley

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, December 3, 2023

Bible Class-----	61
AM Worship-----	88
PM Worship-----	47
Contribution-----	\$3,981.50
Average to Date -----	\$2,859.38
Budget to Date-----	\$3,127.00

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Bible Class-----	45
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Birthdays!

Micah Thomas	Dec 10
Bettie Hammonds	Dec 13
Blake Tyndell	Dec 13

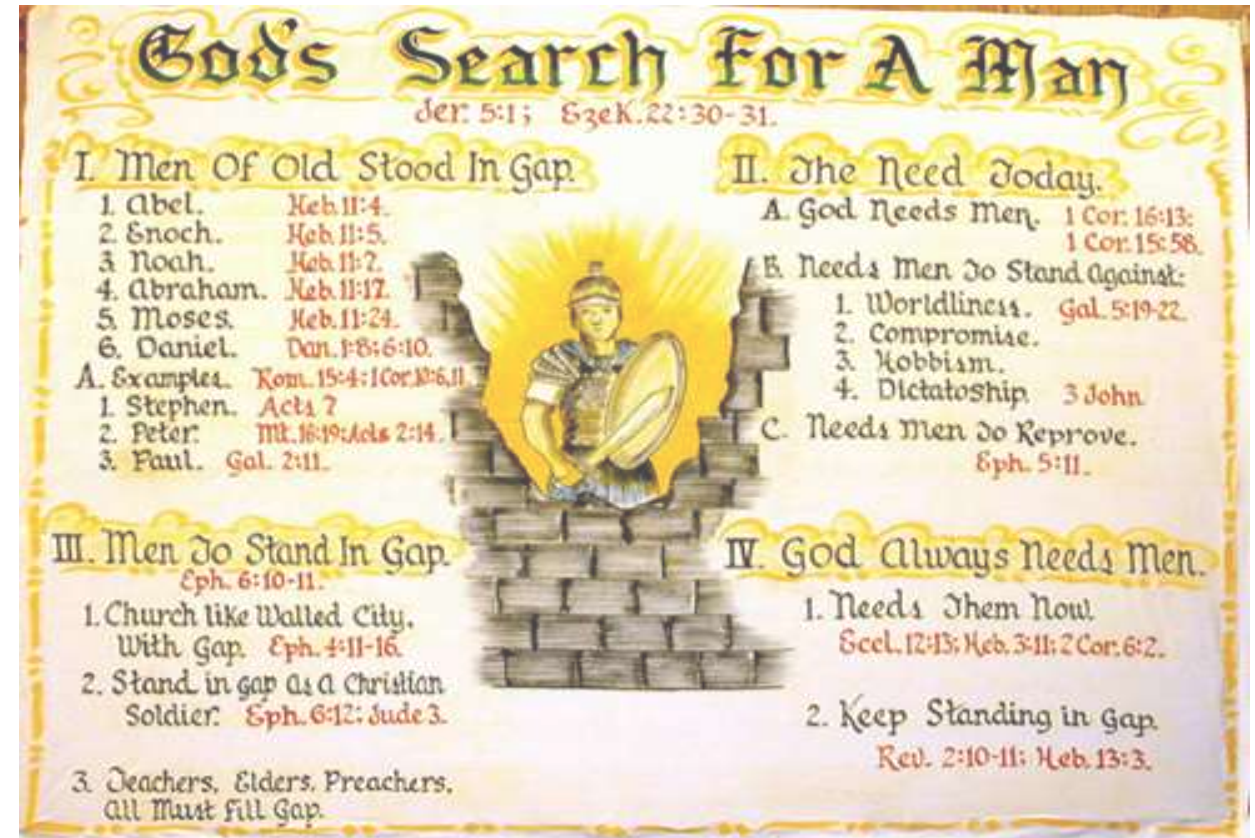


Ramen noodles

**H2R wants
canned fruit or
jelly**

Reminders/Notices

1. Cookie and Ornament exchange is scheduled for December 14th at 6pm.
2. There's a Youth Activity scheduled for December 17th after morning worship.
3. Let's plan on a New Year's Eve party after evening worship on the 31st.
4. Floral décor in the building has changed with the seasons again! It is a pleasure to see the poinsettias and frosted pine cones out in view for the winter! Thanks to our ladies who put in the time and effort to update these.



Regarding the above: The great prophets of the Old Testament were heavily engaged in conflicts with individuals and institutions of their days. Some were hated (1 Kings 22:8), some imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:6), some threatened and hunted (1 Kings 19:2-3). Christians today likewise stand by God's revealed truth against attackers. We cannot let the foes' attacks pass unanswered! Our great Leader and Commander would have us wield the Sword of the Spirit for the benefit of all. (Acts 17; 2 Peter 3). Have we proved the armor? (2 Samuel 17) Can we have the diligence of good soldiers (2 Timothy 1-2) to endure hardness? Though victory is assured as nothing much in life ever could be, do we have the courage to fight and stand up for Jesus? What God bids us do, we should do, whether it is some great thing or not (2 Kings 5:13)