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Mon. - Fri..... 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Secretary: Jim Patterson

**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 17  
**Barnabas and Paul**  
Acts 11:19-30

Wednesday, December 20  
**Peter's Great Escape**  
Acts 12:1-19, 24

A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? (Malachi 1:6)

And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. (Luke 14:18)

For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper. (Luke 14:24)

He [Abraham] staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. (Romans 4:20-25)

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: (Matthew 25:34)

**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

# Happenings in God's Family



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

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## The Royal Marriage Feast – Part 1

Jesus gives us The Parable of the Royal Marriage Feast in Matthew 22:1-14. His parables couch His message in a familiar story. They ended with a one-two punch leaving the hearer convicted of sin. What does this parable teach?

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.'" But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.

Jesus begins with a king. He invites guests to his son's wedding. Who would refuse a king? No one in their right mind. This illustrates the importance of heaven's invitation. Rejecting God's offer of salvation is utmost folly comparable to rejecting the invitation of a king.

God has prepared a wonderful feast. He offers the bread and water of life, Jesus Christ. "And Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.'" (John 6:35). This is God offering Himself because Jesus is God with us. He gives a great feast, the abundant life (John 10:10).

Some reject His offer, mock, spite, and kill the servants. Why? They consider their own affairs superior. Idolatry is a primal sin (Romans 1:21-23). Pride causes a person to reject God.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

**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

**December 24, 2023 SERVANTS**

**Announcements:** ..... Blake Tyndell

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

**AM Songleader** ..... Jim Patterson

**AM PRAYERS**      **PM PRAYERS**

Tommy McGee ..... Jim Patterson  
Johnny Thomas ..... Eddie Cauley

**PM Songleader:** ..... Scott Overstreet

**PM Communion:** John David Thomas

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

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** in 2024, please sign up on the bulletin board

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

**SUNDAY, December 10, 2023**

Bible Class-----	48
AM Worship-----	92
PM Worship-----	53
Contribution-----	\$3,030.00
Average to Date -----	\$2,862.79
Budget to Date-----	\$3,127.00

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

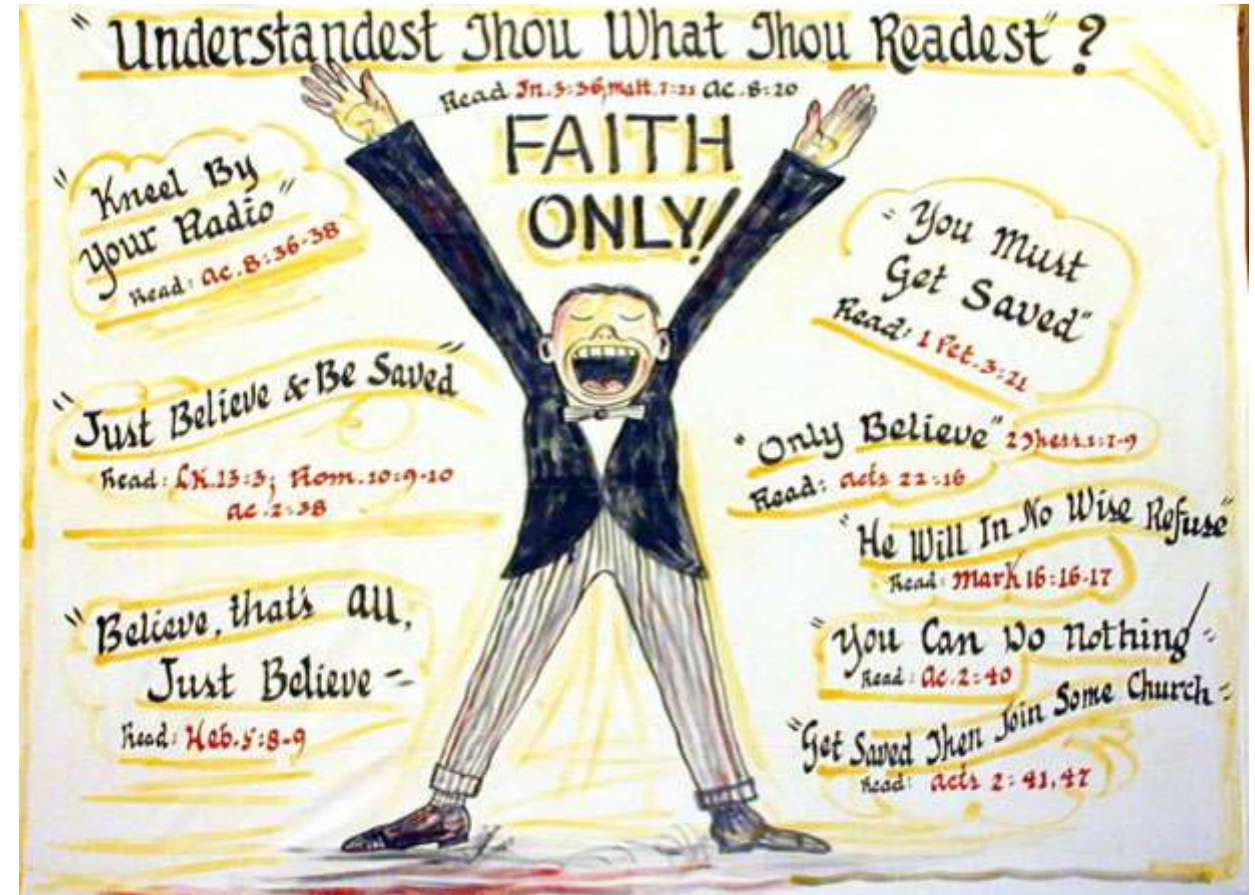
Bible Class-----	54
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**Ramen noodles**  
**H2R wants**  
**canned fruit or**  
**jelly**

Reminders/Notices

1. There's a Youth Activity scheduled for December 17th after morning worship.
2. Let's plan on a New Year's Eve party after evening worship on the 31st.
3. Reminder: Youth group (6th grade and up) trip to Osaka's in Texarkana on January 13th at 4pm.



Regarding the above: Sometimes there is a stark and obvious contrast between what men say about salvation versus what the Bible says. It is unfortunate that men will deem inaccuracies and lies as preferable to truth in Scripture. Theatrics, glamour, and emotional hype have no role in salvation according to examples in the Holy record. God's wisdom, not man's, is what can and will save us. (1 Corinthians 1-3). We should listen (2 Kings 5) to God if we are looking for solutions—not make more problems. Like the Eunuch 2000 years ago, we can listen to the preaching of the word/Christ/Gospel (Acts 8), stop what we are doing, and obey His commands (Repent, confess, and be baptized Acts 2:38, 8:37). Denominational preachers and tele--evangelists (the unlearned and unstable) are DEAD WRONG to hijack words' definitions and wrest scripture to their own destruction (2 Peter 3). jp