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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 3

**Saul and Ananias**

Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-19

Wednesday, November 29

**Saul Let Down the Wall in Basket**

Acts 9:19-31

**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

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. (Luke 1:68-75)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. (Luke 2:29-32)

**But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, (Galatians 4:4)**

**Happenings in God's Family**

Pictured this week: Camp Ida near Maud, TX, exists because a Christian woman "willed" it to the church..

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**Why Did God Wait to Send Jesus? (Part 1)**

God created everything perfect; everything was good. He made man in His image, and man was good too. Being created in the image of God, man was a free moral agent. God gave him a choice to do His will or not. This choice was manifest in the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God said to man, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:16-17). While man abstained, he remained pure.

Satan entered the garden and tempted Eve to eat of the fruit. She did, and she gave it to Adam to eat also. Sin entered the world, and God cast man out of the garden lest they have access to the tree of life (Genesis 3:22). Man failed to maintain his purity. He needed salvation. Could man save himself? Could he be good without God?

Every child born into the world is innocent. Genesis 8:21 says that man begins to sin "from his youth," not "from his birth." Every single person has a chance to live a morally pure life, but no one does. Everyone sins eventually. At the dawn of time, however, this had yet to be proved. Could some man live a morally pure life without God's aid? The Old Testament shows otherwise. By the time of the flood (Genesis 6), approximately 2000 years after creation, there had not been a single person to live a morally pure life. God's justice demanded that they be destroyed. The flood came and reset the world. What would man do next? Could there be some other way for him to produce a faithful servant?

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

**December 3, 2023 SERVANTS**

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

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

**AM Songleader** ..... Eddie Cauley

**AM PRAYERS**      **PM PRAYERS**

Johnny Thomas ..... Jim Patterson

Blake Tyndell ..... Eddie Cauley

**PM Songleader:** John David Thomas

**PM Communion:** John David Thomas

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

**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

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

**SUNDAY, November 26, 2023**

Bible Class-----	39
AM Worship-----	89
PM Worship-----	44
Contribution-----	\$2,234.85
Average to Date -----	\$2,836.00
Budget to Date-----	\$3,127.00

**Wednesday, November 22, 2023**

Bible Class-----	44
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**Birthdays!**

Mary Lynn Cauley	December 9
Ellie Tyndell	December 9

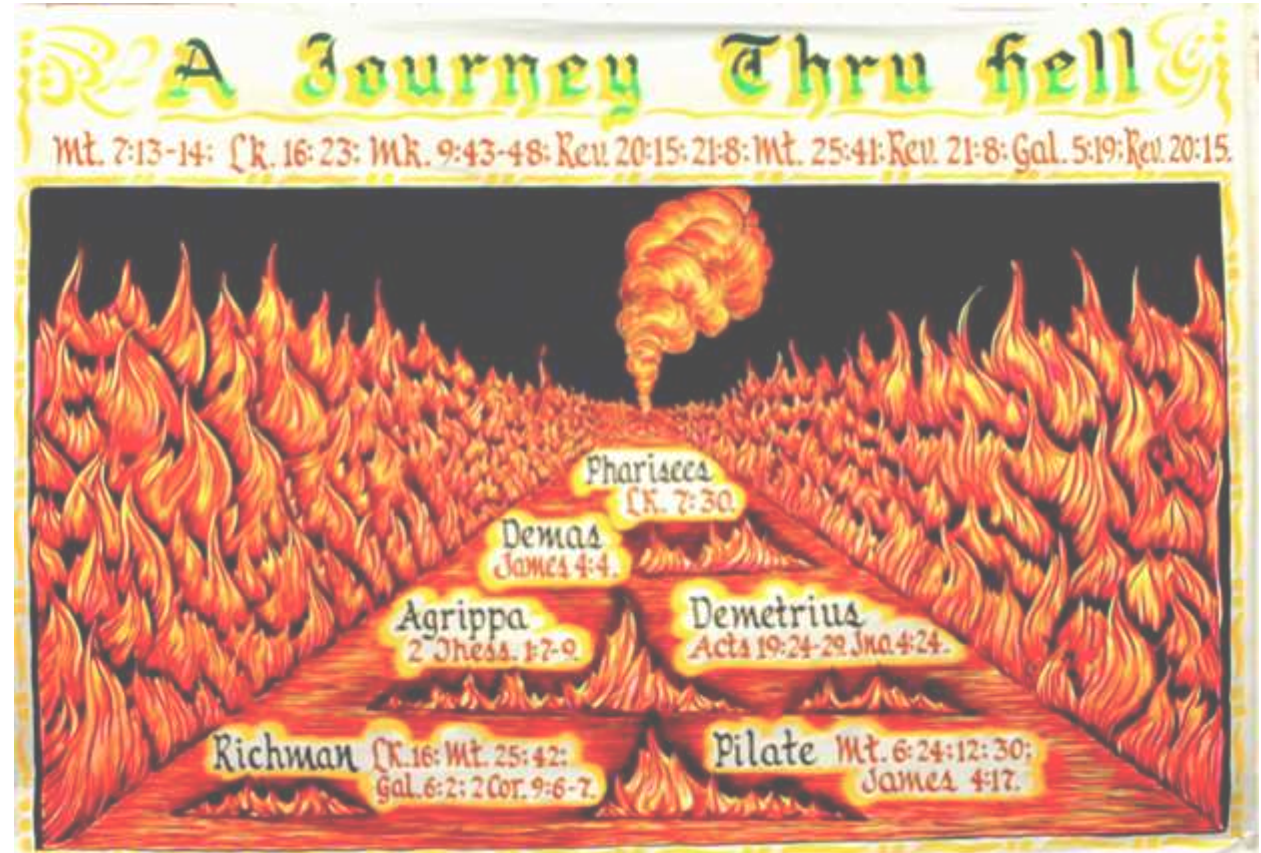


**Ramen noodles**

**H2R wants  
canned fruit or  
jelly**

Reminders/Notices

1. **Holiday Party is on December 9 at 6pm** in the Multipurpose room.
2. .Cookie and Ornament exchange is scheduled for December 14th at 6pm.
3. There's a Youth Activity scheduled for December 17th after morning worship.
4. Let's plan on a New Year's Eve party after evening worship on the 31st.



*Regarding the above:* It is interesting and disturbing how many people do not believe in the reality of Satan and Hell. If we accept the Word of God as true (truth), we can be prepared for eternity. Many times over, God emphasizes our own role in our destiny. We should exert ourselves and give diligence to finding and following the narrow way. We don't operate in the dark any longer like those in Jonah's day (3:9), but rather know His promises and warnings that apply to all (2 Peter 3). Just as criminals show us in our own nation and people, operating without fear of consequences brings bad and worse behavior. Our nation's citizens do not take abortion and other moral issues seriously because they do not believe in the consequences and finality of God's Judgement. Whether people wander in darkness or are willingly ignorant, the consequences are largely the same (Matthew 25) jp

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**