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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, January 28

**Paul before the Council**

Acts 23

Wednesday, January 31

**5th Wednesday Singing**

**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 10:9-10

**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

of a worldly home, and for this He sees God more clearly. The fiddler isn't on the roof anymore; He's walking on the same level, and Tevya beckons him to come along.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people. (Rom 10:21)

I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me. (Jer 35:15)

See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. (Heb 12:25-27)



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

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*Some Spiritual Thoughts about The Fiddler on the Roof (Part 2)*

The idea that Tevya loves some things more than God is explored in the last song of the film, "Anatevka", (also the name of the village where they live). They sing about what they are losing: "A little bit of this, a little bit of that, a pot, a pan, a broom, a hat" – material possessions. The song also mourns the loss of relationships with their community. Anatevka was their home, but it was just a place. As the movie ends, all of Tevya's people depart the village for other destinations. Even Tevya's three older daughters separate from him. Finally, it is just Tevya, his wife, their younger children, and their cart, but who joins him in the end? The Fiddler.

The fiddler appears in the beginning of the movie during Tevya's opening song about tradition, but he doesn't show up again until the night of Lazar's betrothal to Tzeitel and news of the coming pogrom. After that, he appears right before the wedding and the persecution by the Russian authorities. Finally, he is on the road with Tevya at the end of the movie walking behind him as he pushes his cart. The fiddler never talks; he just plays a happy tune and watches. Why is he there? One line from the song "L'Chaim" fits: "God would like us to be joyful even when our hearts lie panting on the floor."

One could say, as Tevya does frequently, that God is responsible for all the misfortune that comes His way. Yente the matchmaker agreed when she said, "I tell you, if God lived on earth, people would break his windows." One could also say that while God allows misfortune and is present when it occurs, that He never abandons His child, that misfortune brings people back to Him, and that ultimately God works to redeem them from the idols in their life (Romans 8:28). In the end, Tevya is no longer encumbered with material possessions, worries of His daughters' futures, and the love

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**January 28, 2024 SERVANTS**

**Announcements:** .....John Thomas

**LORD'S TABLE:** Jody Thomas  
Tommy McGee..... Maddux Tyndell

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

**AM PRAYERS**      **PM PRAYERS**  
Derrell Patterson .....Ernest Shelton  
Jody Thomas.....Jimmy Smith

**PM Songleader:** .....Jamey Thomas

**PM Communion:** Jim Patterson

Prepare and fill communion trays for January:  
Janiece Richardson and Wilma Alexander

**February 4, 2024 SERVANTS**

**Announcements:** .....Jim Patterson

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

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

**AM PRAYERS**      **PM PRAYERS**  
Tommy McGee.....Johnny Thomas  
Blake Tyndell..... Derrell Patterson

**PM Songleader:** ..... Jim Patterson

**PM Communion:** John David Thomas

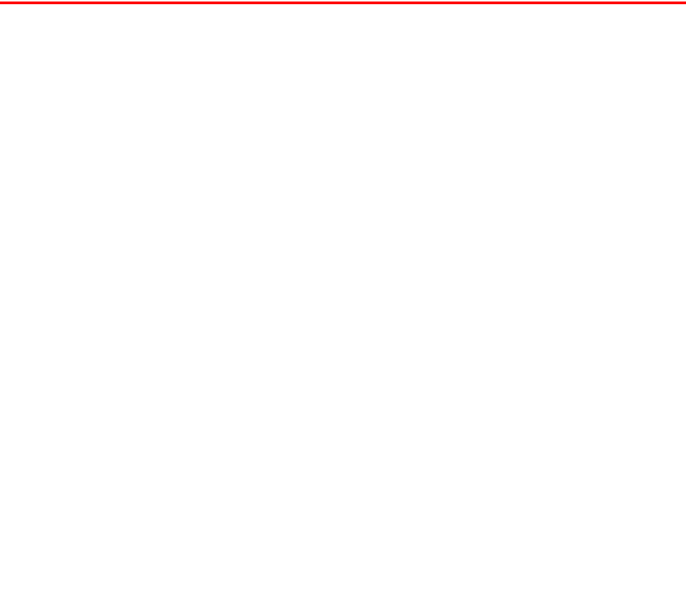
Prepare and fill communion trays for February:  
Suzette Tyndell and Gale Stevens

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**



Birthdays!	
Morgan Arsenault	Feb 2
Peggy Johnson	Feb 2
Gale Stevens	Feb 2



**Peanut Butter**

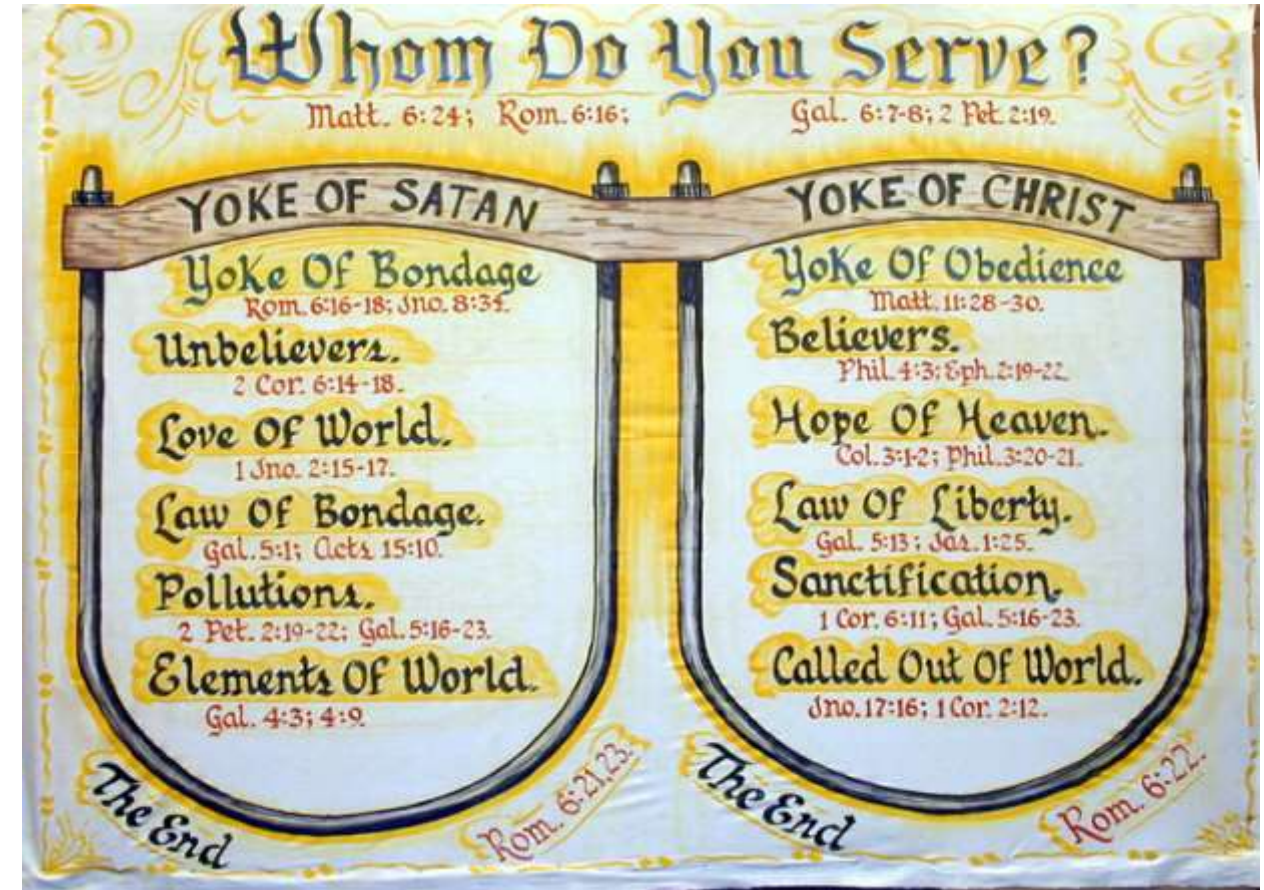
**H2R wants**

**canned cream corn**

<b>OUR FAITH IN ACTION</b>	
<b>SUNDAY, January 21, 2024</b>	
Bible Class-----	58
AM Worship-----	93
PM Worship-----	36
Contribution-----	\$4,146.21
Average to Date -----	\$2,954.06
Budget to Date-----	\$3,127.00
<b>Wednesday 17, 2024</b>	
Bible Class-----	37

**Reminders/Notices**

1. Please mark your calendars for January—Youth Activity will be on the 28th after morning worship.
2. Check our bulletin board for other events taking place in the area
3. Women of Valor 6th annual retreat will be March 21-23 at Camp Ida. Registration forms and all pertinent event information are on the table in the foyer.
4. We're making preparations for the Spring Gospel Meeting here which will be March 31 through April 3. Andy Baker will preach. He's planning on bringing the family!
5. February calendars and servants lists are ready in the foyer.
6. Jim Corner with World Bible School is teaching the auditorium class Sunday morning (28th) as well as preaching during our morning worship hour.
7. 5th Wednesday Singing for January is on the 31st.



About this sheet sermon: Many want to ignore this concept entirely, believing themselves only truly free if they can do whatever they want. Apostolic doctrine, of course, agrees with Christ's. (Matthew 12:30; Romans 6:16-17). As creatures possessing a special God-given nature, we should look for our purpose with our Creator and exercise ourselves unto His desires, not our own. (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14) jp