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Mon. - Fri..... 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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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, February 25

The Runaway Slave

Philemon; Colossians 4:9

Wednesday, February 28

John on Patmos; Heaven

Revelation 1: 9-19; 4; 5:1; 21; 22

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

evil has been done to us, that practicing the Golden Rule means we overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:21). Get active practicing kindness.

Unselfish – “...also to them...”

What a joy to be able to serve a God who sent His Son to selflessly die upon the cross for us. In a world that looks only after itself and seeks its own, how the Golden Rule needs to shine in our lives through unselfish words, actions, and thoughts. How much more should we show that same selfless love to others!

Total – “...for this is the Law and the prophets.” As Jesus gave this in the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount, He does not mince words with the totality that the Golden Rule in being applicable to our lives. In essence: do you want a summary verse that teaches how we should treat our neighbors, our friends, our enemies, our spouses, our children, our acquaintances in every situation imaginable? Practice the Golden Rule and you'll seldom go wrong. Andy Baker



Happenings in God's Family



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Character of the Golden Rule:

“Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

The Golden Rule is:

Open-ended – “Whatever...” Consider how many things positive actions could be taken for your spouse, your coworkers, your neighbors, or your children. Right now, around us, there are people hurting that could use a word of encouragement or an act of kindness. There are people who are continuing in sin who need a truthful rebuke in love. Look deeply for the opportunities.

Thoughtful – “...you want men to do...” People dream of being honored, exalted, or simply appreciated in some way. A spouse looks for kind words from their mate to say, “I appreciate you.” A child wishes to hear the words, “I love you” or “Good job.” You see, it requires thoughtful thinking about the way we would like to be treated. All this happens before we behave rudely, or get impatient, or let harsh words fly. I used to have a poster on my wall in my classroom that said, “think twice, act once.” Be thoughtful.

Loving - “...to you...” Paul would say, “no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes it and cherishes it...” (Eph. 5:29). In context, he is talking about the way a husband treats his wife being like Christ treats the church. What a difference it would make in our marriages, our churches, our jobs, our relationships if “I treated you, as well as I treat me.” If we say it like scripture, “love your neighbor as yourself.”

Active – “...do...” Ever notice how much we struggle in being proactive in doing good things for others? If someone does something good for us, it makes it easier to want to “pay it forward.” Love is proactive. However, it should also be that when

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February 25, 2024 SERVANTS

Announcements;Jim Patterson

LORD'S TABLE: John David Thomas
Tyler Orbison.....Lyle Orr

AM SongleaderJustin Tyndell

AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYERS**

Derrell PattersonJamey Thomas
Jody Thomas.....Ernest Shelton

PM Songleader:Jamey Thomas

PM Communion: John David Thomas

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



March 3, 2024 SERVANTS

Announcements; Blake Tyndell

LORD'S TABLE: Ernest Shelton
Jerry Yates Jimmy Smith

AM Songleader Eddie Cauley

AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYERS**

Tommy McGee.....Johnny Thomas
Jamey Thomas.....Eddie Cauley

PM Songleader: John David Thomas

PM Communion: Jimmy Smith

Prepare and fill communion trays for March:
Shelah Shirley and Janie Martin

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!

Livi Rae Arsenault Feb 25
Lilly Josephine Orbison Feb 28



Peanut Butter

**H2R wants
canned cream corn**

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, February 11, 2024

Bible Class-----	57
AM Worship-----	103
PM Worship-----	52
Contribution-----	\$3,345.35
Average to Date -----	\$3,025.79
Budget to Date-----	\$3,127.00

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Bible Class-----	61
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Reminders/Notices

1. We're making preparations for the Spring Gospel Meeting here which will be March 31 through April 3. Andy Baker will preach. We have flyers on the foyer table.
2. Youth Activity for February will be on the 25th.
3. Pray for Brother Kevin as he goes this week to speak in Austin. He'll be back in time to teach and preach for us March 3, and then off for Spring Break the following week.

Regarding the following: This is a well-arranged and thought out sheet sermon, but then, Hebrews is a well-arranged and thought out (inspired!) epistle. There's no substitute for Biblical content in sermons. There's no substitute for sermons in worship. There's no substitute for worship in the life of a Christian. God's plan and instructions are clear. We can only muddy the waters and "misunderstand" God if we allow our own think-so's to override what God says in scripture. We ought to be longing for opportunities to worship and praise Him together. We ought to be using every opportunity to train, instruct, and teach our children. We come together and worship according to our elders' wise decisions on expediency of assembly. Absenting ourselves distances us from one another, from God, and shows all including our children, that other things are more important to us. With the all exhortations we can muster, let's strive together toward the goal of Heaven! jp

