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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, March 17

The First Sin

Genesis 3

Wednesday, March 13

Cain and Abel

Genesis 4

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

to do for you” (Mark 10:51)? What pressing concerns can God address? What weights can God lighten? Bible reading and praying scripture to God is a great program as well. As a practical note, “Echo” is a free prayer app that a person can list their personal prayer requests and the app will keep those for remembering throughout the day (See Tool #4).

Andy Baker

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

(Luke 11:1-13)

Happenings in God's Family



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Five Tools to Improve Your Prayer Life

Tool #1: Practice

We are commanded to pray (1 Thess. 5:17; Phil. 4:6). If it is something Christians are expected to do, then getting in and doing it is important! A prayer does not have to be long or eloquent to be effective (Neh. 5:19; Matt. 6:7-8; Luke 18:9-14). Maturing in prayer life will find us developing the discipline of prayer so that we turn to God first in our lives when joys or sorrows or anything prevails (Jas. 5:13; 1 Pet. 5:6-7).

Tool #2: Pattern

Studying the prayer life of Jesus or some of the great heroes of faith like David, Nehemiah, Daniel, or Paul help in the who, what, when, where, why, and how of prayer. Nehemiah was skilled in seamlessly weaving prayers into his daily work in big and small challenges (Neh. 5:19). Pray while driving, cooking, working, etc. Withdraw, reflect, meditate, and worship Him!

Tool #3: Posture

Sometimes the standard posture, “let us bow our heads and close our eyes” can be more of a hinderance than it can a help. Sometimes when David prayed, he laid prostrate on the ground (2 Sam. 12:15-16). Some stood, some knelt, while others sat (Dan. 6:10; 1 Kings 19:4; Acts 20:6; Neh. 8:4-6). Jesus often looked up towards heaven (Mark 6:41).. When praying privately, there is wisdom in considering these other prayer postures.

Tool #4: Planning

Jesus would, in busyness of life, often retreat by Himself and spend time with His Father in prayer (Mark 1:35; 14:35; 5:16; 9:18). Daniel made a habit of praying three times a day to the point that his enemies knew his prayer life was a constant in his life (Dan. 6:10). For someone wanting to improve his/her prayer life: set an alarm on the phone or on the computer, retreat away from the daily grind, and plan to spend scheduled, meaningful time talking to Our Father in heaven.

Tool #5: Program

What do I pray for? I would pray, but I don't know what to say! For folks like these, begin with the question Jesus asked blind Bartimaeus, “What do you want Me

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Reminders/Notices

1. Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Brother Andy Baker will be March 31 through April 3.
2. Homecoming Sunday will be this Sunday, March 17. Brother Robert Rochelle will preach for us that morning.
3. Potluck will follow morning worship March 17.
4. Oak Grove church in Mount Pleasant will have a singing night Friday, March 22 at 7 pm
5. The congregational cookbook informational sheets are on the table in the foyer.
6. The Grace Duffer wedding shower is at 2:00 March 24 in Multipurpose room.

March 17, 2024 SERVANTS

Announcements: Blake Tyndell
LORD'S TABLE: Ernest Shelton
 Jerry Yates Jimmy Smith
AM SongleaderKevin Cauley
AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYERS**
 Blake Tyndell..... Jerry Yates
 Justin Arsenault..... Jim Patterson
PM Songleader: Scott Overstreet
PM Communion: Jimmy Smith
 Prepare and fill communion trays for March:
 Shelah Shirley and Janie Martin

March 24, 2024 SERVANTS

Announcements: Blake Tyndell
LORD'S TABLE: Ernest Shelton
 Jerry Yates Jimmy Smith
AM Songleader Tyler Orbison
AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYERS**
 Derrell Patterson Earnest Shelton
 Jody Thomas..... Jimmy Smith
PM Songleader: Jamey Thomas
PM Communion: Jimmy Smith
 Prepare and fill communion trays for March:
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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!

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| Justin Arsenault | March 17 |
| Tyler Orbison | March 24 |



Canned fruit
H2R wants
canned cream corn

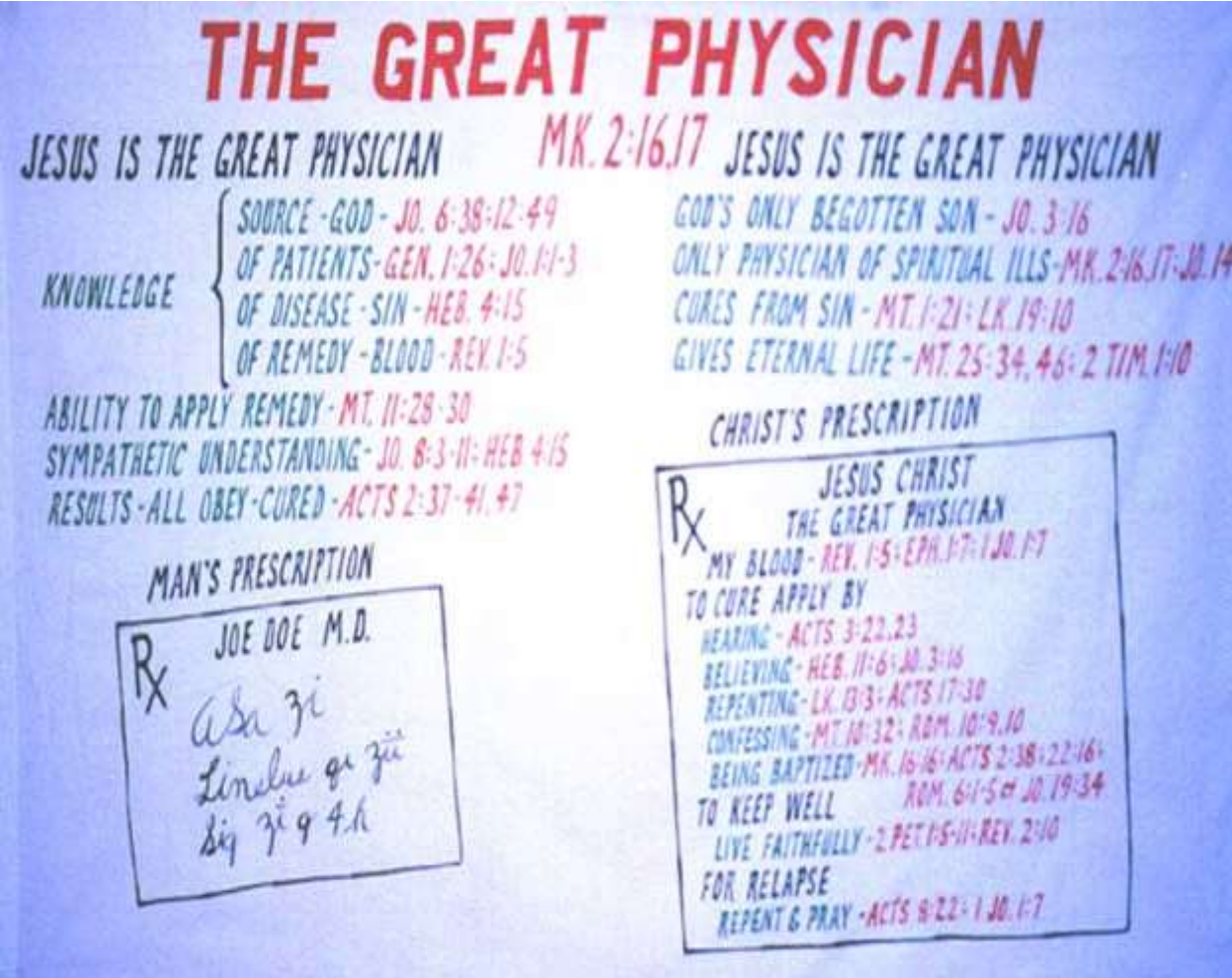
OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY March 10, 2024

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| Bible Class----- | 57 |
| AM Worship----- | 76 |
| PM Worship----- | \$5,891.25 |
| Contribution----- | \$2,336.10 |
| Average to Date ----- | \$3,199.66 |
| Budget to Date----- | \$3,127.00 |

Wednesday March 6, 2024

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| Bible Class----- | 66 |
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Scriptural sentiment worthy of song! Just as the lamb's blood prevented the Angel of Death in the last plague upon Egypt, we have the blood applied from the Passover Lamb of our covenant to prevent the Second Death. What an unsurpassed benefit having the Great Physician attend us in the spiritual needs of eternal consequence!