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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, March 3

The Church, God's Family

**1 Timothy 3:15; Ephesians 3:15;
Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31**

Wednesday, March 6

Study God's Word

**2 Timothy 2:15; Psalm 1:2; 2
Timothy 3:14-17; Psalm 119:105**

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

is not the ones that this world views as great that have accepted it. Some people, because of who they are or what they have, are the only ones who have access to the president or celebrities or other people our world views as great. Yet, we have access in our humility to the one who created this world (Eph. 2:18). In fact, one cannot find Him without child-like humility (Matt. 5:3; 18:1-4). He's not that far away.

We don't have to grope around in the dark in order to find Him. One of the most frightening things to me is to be lost in the blackness of a cave without a light. Some have the idea that this is how God has left us: groping around in this world without knowledge of what He wants. This is not the case! God has given us His Light to shine in the darkness, to illumine our path, to guide us home, and to lead others to Him (Ps. 119:110; Jn. 1:4-5; 8:12; II Tim. 3:16-17). Whenever we kneel to pray, or pick up our Bible to study, or fellowship with the saints, or serve the needy, or help the lost, may we always remember that our God is always right there. He's not that far away.

Andy Baker



Happenings in God's Family



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He's Not So Far Away

Praise God that He is not absent from this world. In fact, He has created all of us with the purpose that man "should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him..." (Acts 17:27). You and I are built with an instinct seeking God to know Him, but the last part of Acts 17:27 is most encouraging, "though He is not far from each one of us." God has not left us as "babes in the woods" but freely gives us reassurance that He is there for us, ready to offer help, and ready to accept our worship. He's close, but how close? He's close enough to each one of us that:

We don't have to go to extreme lengths to please Him. It seems in Acts 17, the Athenians' altar to the "unknown god" was their effort to not anger or neglect the god they did not know. How many people today are searching and thinking that God is calling them to do extreme things before He is pleased? Grueling pilgrimages, child sacrifices, snake handling, charismatic outbursts, and holy wars are all extreme inventions of man in an effort to please a God whom they do not know. He's not that far away.

We don't have to do extreme things in worship to be heard by Him. Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal in I Kings 18 teaches us that a man who is approved by God will follow God in worship to Him. The prophets of Baal had to make up their own worship because they made up their own god. Their efforts to cut themselves, leap upon their altars and cry aloud failed to produce a spark which would "light the fire." However, a simple prayer by an obedient man of God caused a fire within a nation to realize what was right, even if it was short-lived. God calls us to make our lives and worship as He directs (Jn. 4:24; 14:15). When our imaginations run wild with the things we think or imagine are ok, we forget that He's not that far away.

We don't have to be anyone great to be acknowledged by Him. "You see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called" (I Cor. 1:26-27). The gospel call is to everyone, however, it

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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

March 10, 2024 SERVANTS

Announcements; Blake Tyndell

LORD'S TABLE: Ernest Shelton
Jerry Yates Jimmy Smith

AM Songleader Blake Tyndell

AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYERS**

Dave Conley..... Scott Overstreet
Justin Tyndell John Thomas

PM Songleader:Gavin Cauley

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

Anniversary!
M/M Justin Tyndell March 8



Vienna sausages
H2R wants
canned cream corn

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, February 25, 2024

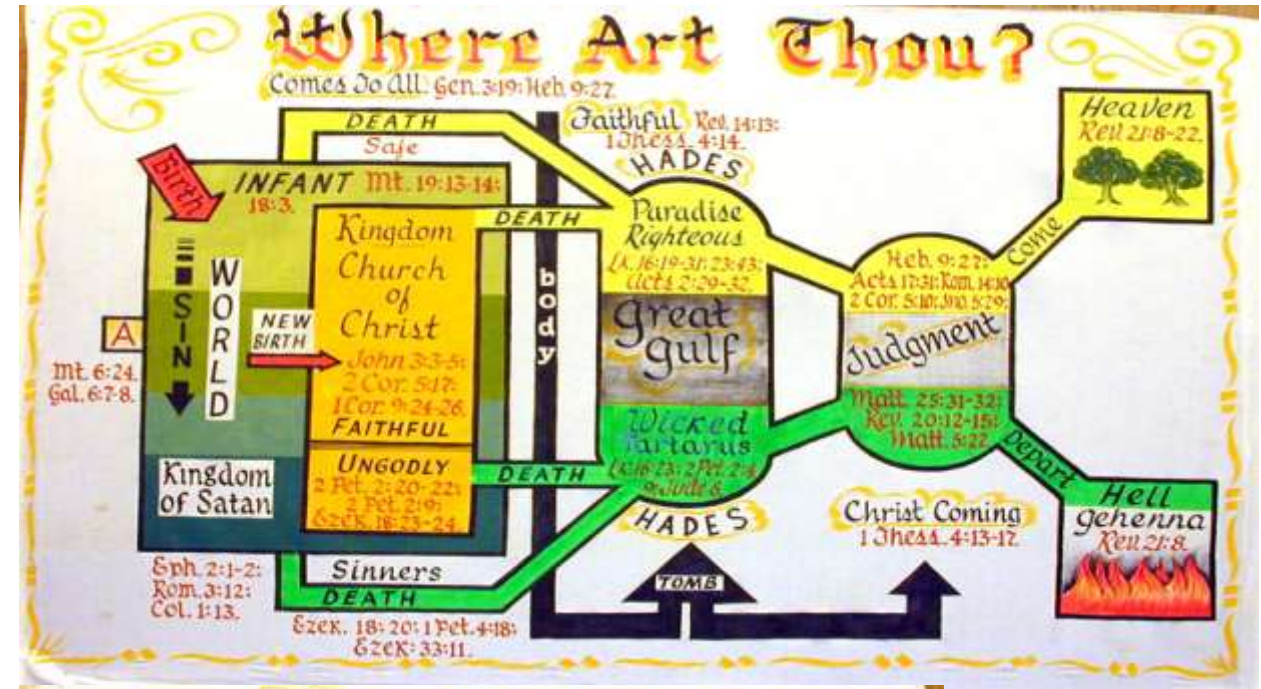
Bible Class-----	62
AM Worship-----	100
PM Worship-----	46
Contribution-----	\$2,588.74
Average to Date -----	\$2,971.16
Budget to Date-----	\$3,127.00

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Bible Class-----	54
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Reminders/Notices

1. Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Andy Baker will be March 31 through April 3.
2. Brother Jimmy Smith has agreed to preach for us in Kevin's absence on the morning of March 10 for Spring Break.
3. Homecoming Sunday will be the following Sunday, March 17.
4. Potluck will follow morning worship March 17 also.
5. Oak Grove will have a singing night Friday, March 22 at 7 pm



Thought the question is worth asking: twice? Certainly. Where we are is important to know in order to understand how to get where we want/need to be. God explained it to us in Scripture. Luke 16; Matthew 25; 1 Corinthians 15. Oh, that we might walk circumspectly, not blindly, through life! We should choose to walk in the light (1 John 1)