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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 24

Enoch

Genesis 5:18-27; Hebrews 11:5

Wednesday, March 27

Noah and the Ark

Genesis 6-7

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

house in order to prevent decaying and leakage from occurring (Ecclesiastes 10:18).

The wise man contemplates the furnishings of his house. Having completed his project, what is left but to furnish the house? Our hero reflects on the words of the psalmist, "I will behave wisely in a perfect way...I will walk within my house with a perfect heart" (Psalm 101:2, 7). Because he is wise, he considers well the harmful things that might corrupt and defile his abode (I Thessalonians 5:21-22). Thus, he "thoroughly furnishes" (II Timothy 3:17 KJV) his house with that which is able help him walk in "good works" as a complete and mature man.

Because the wise man has so built his house, he has prepared himself to live in this world knowing his house is just a temporary dwelling. The wise man looks anxiously for "a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (II Corinthians 5:1-ff) knowing this is the place that the Savior has prepared for him and is far better than any dwelling here on this earth (John 14:1-4).

Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it. And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves. And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.(Acts 28:28-31)

Happenings in God's Family



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"The Wise Man Built His House..."

Andy Baker

The popular children's song depicts the familiar illustration by Jesus in Matthew 7:24-27 of the Sermon on the Mount. Two men were building houses – a wise man and a foolish man. The difference between them: One heard the teachings of Jesus and did them, while the other heard them, and did not do them (Matthew 7:24, 26). Consider for a moment the things that a truly wise man does in building his spiritual house:

The wise man uses a solid foundation. Many things such as money, fame, strength, and teachings of other wise men give the appearance to be solid foundations (Jeremiah 9:23) However to this wise man, he knows that there is but one foundation that will withstand the storms of life and the storms of Judgment (Matthew 7:25). He knows that there is "no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 3:11). As the authority of Christ is the foundation for this astute individual (Colossians 3:17), he also knows that slab repair will never be necessary.

The wise man considers well his contractor. Even for this sensible fellow, he may be tempted to improvise or cut corners in finding a contractor to help him build upon his foundation. Yet, he remembers that there are so many who are out to take advantage of the careless and simple (see Matthew 7:15-23; II Peter 2), and so he considers well what the Psalmist said, "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it" (Psalm 127:1). A better contractor could not be found! The wise man then studies carefully the blueprints given by his contractor and constructs his house only according to the blueprint (I Timothy 4:16; II Timothy 1:13; 2:15).

The wise man uses lasting materials. He considers the things that his house must withstand the elements of different seasons (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8) and thus he strives to use quality building materials in construction. The nails which hold this thinker's house together he received from the wise (Ecclesiastes 12:11). Fastening the structure with such "well-driven nails" will ensure the stability and integrity of his house for years to come. The wise man diligently checks the uprightness of his

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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:
Shelah Shirley and Janie Martin

March 31, 2024 SERVANTS

Announcements; Blake Tyndell

LORD'S TABLE: Ernest Shelton
Jerry Yates Jimmy Smith

AM Songleader Kevin Cauley

AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYERS**

John Thomas Johnny Thomas
Jamey Thomas Jody Thomas

PM Songleader: Kevin Cauley

PM Communion: Jimmy Smith

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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

Birthday!

Marli Thomas March 30

Anniversary!

M/M Thomas McGee March 30



Canned fruit

H2R wants

canned cream corn

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY March 17, 2024

Bible Class-----	64
AM Worship-----	123
PM Worship-----	39
Contribution-----	\$3,365.75
Average to Date -----	\$3,214.76
Budget to Date-----	\$3,127.00

Wednesday March 13, 2024

Bible Class-----	56
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Reminders/Notices

1. Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Brother Andy Baker will be March 31 through April 3.
2. Oak Grove church in Mount Pleasant will have a singing night Friday, March 22 at 7 pm
3. The congregational cookbook informational sheets are on the table in the foyer.
4. The Grace Duffer wedding shower is at 2:00 March 24 in Multipurpose room.
5. The 4 & 5 year-olds in class together did 100% on the books of the Bible Sunday morning: Parker Orr, Sadie Thomas, Lily Orbison, and Boe Ebard. Sounds like they are a pretty sharp bunch! **Thanks** to parents and teachers and students all who work on our Sunday School content for milestones like this!



Preachers and other members of the body of Christ do (should) not seek to categorize Brethren this way and are (should be) not quick to judge. Further, hypocrisy would be a terrible activity to add to this list. However, Paul's point from 1 Timothy 3:15 is completely valid. We must pay attention to our activity, and behave ourselves according to God's instruction. Basic point same as Brother Andy Baker's article-Are we listening to God? jp