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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, April 7

Tower of Babel

**Genesis 11:1-9**

Wednesday, April 10

Abraham and Sarah

**Genesis 11:27-12:20**

**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

The Enticement of Sinners  
My son, hear the instruction of thy father,  
and forsake not the law of thy mother:  
For they shall be an ornament of grace unto  
thy head, and chains about thy neck.  
My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou  
not.

If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for  
blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent  
without cause:

Let us swallow them up alive as the grave;  
and whole, as those that go down into the  
pit:

We shall find all precious substance, we  
shall fill our houses with spoil:  
Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one  
purse:

My son, walk not thou in the way with them;  
refrain thy foot from their path:  
For their feet run to evil, and make haste to  
shed blood.

Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight  
of any bird.

And they lay wait for their own blood; they  
lurk privily for their own lives.

So are the ways of every one that is greedy  
of gain; which taketh away the life of the  
owners thereof. Proverbs 1:8-19

The Value of Wisdom

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and  
hide my commandments with thee;  
So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom,  
and apply thine heart to understanding;  
Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and lift-  
est up thy voice for understanding;  
If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest  
for her as for hid treasures;  
Then shalt thou understand the fear of the  
LORD, and find the knowledge of  
God. Proverbs 2:1-5

**Happenings in God's Family**



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Being a Spiritual Father (Part 1)

Fatherhood is vital to rearing godly children. God expected Adam to rear his children with the knowledge of God, but sin entered the world and thwarted God's plans. Cain murdered Abel and was cursed by God. When Seth was born, the Bible says Adam "begot a son in his own likeness, after his image" (Genesis 5:3). This contrasts to Adam's being made "in the likeness of God" (Genesis 5:1). Why the difference? Seth got his identity from Adam, but Adam was a sinner. Children receive their identity from their fathers.

Research has demonstrated that fathers who are engaged spiritually are apt to produce spiritually minded children. The mothers of the home may be 100% spiritual, but if their fathers are not, the children are not as apt to be either. Fathers need to have a close, loving, and nurturing relationship with their children. They must engage spiritually in several key areas: faithfulness to teaching, intensity of focus, attendance at weekly services, belief in biblical literalism, religious intensity, and civic engagement of one's beliefs (Families and Faith, Bengtson, Oxford: 2013, p.76-77). It is for these reasons that the Bible says, "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

One of the key factors in God's choosing Abraham and promising to make of him a great nation was his ability to be a good father. God said of Abraham, "For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him." When fathers fully participate in God's purposes this facilitates God's ability to increase blessings in the home.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

**April 7, 2024 SERVANTS**

**Announcements:** ..... Dave Conley

**LORD'S TABLE:** Jamey Thomas  
Justin Arsenault..... Micah Thomas

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

**AM PRAYERS**      **PM PRAYERS**

Tommy McGee.....Johnny Thomas

Jamey Thomas.....Eddie Cauley

**PM Songleader:** ..... John Thomas

**PM Communion:** Jamey Thomas

Prepare and fill communion trays for April:

Peggy Johnson and Wilma Alexander

**April 14, 2024 SERVANTS**

**Announcements:** ..... Dave Conley

**LORD'S TABLE:** Jamey Thomas  
Justin Arsenault..... Micah Thomas

**AM Songleader** ..... Blake Tyndell

**AM PRAYERS**      **PM PRAYERS**

Jim Patterson ..... Scott Overstreet

Justin Tyndell ..... John Thomas

**PM Songleader:** .....Gavin Cauley

**PM Communion:** Jamey Thomas

Prepare and fill communion trays for April:

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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!**

Clara Inman

April 10



**Canned fruit**

**H2R wants**

**canned cream corn**

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

**SUNDAY March 24, 2024**

Bible Class-----	60
AM Worship-----	112
PM Worship-----	64
Contribution-----	\$2,467.61
Average to Date -----	\$3,152.41
Budget to Date-----	\$3,127.00

**Wednesday March 27 2024**

Bible Class-----	64
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**Reminders/Notices**

1. Oak Grove church of Christ in Mount Pleasant will have a Gospel meeting with Ronnie Scherffius beginning April 7.
2. Jefferson church of Christ will also host a Gospel meeting April 14-17 with Dennis Morris preaching. Flyers are posted on the bulletin board.
3. Camp Ida session will be June 30-July 5.
4. Proposed dates for the mission trip to Brazil this year are also in July.
5. The Lamb's Academy (Mt. Vernon) schedule for this quarter is posted on the bulletin board.



The artist depicts an all-to-familiar attitude that may only really echo Cain's—who knows? Araunah's attitude is worthy of notice from this passage (2 Samuel 24) also. 2 Corinthians 9:7 says God loves a cheerful giver. This is a great reminder of the transformed nature of a Christian versus a worldly person. jp