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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 14  
Abraham and Lot  
**Genesis 13:1-12**

Wednesday, April 17  
Hagar; Sarah Laughs  
**Genesis 16:1-16; 18:1-15**

**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

For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

(1 Samuel 3:13)

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. (Matthew 10:37)

Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying. (Proverbs 19:18)

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

(Ephesians 6:4)

If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? (Hebrews 12:7-9)

If your address or phone number has changed, please let the church office know by calling or leave a note, or e-mail us the information.  
  
Thank You.

**Happenings in God's Family**



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**Being a Spiritual Father (Part 2)**

What must fathers do to facilitate spirituality? Consider Psalm 127:3-5: "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate." (ESV)

Children are a reward, and those who have them are blessed with happiness. The world's attitude is often the opposite: children are a burden; they are not wanted; they get in the way; they destroy a person's life; they take away freedom. In contrast, the Bible teaches that children give life to families.

Children do not get automatic updates downloaded to their systems. God created parents to educate them. Fathers are instrumental in developing children so that they become what God wants them to be. Fathers must teach the truth and provide good spiritual examples to their children because children identify with their fathers—not just boys, but girls too! Their behaviors, speech patterns, habits, goals, level of engagement with people, work ethic, spirituality, and other attributes that are essential to one's identity are formed through paternal modeling. This is why it is so critical that fathers have their identities in Jesus Christ.

Fathers are indispensable to spiritual families. God chose fathers to lead and guide the home, and children need them. The kind of leadership that God desires is not defined by the world, but by Jesus Christ who humbled Himself before God to serve His disciples. Fathers must do the same. Through servant leadership and humility, fathers may rear children to be spiritual in their outlook and pursue Christ in a lifetime of service. This fosters spiritual development and generational transformation in the family, the local community, and the nation.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

**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:  
Peggy Johnson and Wilma Alexander

**April 21, 2024 SERVANTS**

**Announcements;** ..... Dave Conley

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

**AM Songleader** ..... Tyler Orbison

**AM PRAYERS**      **PM PRAYERS**

Blake Tyndell..... Jerry Yates

Justin Arsenault..... Jim Patterson

**PM Songleader:** ..... Scott Overstreet

**PM Communion:** Jamey Thomas

Prepare and fill communion trays for April:  
Peggy Johnson and Wilma Alexander

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**



Canned fruit  
H2R wants  
canned cream corn

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

**Gospel meeting attendance**

3/31 Bible Class -----	60
3/31 AM Worship-----	112
3/31 Pm Worship-----	63
4/1 Monday evening-----	60
4/2 Tuesday evening-----	61
4/3 Wednesday evening-----	61

**SUNDAY April 7, 2024**

Bible Class -----	52
AM Worship-----	82
PM Worship-----	49
Contribution-----	\$2,247.75
Average to Date -----	\$3,087.80
Budget to Date -----	\$3,127.00

Reminders/Notices

1. Teachers' meeting for April 14 after morning worship.
2. Our potluck luncheon for April is set for April 21.
3. Our youth activity on April 28 after morning worship.
4. Camp Ida session will be June 30-July 5.
5. Several area churches are holding events in the coming weeks (Jefferson, Daingerfield, Atlanta) Check the bulletin board for announcements/invitations!
6. Please inform the office or elders if there are young people to be honored as "will-have-been" graduates at our ice cream supper in June!



We should be literally well-versed in these matters! Our understanding allows us to begin a walk (life) with Christ! "Nothing can for sin atone—nothing but the blood of Jesus" as one song puts it. What held Jesus on the cross where he shed his blood so that it continually cleanses from sin? (Revelation 1:5) LOVE: Love for the Father and love for all of us. We should especially be able to communicate the last point to others if they have had the Gospel basically delivered to them. God specifies/reveals HOW people are to be saved/forgiven/cleansed/washed/sanctified/regenerated/and reconciled to HIM. We can't substitute our own plans and preferences. There are consequences to ignoring and intentionally misunderstanding God on any and all points of obedience. The excuses and opinions we may hearken to can never alleviate the need for the blood of Christ any more than our physical need for water and air can be dispensed with by imagining it otherwise. It is REAL. jp