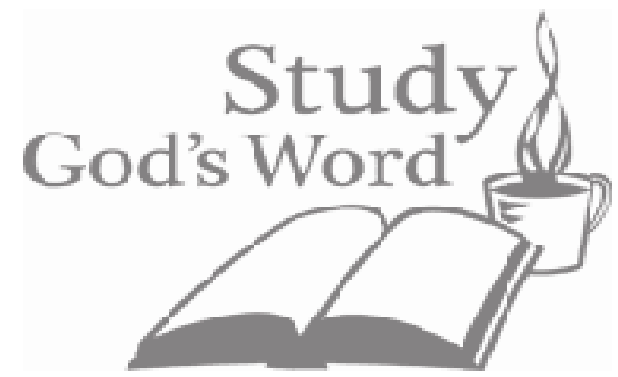


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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:
SUNDAY:
Bible Classes 9:30 AM
AM Worship 10:25 AM
PM Classes and devotional 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY:
Ladies' Bible Class 10:00 AM
Bible Classes and Devo 7:00 PM



BIBLE LESSON TEXTS

Sunday, March 9
Death of Solomon; Rehoboam reigns
1 Kings 11:41-43; 12:1-24; 14:21-31

Wednesday, March 12
Divided Kingdom—Jeroboam
1 Kings 12:25-33; 13:1-6; 14:1-20

God's Salvation Plan

HEAR the Gospel – Romans 10:17
BELIEVE on the Lord & His Word – Mark 16:16; John 8:24 as we investigate, assimilate, and evaluate evidences
REPENT of our sins – Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
recognizing God's goodness, Romans 2:4
because of our godly sorrow 2 Corinthians 7:10-11
CONFESS Christ – Matthew 10:32-33; 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
gaining access to all spiritual blessings in Christ Ephesians 1:3
(redemption, forgiveness, eternal life)
LIVE a faithful, dedicated life –walking in the Light 1 John 1:7-10
walking circumspectly Ephesians 5:15
Looking for and hasting unto the day of God 2 Peter 3:12;
1 Corinthians 15; Matthew 25; 2 Timothy 4; Revelation 22:20

Happenings in God's Family



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Devotion in Worship – Part 1

“And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there” (Matthew 14:23).
“How is your prayer life?” What a question! Who can say, “I am perfectly satisfied with my prayer life. I just do not know how it could get any better”? We allow too many carnal things to compete for our attention, and prayer demands our full attention!

All worship (public or private) demands full attention. How could it be any other way? Does the Ruler of the Cosmos, the Almighty God who created the heavens, the earth, and all that is in them, deserve anything less than one's full attention? God is worthy to be praised (Psalm 22:4)!

Culture, however, is defined by inattention. News is given in “headlines.” Entertaining videos are displayed in “shorts.” Some advertisements are now just 5 seconds long and then “skip.” Anything more and they lose attention. “Scrolling” shifts focus from one quick blurb/image to another.

Not any one thing keeps attention very long. Ironically, the thing that holds attention the longest is that which shifts attention the quickest – the so-called “smart device”! Who reads paper books anymore? Who can pay attention that long?

A survey of 96,000 college students reported that 44% show symptoms of depression, 37% have anxiety disorders, and 15% have seriously considered committing suicide. These numbers are growing. What is at the root of it?

Scripture gives us answers. “You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You” (Isaiah 26:3). Consider the wording, “whose mind is stayed on You.” This is the focus of one's attention on God. Peace is a blessing that results from focusing upon and trusting in the Lord.

God bless you, and I love you.
Kevin Cauley

SERVANTS March 16, 2025
Announcements ..Blake Tyndell

LORD’S TABLE: Earnest Shelton
Gavin Cauley..... Jimmy Smith

AM Songleader Tyler Orbison

AM PRAYERS ... **PM PRAYERS**

Scott Overstreet

Justin Arsenault.....Jim Patterson

PM Songleader: Scott Overstreet

PM Communion: Jimmy Smith

Prepare and fill communion trays for March:
Peggy J. and Janie M.

SERVANTS March 23, 2025
Announcements ..Blake Tyndell

LORD’S TABLE: Earnest Shelton
Gavin Cauley..... Jimmy Smith

AM SongleaderJustin Tyndell

AM PRAYERS ... **PM PRAYERS**

Jim Patterson

Jody Thomas..... Jimmy Smith

PM Songleader: Jamey Thomas

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.**



OUR FAITH IN ACTION	
SUNDAY, March 9, 2025	
Bible Class	47
AM Worship	79
Evening worship	45
Contribution	\$2,340.50
Average to Date	\$3,207.05
Budget to Date	\$3,146.00
Wednesday, March 5, 2025	
Bible Class	45



Canned fruit

Anniversary	
M/M James Posey	Mar 16
Birthdays	
Justin Arsenault	Mar 17
Tyler Orbison	Mar 21

- Reminders
1. Members! You can have a new picture made for our board in the foyer and directory. Just let Kevin know-he'll be back this Sunday morning-, and he'll take your picture after worship any Sunday morning. Also, **please check your entry in the directory in the foyer** for completion and accuracy. Make corrections for future revisions.
 2. Potluck luncheon is Sunday, March 16, in the multipurpose room after morning worship.
 3. Let us know in the office of any 2025 graduates in our family. Thanks in advance.

Jer. 10:5 Scarecrow Religion R. S. V.

I. Scarecrow Religion.

1. Used Primarily To Instill Fear.
A. Should Fear God. 2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Pet. 2:17.
B. Different Than Just Scare.
C. Reverence By Holy Fear. Heb. 11:7.
D. Holy Fear Different Than Terror. 1 John 4:18-19; 2 Tim. 1:7; Acts 10:35; 10:1-2; 9:31.

2. Scarecrow Religion, Not Christianity.
A. Serve, Afraid Not To.
B. No Joy. Rom. 15:13; 14:17; John 15:11; Acts 13:52; 1 Pet. 1:8.

II. Scarecrows, A Substitute.

1. Substitute Pure Religion. James 1:27.
2. Has No Liberty. A Cold, Ritualistic Imitation. Eph. 4:18.
3. Some Oppose Everything ~ Make Customs Law. Mt. 15:3.

III. Christianity Different.

1. Religion Of Joy. Rom. 14:17; 2 Cor. 8:2.
2. Accept Truth From Any Source. John 8:32.
3. Freedom From Idolatry, Hate, Superstition, Ignorance, Fear. 1 Pet. 1:14.



I am all for increasing our devotion and making sure we “add to” our faith (2 Peter 1). We are always pleased to observe spiritual growth in others and ourselves. However, we can’t expect God to be so pleased, or the outcomes to be as good, if our motivations are “off” (misdirected). The sheet sermon above distinguishes between fear and godly reverence. God would have us motivated to do right because it is right—because we love Him! Not prompted just by— or primarily by —a fear of not doing something. Proof in the pudding cited above is “joy”. Hebrews 12 briefly speaks to the motivation of our Lord as He did always those things that please the Father. The writer says He “for the joy” set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame. Let’s strive in all ways possible to identify with Jesus, imitating Him as much as possible. jp