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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 30

Naboth's Vineyard

1 Kings 21

Wednesday, April 2

Micaiah

1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 18

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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The Way of Wisdom – Part 1

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways" (James 1:5-8).

There is an Internet prayer going around about patience: "Lord, please bless me with patience, not opportunities to be patient. I have had plenty of those. Could I just have the actual patience?" The prayer is funny because, for those of us who have experienced "opportunities to be patient," we have all failed at one point or another and would just rather skip that part. The truth is that failure at being patient teaches patience because impatience does not produce the same results. Obtaining wisdom can be like this, but it does not necessarily need to be that way.

The very act of praying for wisdom produces instant wisdom because it is wise to open oneself up to the possibility of receiving wisdom. The act of doubting that God will give wisdom is itself unwise because one closes oneself off to the possibility of receiving wisdom, which, in and of itself, is not wise. It is wise to desire wisdom. Too, praying for wisdom is wise because it recognizes that one lacks wisdom and needs more. It is wise to acknowledge one's deficiencies. It shows a level of understanding of reality that many do not have. Many assume that all their thoughts are true and wise at the outset; they would not question them. The one who questions himself and prays is a step above those who would not even consider otherwise.

God bless you and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

SERVANTS March 30, 2025
Announcements ..Blake Tyndell

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

AM SongleaderJim Patterson

AM PRAYERS ...**PM PRAYERS**

Tommy McGee.....

Jamey Thomas..... Jody Thomas

PM Songleader: John Thomas

PM Communion: Jimmy Smith

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

SERVANTS April 6, 2025
Announcements ...Dave Conley

LORD’S TABLE: Jamey Thomas
Justin Arsenault..... Micah Thomas

AM Songleader Eddie Cauley

AM PRAYERS ...**PM PRAYERS**

Earnest Shelton, Jr

Jamey Thomas..... Eddie Cauley

PM Songleader: John Thomas

PM Communion: Jamey Thomas

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

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.**



<u>OUR FAITH IN ACTION</u>	
SUNDAY, March 16, 2025	
Bible Class	52
AM Worship	88
Evening worship	53
Contribution	\$3,291.98
Average to Date	\$3,114.62
Budget to Date	\$3,146.00
Wednesday, March 19, 2025	
Bible Class	50



Canned fruit

Anniversary	
M/M Thomas McGee	Mar 30
M/M Scott Overstreet	April 4
Birthdays	
Marli Thomas	Mar 30
Gavin Cauley	Mar 31
Tim Galyon	April 4

- Reminders
1. Members! You can have a new picture made for our board in the foyer and directory.
 2. Also, **please check your entry in the directory in the foyer** for completion and accuracy. Make corrections for future revisions. I am going to start calling folks to get individual bits of info this week.
 3. Let us know in the office of any 2025 graduates in our family. Thanks in advance.

Dress With Respect

When I saw the President of Ukraine sitting in the Oval Office with the whole world watching, I couldn’t help but notice how out of place he appeared in the clothes he wore. He looked like someone going for a jog. He knew how important this meeting was. He knew how the President and everyone else would dress. His outward appearance said something right away about his attitude.

My mind went back immediately to Joseph. When the king of Egypt heard that he could interpret dreams, he sent for him. Joseph was in prison. Now he was about to appear before the most powerful man on earth. Did he walk into the palace of the king in the clothes he was wearing? No. The Bible says “he shaved, changed his clothing, and came to Pharaoh” (Gen. 41:14). This king expected a respectful demeanor and Joseph was on the same page.

Over forty years ago, I heard older preachers discuss dressing for worship. I never heard anyone say a person’s clothes had to be expensive or look as nice as someone else’s. But they did answer the question with a piercing question: If you were going to appear before the President of the United States, how would you dress?

I have never seen a church announcing that every person who comes to worship must wear fine clothes. But I do see churches making a point about coming to their services in casual dress. Why? To appeal to a culture that is casual about almost everything. Now church services are so casual, so laid back, and so carefree that the fear of God is gone. Preachers tell jokes and elicit applause instead of preaching the gospel. Prayers are like casual talks with a buddy instead of reverent pleas before the throne of God. And, perhaps worst of all, the message to young people is that worship is more about them than God.

I doubt that any of these preachers who are so casual about worship will crack jokes to people standing beside them on the day of judgment. It is high time to take seriously these words: “Let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire” (Heb. 12:28-29).

Kerry Duke
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