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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, April 6

Elijah Taken Up

2 Kings 2:1-15

Wednesday, April 9

Elisha and Bitter Waters; Jeering Youths

2 Kings 2:19-25

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 2

"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).

Putting confidence in God is also wise. It is a shift away from confidence in self. The tension between God and self is the ultimate test of faith because each person is always there with himself to challenge whether he will trust in God. Proverbs 3:5-7 make this clear. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil."

By contrast, doubting God elevates self. Doubts come from rationalizations and self-justifications. The Greek word for "doubt" here is διακρίνω (diakrínō). It means to separate something thoroughly. Analogically, it means to discriminate or oppose. In James 1:6, it means to oppose oneself, hence, doubt, waver, hesitate. James is painting this scene: At one moment, a person kneels in prayer, asking God to give him wisdom. The next moment, he says to himself, "it will never happen." His thoughts are contradictory. They have no stability. This man is like the wave of the sea that is up one moment and down the next.

What does a person get who undoes everything he has done? (One minus one equals zero.) How could he receive anything from God? His own behavior prevents God from giving him anything, even under the perfect conditions, and God is the perfect giver. He gives liberally and without reproach. That is, He gives and doesn't take back, but one who doubts gives up what God gives him by doubting the gift.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

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 April:
Mary Jo and Vicki.

SERVANTS April 13, 2025
Announcements ...Dave Conley

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

AM Songleader Blake Tyndell

AM PRAYERS **...PM PRAYERS**
Jim Patterson
James Posey..... John David Thomas

PM Songleader: John Thomas

PM Communion: Jimmy Smith

Prepare and fill communion trays for April:
Mary Jo and Vicki.

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 30, 2025	
Bible Class	55
AM Worship	89
Evening worship	46
Contribution	\$4,044.25
Average to Date	\$3,186.13
Budget to Date	\$3,146.00
Wednesday, March 26, 2025	
Bible Class	54



Canned fruit

Birthdays	
Clara Inman	April 10

- Reminders
1. Let us know in the office of any 2025 graduates in our family. Thanks in advance.
 2. Information on area Gospel Meetings and other events like a Fish Fry and a Ladies’ Day are posted on the bulletin board right now.
 3. Potluck Luncheon for April will be on the 13th after morning worship.

Auditing Our Time

There has been a great amount of press lately on the effort being made to identify wasteful and corrupt spending of taxpayer dollars. Billions and trillions of dollars will be identified as having been unwisely or corruptly used. When our government continually operates with trillions of dollars of debt, I am hopeful that some long-lasting good will come out of the audits taking place.

Since most of us live in the real world, we know what it means to budget! And at times we have to audit and adjust. We do so with our finances, but we also do so with our time and our priorities! One of the assets that God has equally entrusted to each of us amounts to 86,400 each day. That’s the number of seconds in each day.

As Paul sought to encourage and exhort the saints in Ephesus, he encouraged them to make the best use of their time! When we find ourselves too busy to devote proper attention to Prayer, Bible Study, Worship or Christian Service – it’s time to do a personal audit of how wise we are being with making the best use of our time.

One of the stories I was made aware of came in connection with the stoppage of funding for USAID. A former Harding classmate founded MANA Nutrition that makes a special peanut butter paste for severely malnourished children around the world. Last week he received word that all his contracts through USAID had been canceled, leaving them with millions of dollars of product ready to be shipped, and labeled so that they could only be used for USAID contracts. On Sunday, after auditing and evaluating the proper use of those funds, their contracts were reinstated.

Do we have some priorities of life that we need to reinstate? In an effort to manage our time, have we in fact removed some disciplines that are in fact the “best use of the time” allotted to us?

May God help us to prioritize our lives properly! To Him be the glory!

John Helbig, Graeber Road Church of Christ, Rosenberg, TX *via* Bulletin Digest.com