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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:
SUNDAY:

Bible Classes 9:30 AM
AM Worship 10:25 AM
Bible Classes and Devo 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY:

Ladies' Bible Class 10:00 AM
Bible Classes and Devo 7:00 PM

BIBLE LESSON TEXTS

Sunday, December 7
Peter's Confession
Matthew 16:13-28; Mark 8:27-38;
Luke 9:18-27

Wednesday, December 10
Transfiguration
Matthew 17:1-13;
Mark 9:2-13; Luke 8:28-36

Whose Side Are You On?

Many years ago I read of a man who had been a faithful Christian all his life. Then in his later years, he became completely deaf, yet still attended every worship service and Bible class of the church. Someone wrote him a note asking, "Since you can't hear the sermons, prayers, songs, or Bible classes, why do you still attend?" His reply was, "I want eve-

ryone, including the devil and the Lord, to know whose side I'm on!" There are good reasons why we need to be present for all the worship services and Bible classes. Among them are these:

1. The scriptures plainly tell us that's what we should do. "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling them word of truth."(2 Tim. 2:15). If I choose to stay home from the Bible classes where I could learn about the will of God for my life, I'm violating that scripture. If I stay home on Sunday night, I'm cutting the number of sermons I could benefit from by at least 50%, so once again, I'm not doing my best to become a worker for the Lord who is capable of rightly handling the word of truth. Many take comfort in a misunderstanding of Hebrews 10:25, convincing themselves that it refers only to the Sunday morning worship assembly. Interestingly, the worship assemblies in the New Testament where we have indication of the time seem to be on Sunday night. The one in Acts 20:7-12 certainly was, since Paul spoke until midnight. The first two meetings of the disciples after the resurrection were on Sunday nights (John 20:19, 26). Sunday was still a workday, so they often met very early in the morning before going to work and then again after work.
2. History tells us the same thing. About A.D. 107, the Roman Procurator of Pontus and Bithynia, Pliny the Younger, an enemy of Christians, records in his letter to the Emperor Trajan that the Christians he was persecuting met both on Sunday morning and on Sunday night.
3. Our ability to lead others to Jesus is greatly compromised when we are inconsistent in our attendance. We sing, "O how I love Jesus" on Sunday morning, but if it's not enough to bring us back on Sunday night and Wednesday night, both the Lord and other people may have a right to question the strength of that professed love. And they certainly will view our lack of attendance as hypocrisy and backsliding.
4. Some see attendance on Sunday morning as a "minimum requirement" for salvation, but no such concept is found in the Bible. Rather Paul says, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship"(Rom. 12:1). It's hard to reconcile "living sacrifice" with a "minimum requirement."
5. It lets everyone--other people, the Lord, and the devil-- know whose side we're on! BD Feb. 10 Jim Mullican Kirbyville, TX



Happenings in God's Family

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Jesus Chose! (Part 1)

I cannot think of a more encouraging thought than to think of the title of this article—Jesus Chose! We have the great blessing of being able to look back upon the events that led up to the cross and learn from the life of Christ how we can live our life as well. The Hebrew writer states, "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). Let's look at a few things that Jesus Chose.

Jesus chose to come to this earth. In Philippians 2:5-6, we read, "Have this mind in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men." He chose to leave the form of God and empty Himself. He chose to take the form of a servant. He chose to be made in the likeness of men. If HE chose to be a servant, we can choose to be a servant too!

Jesus chose to preach the gospel. In Matthew 4:23 we read, "And Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people." He chose to leave the trade of His earthly father. He chose to leave behind his family and friends. He chose to teach and preach the gospel. Sometimes we must also do these things to preach the gospel of Christ. But if HE chose to do it, we can too!

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

SERVANTS December 2025

AnnouncementsDave Conley

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

PM Communion:Jamey Thomas

Pick up visitor cards:
Deacon Tyndell and Parker Orr

December 7, 2025

AM Songleader Eddie Cauley

AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYER**

Earnest Shelton

Eddie Cauley Eddie Cauley

PM Songleader: John Thomas

December 14, 2025

AM Songleader Blake Tyndell

AM PRAYERS **PM PRAYER**

John Thomas

James Posey John Thomas

PM Songleader: Gavin Cauley

If you cannot serve, please call
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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 – 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 –walk in the Light 1 John 1:7-10



Canned Fruit

OUR FAITH IN ACTION	
WEDNESDAY, November 26, 2025	
Bible Class	61
SUNDAY, November 30, 2025	
Bible Class	60
AM Worship	87
Evening worship	49
Contribution	\$4,399.25
Average to Date	\$3,223.34
Budget to Date	\$3,146.00

Reminders, announcements, and thanks

1. Thanks to Kevin and Mary Lynn for hosting the Holiday Party December Potluck again!

2. **The Cauleys will be gone for vacation again over the Christmas and New Year’s holidays beginning December 19 through the 3rd of January.**

Birthday

James Williams

Nov 30

The Confession

1. **The Confession a Command**
Ex.12:8 – matt.10:32

2. **The Confession we are to make 1Jn.4:15**
a. The Confession is not how we feel ac.16:9
b. The Confession is not that God for Christ's sake has pardoned our sins

3. **Manner of Confession**
1. Public Ex.12:8 ; Oral, when possible Rom.10:10

4. **Some Reasons for Confession**
1. **Show Not Ashamed** Rom.1:16
2. **Manifestation of Faith & Allegiance**
3. **All Shall Confess Him in Judgment**
Rom.14:11
4. **Should Confess Him to Glory of God**
Phil.2:10-11
5. **Examples of this Confession**
ac. 8:37; Mt.16:18

5. **The Result of the Confession**
1. Christ Shall Confess us Before the Father and the angels
2. Those that Refuse shall be Denied of Christ
-matt.10:32 ; 1 Jn. 2:23

6. **This Confession must Be made a Living Confession**
1. We can void our Oral Confession by an Evil Life Titus 1:6
2. Some did this; Erred Concerning the Faith 1 Tim.6: 20-21
3. We must hold fast to our Profession or what we Confess Heb.4:14
a. We may do this by being Faithful in all things Heb.10:24-25
b. We can do so by being Steadfast acts 2:42
c. By Being Faithful unto Death Rev. 2:10

Some might make light of the command of confession. After all, it seems a little thing at times. Simon Peter’s confession was preserved for us in the New Testament, yet he was later ashamed of Jesus — enough so to deny him outright, with curses and swearing. Further still, it is Peter in Acts 8 who seeks to correct Simon “the sorcerer”, who has some improper attitudes and misguided notions. Peter tells Simon to 1. Repent and 2. Pray “that the **thought** of thine heart may be forgiven thee”

Consider: Words are tools, as conveyors of **thought**. Strung together into sentences, they express complete thoughts. Sincerity is that mode or state of honesty with conviction of what is (the truth) being stated. Such is the topic under consideration here: Confession is to be made sincerely with conviction of specific truth pertaining to Jesus’ identity as the Son of God. If our words are so made powerful in the promise of God (Romans 10:9,10), reflect on the words that will result also based on our words and actions (Matthew 10:32,33; 25:31ff; 1 John 2:23) These will be uttered by Jesus himself, who even now upholds all things by the word of His power, is able to speak sins forgiven, and does call even the dead back to life.

Abraham Lincoln in the Gettysburg Address mentioned “our poor power to add or detract.” However, what we *do* matters, and the same is true for what we say.... It matters because God says so. jp