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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

When people fail to know the truth in God’s word, they easily fall for false teaching. The best way to protect ourselves from lies, myths, and falsehoods comes from knowing Scripture. It’s noble to examine the teaching we hear carefully and to compare it with what the Bible says. In Acts 17:11 Luke said the Bereans “were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.” They listened intelligently; they didn’t simply swallow whatever Paul preached. They checked him out. God considers it noble to examine, to evaluate, and to distinguish the truth from error, the right from wrong, and the Biblical from the human. For this reason 1 John 4:1 says, “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” (T)

Phil Sanders, WW-S-46-2014

BIBLE LESSON TEXTS

Sunday, November 23
Twelve Commissioned
Matthew 10:1-14; Mark 6:7-13;
Luke 9:1-6

Wednesday, November 26
John’s Death
Matthew 14:1-13;
Mark 6:17-32; Luke 9:7-9

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



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Should Religion Be Irrational? (Part 4)

How many times have you heard this one, "It doesn't matter what you believe." Don't take that one to driving school. It will not pass. "The sign says 'STOP' but it just doesn't matter what you believe." Would you tell a police officer this? Imagine the conversation: "Officer, I know I was doing 80 in a 35, but, it doesn't matter what you believe." One will find a deaf ear when that ticket is written. Don't try this in a court of law either. "I know I wrote a hot check, judge, but I'm not wrong because after all, it doesn't matter what you believe." The judge will reply, "30 days, and if you don't believe that it is wrong after that amount of time, you can have another 60."

This kind of irrationalism would never pass muster in society. However, when it comes to religion, this is commonly used as an excuse for not following the word of God. How much more important is our relationship to God?! How much more valuable is the soul?! Yet we don't hold those who claim to care for it to the high standards that we hold our driving instructors, law officers and judges. It is obvious to all that regarding matters of practicality that these sentiments would never pass scrutiny. However, when it comes to religion, people expect the irrational. So, they excuse themselves in irrational ways.

Faith is not irrational! Walking by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7) does not mean that we leave our brains outside the church building! The Holy Spirit gives us evidence to believe that God exists, Jesus is His Son, and the Bible is His word (John 20:30-31). God expects us to reason about the evidence and come to the correct conclusions.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

<u>SERVANTS</u> November 2025	
<u>Announcements</u>	Blake Tyndell
<u>LORD'S TABLE:</u>	Gavin Cauley
Earnest Shelton.....	Jimmy Smith
<u>PM Communion:</u>	Jimmy Smith
<u>Pick up visitor cards:</u>	
Deacon Tyndell and Parker Orr	
<u>November 23, 2025 DST ends</u>	
<u>AM Songleader</u>	Blake Tyndell
<u>AM PRAYERS</u>	<u>PM PRAYER</u>
Dave Conley	
James Posey	John Thomas
<u>PM Songleader:</u>	Gavin Cauley
<u>November 30, 2025 DST ends</u>	
<u>AM Songleader</u>	Jim Patterson
<u>AM PRAYERS</u>	<u>PM PRAYER</u>
Tommy McGee	
Jamey Thomas	Jody Thomas
<u>PM Songleader:</u>	John Thomas
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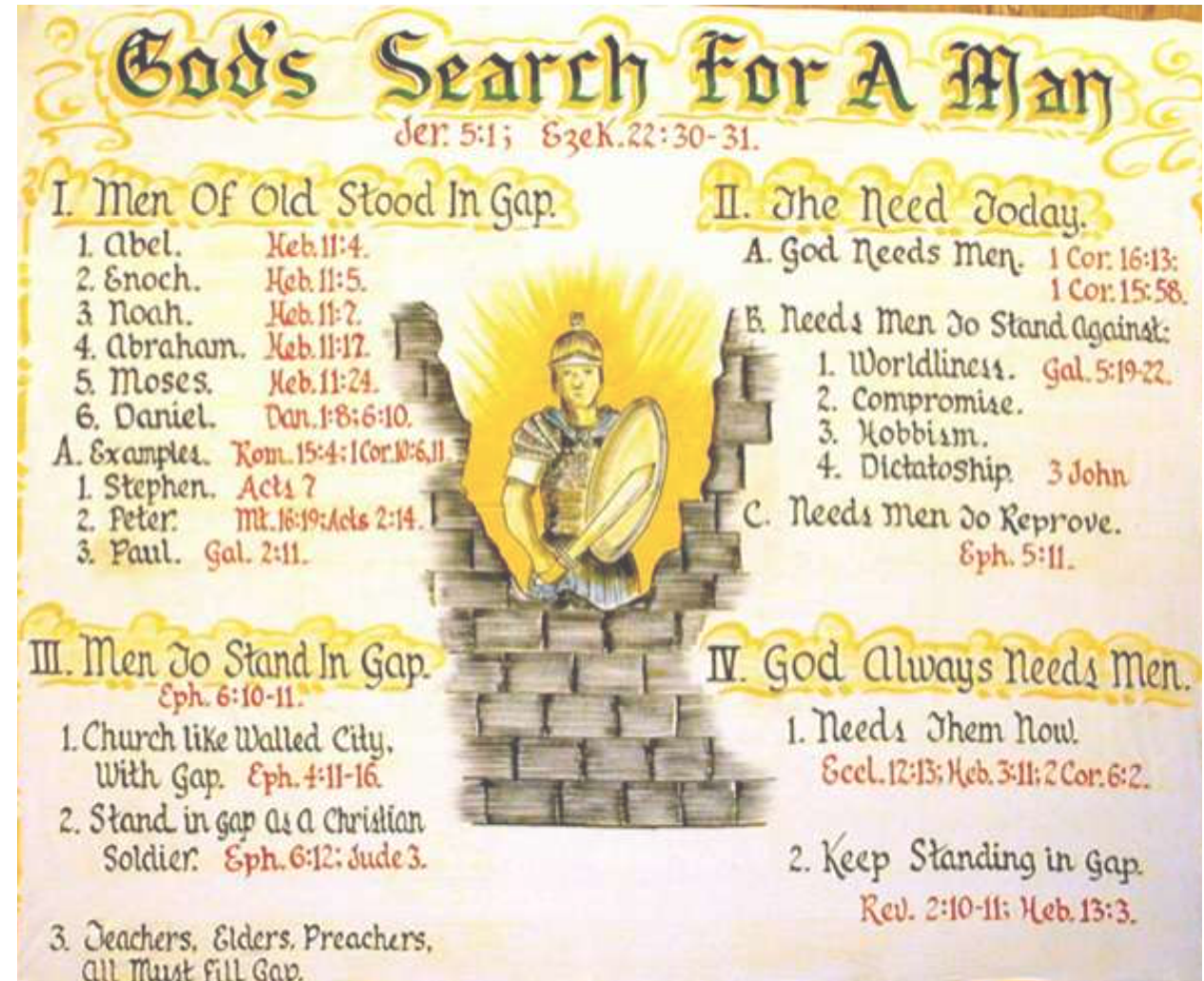
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Bible Class	62
AM Worship	87
Evening worship	43
Contribution	\$2,661.55
Average to Date	\$3,204.10
Budget to Date	\$3,146.00

1. Holiday Party is coming up fast after Thanksgiving. December 6, at 5pm.
2. We have a speaker lined up to be here on November 30. **Craig Deputy** will be here to teach class and preach for us that Sunday morning. He'll have a lot of information for us about the Foster's Home for Children out near Stephenville.
3. Don't forget the Truth for Today JOSHUA commentary is \$26. If you want one, come to the office!



Canned Fruit



As untold millions, yea even billions of souls are hurt by the lies of Satan, we have the truth that men need! God would have all men to be saved, but men have their own desires in conflict with God's. Also, many seek to find their *own* way to a favorable destiny. The truth saves men's souls. So many are not ready to stand in the gap. Islam is on the rise, do we know how to defend against its onslaught? Catholicism has likewise been leading people astray from the word of God for centuries. Do we know how to show others its shortcomings, faults, and fallacies? Those who will be able to stand in the gap successfully are those who prepare themselves for the work of a soldier-engage and overcome the enemy. ALL of us are called upon: "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (Ephesians 6:13)