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SUNDAY SERVICES

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Class.....10:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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Dub Hill.....Russia
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the B-I-B-L-E that's the book for me

SFA VBS 2022

June 5 - 8, 2022

Sunday - 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Monday - Wednesday

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Nightly classes available for pre-school to adults

The Books of the Law Giver - *George Beals*

The Books of History - *Steve Atnip*

The Books of Wisdom - *Forest Antemesaris*

The Books of Prophecy - *Bruce Daugherty*



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Jesus Loves Us All

Joshua Cantrell

One of the great attributes about God is his constant love for mankind. When we try to fathom that kind of love, it is unmeasurable to anything the world has seen. A good study of First John helps us to know God's love (1 Jn. 2:5; 3:16; 4:8). Luke records, "For the Son of man is come, to seek and to save that which was lost" (Lk. 19:10). Jesus handpicked twelve men who would personally help him preach the Gospel to the world (Mat. 10:1-4). One of those men he selected was Judas Iscariot.

Jesus Knew

Jesus knew Judas was going to betray him, yet He still loved him and wanted his soul to be saved. The chief priests were often looking for ways to put Jesus to death (Mt. 26:14-16). On this occasion they were going to get help from one of Jesus' disciples. It's as if these men were sitting around a table plotting how they were going to kill him. Judas was "at the right place at the right time." Judas knew they wanted to kill Jesus. He heard the threats, and he was also chased out of towns. Who better to betray Jesus than someone in his circle?

The fact that Jesus knew and still allowed Judas to be around him just shows us how much Jesus truly loves us. Judas unfortunately loved something else more than he loved his Lord. Judas allowed his greed to put him into a position where he would betray Jesus (Jn. 12:1-5).

Judas Was Not Alone

John reveals that Judas allowed the devil to use him (Jn. 13:2). Yet, we come to know that Judas was a greedy man long before the devil got to him (Jn. 12:6). John later reveals, "He was of that wicked one" (1 Jn. 3:12).

Jesus predicted one of them was going to betray him (Jn. 13:21-30). Interestingly, Jesus treated Judas so well that none of the other Apostles could determine which one was going to betray Him. Judas, in essence, had sold his soul to the devil through ambition and greed. Judas watched and waited for the right opportunity to betray Jesus (Mt. 26:15-16).

His Love Is Infinite

Jesus goes into the room with his Apostles (the last supper). He knows he's about to be betrayed. He is about to be stabbed in the back by the one he poured his life into. Yet, Jesus loved him anyway. Are we able to love the "Judases" in our own lives like Jesus loved Judas? When Judas realized he had wrongly treated Jesus, he went to the chief priest to try and make it right (Mt. 27:3-10). Unfortunately, Judas went to the wrong place for comfort. When we find ourselves distant from our Lord, we need to go back to him to make things right. He, and he alone, can give us the comfort we need.

Youth Group

Vince Daugherty

Example of a bad steward (Luke 16)

Jesus told of a parable known as the "unjust steward." There was once a master who had a steward (a steward is a servant who is responsible for his master's goods). But, there was an accusation against him that he was wasting his master's goods. When he was told to report back to his master, he panicked. He went to settle his master's accounts and cheated the master out of the goods and money that he owed. Jesus said the lesson to learn is this, "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much" (Luke 16:10). How about you? Can you be trusted to take care of other people's things, or can you not be trusted? When you are given the responsibility, do you do a good job, or do people know they can trust you to help? A good steward of God can be trusted, in whatever he is given. When we are young, we may not have too many things to be responsible for, but what we do have, we need to take care of and practice being good stewards. Not only because maybe our parents say so, but because we want to be good stewards of God as well. So what about it, are you an example of a good steward or a bad one?

SFA FAMILY MATTERS

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16

Our Members:

Bob Pratt - health
 Jim Turner - health
 Brian Smith - heart health
 Debbie Bush - struggles
 Sharon M. Washington - health
 Antoine & Marcella Swain - health
 Janie Wise - health
 Wayne Shearer - health/test results
 Darlene and Brenda - traveling
 Jimmy Sweeney - surgery recovery
 Harper Anderson - flu

PRAYER LIST

Ron & Judy Ford - health
 Bernetta Green - health & strength
 Bobby Simpson - health
 Margaret Coone
 Annett Phillip - health
 Vanessa Palmer - health
 Bill Long - health
 George Davis - eye procedure
 Virginia Walker - lung infection
 Bobby Sheumaker - health

(Please update the office of any changes)

The **EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS** prayer requests are emailed every week and posted on the bulletin board. Please let the office know if someone's status on that list needs to be updated or if a person needs to be removed from the list

Pray for our Shut-ins

Joyce Burbage Carol Eason

Updates & Prayer requests

Bobby Sheumaker was in the hospital for observation but is now home.

Harper Anderson has the flu.

Jimmy Sweeney had shoulder surgery and is home recovering.

Wayne Shearer requests prayers for good results on recent tests.

Pray for upcoming **Vacation Bible School, Mission Trip** to Huron, SD, **Bible Camps**, members traveling for summer vacations

Summer quarter begins June 12, 2022

Two's - Elementary - Overview of New Testament
Middle School - High School Sunday - "Always Be Ready," Vince Daugherty
Adults Sunday - How to read/study your Bible, Rick Kenyon
Adults Sunday - Acts, Vince Daugherty
Adults Wednesday - Genesis, Brian Kenyon
Ladies Wednesday - Personal studies, fellowship hall



Sundays at 5:45 pm - Prayer time for evangelism efforts
Sundays at 5:45 pm - Pew packers in auditorium
Wednesdays at 10:00 am - Ladies' class
Thursdays at 7:00 pm - Ladies Bible class

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

May

Designated Elder - David Anderson

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Announcements Brian Kenyon
 Song Leader/prayer Kyle Bingle
 Devo Kyle Faneuf
 Closing Prayer Allen Grimes

Sunday, June 5, 2022

10:30 A.M.

The Heart That Grieves Joshua Cantrell
 Hebrews 13:5-8

6:00 P.M.

Devotion..... Brian Kenyon
 VBS lesson George Beals

10:30 A.M.

Open/Close bldg (both) D. Anderson
 Greeters Bingle
 Song/prayer before class Stacey Paulin
 Announcements Brian Kenyon
 A.M. Song Leader David Williams
 Scripture reading/Prayer Lou Van Allen
 Lord's Table Tucker Sweeney
 Closing Prayer Josh Estridge

6:00 P.M.

P.M. Song Leader David Williams
 Scripture reading/Prayer Mike Van Allen
 Lord's Table Tucker Sweeney
 Closing Prayer Wayne Shearer
 Greeters Stewart

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Announcements Brian Kenyon
 Song Leader/Prayer Vince Daugherty
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 Closing Prayer Allen Grimes

Upcoming Events

June

5-8 - VBS
 6 - Senior Saints class
 12 - Elders/deacons mtg
 11-18 - Mission trip, SD
 15 - Ladies' class begins
 18 - Men's breakfast, Haines City
 26 - CFBC begins
 26 - Fellowship in-service

July

4 - Independence Day
 16 - Summer cookout
 21-23 - WWCC K-5
 24 - Fellowship in-service



~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

May 15 \$6,161.00
May 22 \$5,038.00
May 29 (building fund) \$7,709.00
Contribution Average \$6,416.58
Weekly budget \$7,663.43

What do you think of when you think of sin? I think of things like adultery, murder and drunkenness! God, however, has a much longer list of things He calls sin! He tells us in Galatians 5 that these things will keep us from inheriting Heaven!!

His list includes contentions (heated disagreements) and dissensions (disagreements, conflicts, disharmony)!! OUCH! If you are like me, you can recall an instance of this in your own life!! Let us exam ourselves. Is whatever you may be in disagreement about with someone worth your soul??

Let us strive to live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16). Let us remember that the world and our children are watching us, and if they see that we can't get along with those who will be our "neighbors" in Heaven, what impression are they getting of the church?

Love one another as I have loved you, so you also must love one another.

John 13:34

Who Is like the Lord Our God?

Psalm 113

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the Lord!

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*Sanctify them
in the truth;
Your word is truth.*

John 17:17



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