January1, 2023

A.M. Worship 81 Contribution \$5.457.00 \$5,653.00 Weekly Budget

THOSE WHO SERVE

January 8 January 15

LOCK BUILDING

Jeff King Jeff King

PROJECTOR

Kim Smith Caleb Griffith John Trammel Drew Stidman

SCRIPTURE READING

Joe Maywald David Johnson

FIRST PRAYER

Gerry Austin Darrin Griffith

LORD'S SUPPER

Curtis Sanford Joe Maywald Joel Sarabia Stephen Bailey Carl Barrow Kim Smith John Trammel D.D. Lindsey **Quincey Trammel Brian Casey** Michael Welch William Stidman Caleb Griffith James Carr Darrin Griffith Randy Wilkinson Rick Arnold Gary Faycosh Larry Timaeus Jeff King

CLOSING COMMENTS

Walter Anderson Walter Anderson

CLOSING PRAYER

James Henry **Kyle Teat**

EVENING SCRIPTURE READING

Walter Anderson James Henry

FIRST PRAYER

Joe Davis Scott Ratcliff

LORD'S SUPPER

Rick Arnold Joe Davis Carl Barrow William Stidman

CLOSING PRAYER

Gerry Austin Dan Talbot



JANUARY 8, 2023

GREETERS

James & Christina Henry January 8

Curtis & Tammy Sanford

January 15

Carl & Sharon Barrow

MONITORS

Carl Barrow January 8 January 15

MEN TO COUNT CONTRIBUTIONS

January 8 J. Henry & W. Stidman January 15 D.D. Lindsey & Joe Maywald

SPECIAL SERVICE

Communion Preparation **Sharon Barrow** Clean Communion Trays **Sharon Barrow**

SONG LEADERS - January

8 Scott Ratcliff **15** Richard Thompson 22 Sean Alsobrook **29** Stan Murray

Dan & Roberta Talbot

David Johnson

Margy Davis, Cindy Gernand

D.D. Lindsev

Annual

Corporation Meeting

Immediately following our morning service on January 15, 2023, we will have our Annual Corporation Meeting as required by the state of Texas in accordance with our by-laws as a non-profit corporation.

Wednesday Night with the Master

January 4th 6:00 p.m.



Scott Ratcliff

Joe Davis Kim Smith

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John Trammel

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Curtis Sanford

Jeff King

Walter Anderson

Come enjoy the taco salad and fellowship.



The deadline to bring your donations is Sunday, February 12th.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP WEDNESDAY NIGHT WITH THE MASTER **ACTIVITIES & BIBLE STUDY**

9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 5:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M.

6:30, 7:00 P.M.

From the Preacher's Desk

"New Year, New Theme"

For those who were in attendance this past Sunday, you were introduced to our theme for 2023. I'm certain that I say this every year, but I am excited about the sermons, and lessons that I have prepared. "Faith that Counts" is shaping up to be, I hope, one of the more encouraging and edifying themes that we have had. You might assume that I have been working on this idea for months and months; however, you would be wrong. The truth is, I had a completely different theme just about a month ago. I even shared it with the elders and gave them an idea of where I was headed. I didn't know at the time, but they said something to me that would become the foundation of our 2023 theme. After showing them a bunch of different banner ideas and asking for their thoughts and input, they simply said, "You pick the one you like best, because they are your sermons, and we trust you." I remember thinking to myself, "I wonder if God trusts me enough?"

What I didn't know at that moment was how the half a year of work I had already poured into my new theme had disappeared. An app that I use for my iPad had crashed and taken with it every note, every monthly topic, every sermon title, and theme idea with it. I frantically tried to get it all back, but there was nothing I could do. One lesson I plan on taking into the new year is making sure my iPad is synced with my computer so that never happens again. I will admit that I was devastated, for a few days. At one time I sat and just stared passed my computer and relived every hour, day, and month that I had put into that missing work. The second lesson I plan on taking with me into the new year is one that's been a part of my life for a while: "If you can't do anything about it, then move on and find something you can do." It's something Catherine and I have been teaching our girls. I couldn't just sit there moping about lost work, because I still had to create our banners and theme, and no longer had six months to do it, more like six days. A few people I mentioned my dilemma to all asked the same question, "Can you start over with what you remember?" I tried to do that, but I was missing a few gaps here and there and was never satisfied with what I put together. A 500-piece missing 100 pieces might still project a noticeable picture, but it's not pleasant to look at.

Then one day, as I was sitting at my desk, I saw on a piece of scrap paper with words the words, "One God" written on it. At that same moment, I had been writing a lesson and typing the phrase, "two ways." Do you know those moments in old cartoons when a lightbulb suddenly goes off over a character's head? You could've lit up a darkened room with the bulb that hung over my brain. Just like that, I knew what I wanted to preach in 2023. It was going to be a little different than the previous years, but I wasn't afraid, because the elders had faith in me. Not long after that, I had our theme, "Faith that Counts."

As I mentioned this past Sunday morning, my hope for this year is to edify and strengthen you in such a way that you can with confidence say, "I have faith that counts for something, that's worth something, and that's going to get me to heaven!" I am so excited about 2023 and hope you are excited too. Especially excited about what this new year is going to bring, and all the work we have ahead of us. Over the next week I will share with you some important dates regarding our Visitation Teams, events, and some new ideas to bring our congregation closer together. Be on the lookout but also be ready to plug in where we need you. I am ready to go to work, and I hope you're willing to work with me as we grow each other, our congregation, and this community closer to God. God Bless! **David Olmos**



I have been known over the years for many

different phrases. Our youth are well familiar with me saying "Alright team!" when trying to get their attention regrouped. After working a job that required the use of walkie-talkies, I found myself tossing out "copy that" much more frequently in my everyday vernacular. Somewhere along the way, whether hearing something similar from a teacher in school or from a brother at a nursing home I used to lead a worship service at, I began to use the phrase "In Jesus name." Often it came out when I was saying I'd try to do something that might not be possible, as some might use "If the Lord wills and the creak don't rise!" Other times I found myself using it almost tongue-in-cheek, something I'm trying to curb as I'd never want someone to think I'm making light of Christ Jesus. But the reason I find myself so attracted to this phrase beyond the way it rolls off the tongue is because of what exactly Jesus' name entails. Acts 2:38 has Peter telling the multitude to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus. Philippians 2 says that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess. But why? As Shakespeare once penned, "What is in a name?" Within the name of Jesus is authority, power, dominion. We are baptized in His name because of the authority there into forgive sin. Every knee should drop not because the name Jesus is some code word to do so, but because Jesus is a Lord and King worthy of praise. By the power of His sacrifice, He has set us free from darkness, sin, and death. As the old hymn goes, "His Name is Wonderful," because it is a name that represents the love, compassion, and kindness of a God willing to step into our world and live like us, so that He might give us a way to live like Him. What a beautiful name it is. And in the name of Jesus, because of His authority, His sacrifice, His love, we must live

different. "And whatever you do, in word or deed. do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col. 3:17). I've seen folk hear this verse and say, "well I can't do everything in the name of Christ; how can I take a shower for Christ or eat a sandwich for him?" And though some could be a blessing to others by showering more, I understand the mindset. There seem to be some things that are always neutral, not usable for God. And yet for every one of these such "exceptions," there are ten fold things we could be doing in the name of our Lord. When we set our minds on Christ and ask Him diligently in prayer to reveal to us ways we can bring glory to His name, it is amazing how many opportunities we have in our life to bring honor, glory, and praise to the name of Christ Jesus, and to share His goodness with others. While you are showering or making a sandwich this week, I pray that you contemplate the depth of the great name of Jesus, the power within that name, and the ways that you can share the power of His name with others throughout this week. Until then, be blessed, in Jesus name.

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 8 Youth Devo Jan. 15 JAM

SYMPATHY

We express love and sympathy to Rick Arnold and the passing of his sister-in-law, Ann Arnold, who passed away December 29.

Please Pray

Gerry Austin does not have bladder cancer, but will have some treatments...Jeff King is in CHI St. Luke's Hospital in Lake Jackson with pancreatitis...Gloria Mares is scheduled for a procedure January 18...Luise Kelly, mother is Carol King, is not doing well.