

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Wednesday Evening Class We invite each of you to attend the mid-week Bible Study upstairs on Wednesday evening beginning at 6 p.m. We are involved in a Bible study series entitled "Authentic: Developing the Disciplines of a Sincere Faith". We encourage you to attend these vital and exciting studies!

Church Clean-Up We will regularly have monthly church cleanings on the last Saturday of each month, beginning at 10 a.m. The next cleaning day will be on October 24, so be sure to attend and help!

Women's Prayer Brunch We would like to thank everyone who participated and coordinated yesterday's Prayer Brunch. The message was truly inspiring and the fellowship was a blessing to all. The message has been posted to our web site.

Next School Holidays:

Columbus Day – 10/12

Thanksgiving – 11/26 – 11/29



Funnies: "How're You Feeling?"...

Farmer Joe decided his injuries from the accident were serious enough to take the trucking company (responsible for the accident) to court. In court the trucking companies fancy lawyer was questioning farmer Joe.

Didn't you say, at the scene of the accident, "I'm fine," said the lawyer.

Farmer Joe responded, "Well I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favorite mule Bessie into the....."

"I didn't ask for any details," the lawyer interrupted, "just answer the question." "Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'"

Farmer Joe said, "Well I had just got Bessie into the trailer and was driving down the road..."

The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Judge, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Highway Patrolman on the scene that he was just fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client." I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

By this time the Judge was fairly interested in Farmer Joe's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favorite mule Bessie."

Joe thanked the Judge and proceeded, "Well as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favorite mule, into the trailer and was driving her down the highway when this huge semi-truck and trailer ran the stop sign and smacked my truck right in the side. I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurting real bad and didn't want to move.

However, I could hear ole Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans. Shortly after the accident a Highway Patrolman came on the scene. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he went over to her. After he looked at her he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes.

Then the Patrolman came across the road with his gun in his hand and looked at me. He said, "Your mule was in such bad shape I had to shoot her - how are you feeling?"

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MISSION STATEMENT

To promote membership in the body of Christ by bringing people to Jesus, enhancing their spiritual growth towards Christian maturity, and nurturing them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world, thereby magnifying God's holy name.

ORDER of SERVICES

Fellowship / Refreshments – 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School – 10:00 A.M.

Saul Earns Credibility:
*“And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues,
 that he is the Son of God.”*
 – Acts 9:20, KJV



MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES – 10:45 A.M.

Devotion Deacons & Congregation
 Responsive Reading Pastor & Congregation
 Selection Choir & Congregation
 Announcements & Recognition of Visitors
 Tithes and Offerings Deacons
(Visitors are NOT required to contribute - members are encouraged to do so)
 Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor
 Selections Choir & Congregation

Sermon
 Invitation to Christ



BENEDICTION

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: _____
 Subject: _____
 Notes: _____

Words of Wisdom:



The Night Jesus Came

*Twas the night Jesus came and all through the house,
 not a person was praying, not one in the house.
 The Bible was left on the shelf without care,
 for no one thought Jesus would come there.
 The children were dressing to crawl into bed,
 not once ever kneeling or bowing their head.
 And Mom in the rocking chair with babe on her lap,
 was watching the Late Show as I took a nap.
 When out of the east there rose such a clatter,
 I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
 Away to the window I flew like a flash,
 tore open the shutters and lifted the sash.
 When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
 but Angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.
 The light of His face made me cover my head...
 was Jesus returning just like He'd said.
 And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
 I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.
 In the Book of Life which he held in his hand,
 was written the name of every saved man.
 He spoke not a word as he searched for my name,
 when He said "it's not here" My head hung in shame.
 The people whose names had been written with love,
 He gathered to take to his Father above.*

*With those who were ready He rose without sound,
 while all of the others were left standing around..
 I fell to my knees but it was too late,
 I'd waited too long and thus sealed my fate .
 I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight,
 Oh, if only I'd known that this was the night...
 In the words of this poem the meaning is clear
 the coming of Jesus is now drawing near...
 There's only one life and when comes the last call,
 We'll find out that the Bible was true after all...*

B - Basic
 I - Instruction
 B - Before
 L - Leaving
 E - Earth

RESPONSIVE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-12 (NIV)

- 1 Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.
- 2 **Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.**
- 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.
- 4 **The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**
- 5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.
- 6 **For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.**
- 7 *But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.*
- 8 **We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;**
- 9 *persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.*
- 10 **We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.**
- 11 *For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body.*
- 12 **So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.**