Family Matters

New Caney Church of Christ

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Assembly Times

Sundays Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard Of Sound Doctrine

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Know Your Bible: Answers

- 1. Sisera (Judges 4:21)
- 2. Jonah (1:5)
- 3. Jacob (Genesis 28:11–15)
- 4. King Darius (Daniel 6:18)
- 5. Samson (Judges 16:19)

This Week's Assignments & Events Sunday Worship **Sunday Afternoons** Greeter: Arturo Orozco Ian 29 3PM Men with Elders Announcements: Ronnie Ramsey 3PM Teacher Classroom Work (Quarter Change) Encouragement Talk: Casey Thomas Feb 5 5PM Gospel Meeting Opening Prayer: Eddie Bowen Song Leader: Harper Flores Feb 12 Nothing Table Talk: Josh Emerson Contribution: Robert McCorkle Helper: Kevin Buckner Feb 19 3PM Prayer Meeting Fruit of Vine: John Van Baale Helper: Tyler Blazek Helper: Jonathan Lovell Wednesday Evening Scripture Reading: Brad Smith Song Leader: Corwin Richardson Closing Prayer: John Franks Speaker: Arturo Orozco

Standing Firm

"Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm" Ephesians 6:13

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Gospel Meeting Next Week February 5 – 10

with Jonathan Glaesemann

Questions That Matter

Sunday

9:30am Is Everything Meant To Be?

10:30am Do I Only Need To Believe In God?

5:00pm Can I Really Lose My Salvation?

Weeknights at 7:00pm

Monday Does It Matter What Church I Go To?

Tuesday Will God Send People To Hell?

Wednesday What Happens When Jesus Returns?

Thursday What Happens When I Die?

Friday What Is The Resurrection Of The Dead?

Join us as we worship God and focus on His word.



"Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life." (Proverbs 4:23). God stresses to us the importance of keeping our heart. We need to be careful of what we allow to enter our heart, and what is allowed to remain in our heart.

Jesus said, "The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart" (Luke 6:45).

Many just believe things in their heart without any evidence of why they believe it. Some allow their heart to be shaped and effected by the circumstances of life. Some purposefully work to mold their heart. "Incline your heart to understanding" (Proverbs 2:2) is advice that all Christians must adopt, and "direct you heart in the way" (Proverbs 23:19) is something every Christian must do. It takes effort to "love the Lord your God and to serve Him with all your heart and all your soul" (Deuteronomy 11:13). Yet this is the only way to serve and please God.

This means we must repent of our sin and turn away from it. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded" (James 4:8). The purified heart does not happen instantly. A life time of sin and exposing the heart to sin will take time to purify. Yet this internal battle of the heart to serve God can be won, and must be won. This is how we draw near to God.

"So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity" (Colossians 3:12–14).

by Charles Willis

Know Your Bible

Sleepers

- 1. Who was killed as he slept in the tent o Jael?
- 2. Who slept in the bottom of a ship as it rolled in a storm?
- 3. Who slept at Bethel and dreamed of angels?
- 4. Who slept at David's door while he was home on furlough?
- 5. Who did not sleep while Daniel was in the lion's den?
- 6. Who slept through a haircut?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week



Memories of Meetings

by Charles Willis

When I was younger we always went to meetings. Whether it was held where we regularly attended of somewhere near by, we would be in attendance more often than not. I never knew any different. From as far bask as I can remember I went to meetings. The little boy in me remembers a lot of "dull" evenings listening to preaching. The grown adult in me appreciates what my parents taught me!

There was nothing better I could have been doing as a child than gathering with the saints. The singing at the meetings was always better than usual because of all the extra voices. We would even sing "extra" songs because it was encouraging. Old friendships could be renewed. I even had some "young" friends I didn't get to see real often, but we would team up at a meeting. It was an event. A special time to be with Christians from all around.

From my teenage years I remember how my father would pointedly speak to me saying, "if you want to invite someone to church, the meeting would be a great time." I usually did. So did my brothers and sisters. We would sometimes have to pack us all into the car. I even remember making two "runs" to the building because of all the friends we brought. He never complained, but smiled and said, "I'm glad your friends could come with us."

People have not really changed. Human nature is human nature. The reason people to do not attend meetings the way they used to is because people don't want to. We've let other things get in our way that have become more important - like ball games, television, and over-time. We'll drive 45 minutes to get to a theatre with a movie we want to see, but 45 minutes is too far to drive for a gospel meeting. We like to think we are busier than our ancestors, but life filled up as much of their time as it does ours. Gospel meetings were just as exhausting and inconvenient. It seems though that more of our fore-fathers made themselves go to meetings than is the custom of many today.

I treasure my childhood and adolescent memories of gospel meetings because of my parent's attitudes. Yes it was often difficult. But I'm glad to have been there. I hope my example as been as encouraging to my children, and that your children will also be encouraged by your efforts during gospel meetings.