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**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday**

Bible Study ..... 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 PM

**Wednesday**

Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

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**Are You a Christian?**

**Do you know what you must  
do to be saved?**

Hear – Romans 10:17  
Believe – John 8:24  
Repent – Acts 17:30  
Confess – Romans 10:9-10  
Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21  
Live Faithfully –  
Revelation 2:10

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**Got a Bible Question?**

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text, email, or message the Facebook page. Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

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*The Park Street Informer*

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**ILL**

Those Fighting Cancer: Barbra Hook, Drew Shinn and Kim V.

**Prayer List**

Mike Katosh, James Jones Sandra and George Rowell, Tina Thomas, Millie Robertson, Jill Fick and Family of Robert Hook.

**Shut-Ins**

Ted Thrasher, Debbie McGuire.

**Upcoming Events**

Ladies Bible Marking Class March 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Ladies Bible Study March 9<sup>th</sup>  
Singing March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Gospel Meeting at 39<sup>th</sup> Street with Toney Smith March 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Questions and Answers March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Brendan Carr April 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

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**Passage to Ponder: Proverbs 24:1-2**

<sup>1</sup>Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.

<sup>2</sup>For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

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**Sunday Sermons**

A.M.....Don't Be Envious of Evil Men  
P.M.....Kinds of Faith

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# Those To Serve

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

## Morning Worship

### Announcements

Steve Phillips

### Song Leader

George Thomas

### Opening Prayer

Ron Campbell

### Preside

Ed Hanson

### Assist

Zac Hall

### Closing Prayer

Steve Phillips

## Evening Worship

### Opening Prayer

Zac Hall

### Closing Prayer

Ron Campbell

### Lord's Supper

Ed Hanson

Wed. March 6<sup>th</sup>,  
2024

### Song Leader

Ed Hanson

### Invitation

Zac Hall

## Render to God the Things That Are God's

Douglas Hoff

**Luke 20:22-25** (NKJV) says: "IS IT LAWFUL FOR US TO PAY TAXES TO CAESAR OR NOT?" {23} BUT HE PERCEIVED THEIR CRAFTINESS, AND SAID TO THEM, "WHY DO YOU TEST ME? {24} "SHOW ME A DENARIUS. WHOSE IMAGE AND INSCRIPTION DOES IT HAVE?" THEY ANSWERED AND SAID, "CAESAR'S." {25} AND HE SAID TO THEM, "RENDER THEREFORE TO CAESAR THE THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR'S, AND TO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S."

When we read this passage we realize Jesus was showing it is necessary to pay taxes even to unrighteous governments. However, the other part of His answer is more important. That is, render to God the things that are God's. With its imprint the denarius showed it belonged to the government's realm. In a similar fashion Christians reveal to whom they belong by the image and inscription which is upon them.

Whose image do we bear? God's, for we were created in His image (**Genesis 1:26-27**). Christians have a special relationship with the Lord. As Paul said they are "PREDESTINED TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON" (**Romans 8:29**). He also wrote that "AS WE HAVE BORNE THE IMAGE OF THE MAN OF DUST, WE SHALL ALSO BEAR THE IMAGE OF THE HEAVENLY MAN" (**1 Corinthians 15:49**). Additionally, whose inscription do we bear? Christ's, for as His disciples we are an epistle of Christ to be read by all men (**2 Corinthians 3:2-3**). It has rightly been said that the only Bible some people will read is that found in the life of a Christian. In **Galatians 2:20** Paul said that "CHRIST LIVES IN ME." We need to remember that non-Christians are watching and "reading" us. What will they see?

An important responsibility Christians have is to remember that we ought to render to God the things that are God's. After all, every created thing belongs to God. We are just stewards of His goods (**Luke 16:1; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2**). What are some examples of things we ought to give to Him? Our very lives belong to God. Paul wrote, "FOR YOU WERE BOUGHT AT A PRICE; THEREFORE GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY AND IN YOUR SPIRIT, WHICH ARE GOD'S" (**1 Corinthians 6:20**). Jesus bought us with His shed blood (**Acts 20:28**). Therefore, Christians belong to God in a special way. Accordingly, we are told to "PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE TO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE" (**Romans 12:1**). That is one thing we render to God.

Of course, every person was given life by God and so even the non-Christian is not his own (**Ezekiel 18:4**). He owes his life to God who gave him his spirit (**Ecclesiastes 12:7; Zechariah 12:1**). Long ago king Belshazzar saw the writing on the wall ("MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN") and Daniel told him, "THE GOD WHO HOLDS YOUR BREATH IN HIS HAND AND OWNS ALL YOUR WAYS, YOU HAVE NOT GLORIFIED" (**Daniel 5:23**). Notice that even a person's breath belongs to God! This makes sense since God created the air and therefore it is His (**Psalms 24: 1**).

King Belshazzar learned too late that he had a responsibility to worship the God of heaven. Instead, he had praised the gods made with human hands; the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone (**Daniel 5:23**). The one thing that we can truly give of ourselves to God is worship. This is because worship arises from the will of man. It requires a conscious decision and the desire to praise the God of heaven.

The **LORD** created mankind with free will. He will never force man to do something against his will. He is well pleased when we choose to offer Him our worship. Long ago Jesus said: "BUT THE HOUR IS COMING, AND NOW IS, WHEN THE TRUE WORSHIPERS WILL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH; FOR THE FATHER IS SEEKING SUCH TO WORSHIP HIM" (**John 4:23**). Our worship is perhaps the most important thing we can render to God which He rightly deserves (**Isaiah 42:8, 12; Luke 17:18; Acts 12:23**).