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(continued from front page) "Nathanael?" "Wasn't me."

Cupping a hand behind his ear, John said, "Shh. Listen! Hear that voice? It's coming from the beach."

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In Search of Lord's Way

"Jesus Is the Lord" Who is the One who has all authority over our lives? Who is Lord? Whom we choose to serve will make a difference in how we live on earth and whether we go to heaven. Who is vour Lord? Montgomery: TV 8 Sunday 7:30 am DISH: Sun 7:00 am (EST) Channel 239 **DirecTV:** Sun 7:00 am (EST) Channel 307 WGN: Sun 6:00 am

"Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get plenty of fish," said the voice.

John's stomach turned flips! He could barely breathe. He was having a flashback: it was as vivid as if it had happened yesterday, although it had occurred three years ago. They had fished all night and come back with an empty boat. They were putting away their nets when Jesus walked by and said, "Put out into deep water and let down the nets for a catch." So, against their better judgment, they did—and caught so many fish their nets started ripping.

John recognized the familiar voice coming from the beach. "It is the Lord!" he said. And sure enough, it was!

Does this have a familiar feel? Have I caught you at a time when you're feeling down? Disappointed because things haven't worked out the way you hoped they would? Are you tempted to go back to your old life—fishing for whatever it was you fished for before you met him?

Listen for his voice. Is he telling you to throw your net on the other side of the boat—telling you to do something different than what you've been doing? What does he want you to do? What does he want you to change?

Listen for his voice. (Joe Barnett)





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## Listen for His Voice

They had expected so much and walked away with so little. They had thought that by now they would be cabinet members in a new administration, wrecking Rome's rule and restoring Israel's independence. Instead, they were jobless, and Rome was having her way.

With heavy hearts and sluggish steps, they had come home to Galilee. "I'm going fishing," Peter said. Six of his pals said, "We'll go with you."

Fishing had been their occupation before they joined up with Jesus. That's what they were doing the day he showed up and said, "Follow me." And they did—they berthed their boat, abandoned

their nets, and became his disciples. He taught them, inspired them, and seeded their dream for a neverending kingdom.

## Words Have Consequences

Be sensible and watch what you say.—Proverbs 10:19

Never-ending? The campaign collapsed before the kingdom commenced! He was arrested, convicted—and now he was dead!

So, back home in Galilee, they unpacked their nets, boarded their boat, and started rowing. Out in familiar water, they tossed the net—over and over, all night long, without netting a single fish. Not only had their hopes for position and power been dashed, they had even lost their job skills.

John looked at Peter. "Did you say something?" "No."

"James?" "No." *(see page four)* 

A lady kept badgering her husband to get their kaput lawnmower repaired. Finally, fed up with being ignored, she hatched a plan.

When he came home from work, she was sitting in the grass, snipping away with scissors. Going into the house and returning moments later, he handed her a toothbrush. "When you finish cutting the grass, you might want to sweep the sidewalk," he said.

The doctor said he would probably walk again but would always limp.

A humorous reminder that words and actions have consequences.

Now, a sober reminder that words and actions really do have consequences: "By your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Mt 12:37). "We must all stand before Christ to be judged . . . for the good or evil we have done" (2 Cor 5:10).

"Well done" trumps "cleverly said. (Joe Barnett)



Adult bible classes this quarter: Young adults in the annex, taught by Greg Bryant (Sunday); all ages in the auditorium (Sunday), taught by Gary Davenport; all ages in the auditorium (Wednesday), taught by Roddy Thomasson.

**Our monthly fellowship meal** will be Sunday, January 16 following the Sunday 5:00 p.m. worship.

**Our elders will meet** Sunday, January 16 at 3:30 in the annex, if you have items you wish to discuss.

Pantry item for January: Canned vegetables.

**Our next monthly congregational singing** will be Wednesday, February 2, at 6:30 in the auditorium.

Wi-Fi connection — ID: CedarGrove, password: cedargrove2020.

**L2L Youth (boys & girls)** will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night of each month during the school year at 5:30 p.m. in the annex for a monthly meal. **Provide food: January 19:** 



Bush. January 22: Bonfire and cookout at the Thomasson's house, 4:00 p.m. All youth and parents are invited. WEEKLY LADIES CLASS Meeting each Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the library. They are studying 1, 2, 3 John.



MONTHLY LADIES BIBLE CLASS (6 p.m.) Monday, February 7: Niva Harrison, presenter. Service project: Valentine gifts/cookies for Savannah Terrace.



<u>Today's Schedule</u> 9:30 a.m. class and 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. worship <u>Last Week's Record</u> Bible Classes: 58 Sunday AM: 48 Sunday PM: 38 Wednesday PM: 36 Contribution: \$3,343 **PRAYERS REQUESTED: Dutson Furr, uncle of Debbie Greene and Cindy Thompson,** is in very serious condition in Scared Hospital in Pensacola. They have requested prayers for him and his family. **Hazel McClain** sick at home and not back in the office...knee surgery

moved back three weeks.

Curtis Thomasson saw his doctor and at this time he will not be having surgery on his broken arm. Linda Hendrix is still at home recovering from back surgery. Mary Ann Rabren is having some health issues and is not doing good at this time.



**A church FAMILY** 

**Mrs. Hilda Davis** who recently moved to Andalusia and has been worshipping with us for several weeks is now at home after several days in the hospital. Several members of

**Roddy and Mary Thomasson's family** have COVID and have ask for our prayers.

Please remember Linda Rabren as she continues her battle with cancer. Megan Pitt, mother of Pat Greenwall is doing well after having surgery. Shelia Bracewell will be seeing her doctor in Pensacola and should get the results of the lung biopsy she had several days ago.

Hyram Lambert, brother-in-law of Sammy Sutton, is still under Hospice care. Cheryl Boswell, Pat Grissett and Christine Bundrick all remain in Andalusia Manor.

Remember those who for various reasons are still at home and unable to come to worship services or who have asked to be remembered in

our prayers: Shelia Rhea and Family, Judy Dillard, Joe Keller, Freida Bass, Mary Ann Rabren, Roy & Audrey Wilson, Dorrell Thomasson, Alan Smith, nephew of Louise Bass, Billy Max & Mary Wilson, and the families of Layla Watson and Ruth Moore's family.



LEADERSHIP & STAFF MINISTRY LEADERS Benevolence: Roddy Thomasson (deacon), Jody Dillard Care Groups: Monty Russell (deacon) Education: Curtis Thomasson (elder) Visitation & Evangelism: Roddy Thomasson (deacon) Grounds & Seniors: Mac Bracewell (deacon) Maintenance & Missions: Wes Thomasson (deacon) Publicity: Clif Green (deacon) Youth: Jed Blackwell (deacon)

Shepherds: Greg Bryant, Curtis

Thomasson, Kyle Thomasson

**Minister:** Gary Davenport

God's Plan for Saving Man Divine Love: John 3:16 God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8 Christ's Blood: Romans 5:9 Holy Spirit's Word: Romans 1:16

Sinner's Faith: Acts 16:31 Sinner's Repentance: Luke 13:3 Sinner's Confession: Romans 10:10 Sinner's Baptism: Acts 22:16 Christian's Love: Matthew 22:37 Christian's Work: James 2:24 Christian's Hope: Romans 8:24 Christian's Endurance:

Revelation 2:10