

Gospel Power



"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation..." (Romans 1:16)

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Sunday, October 8th

Bible Classes

Song Leader
..... Ronnie Phillips
Bible Reading (Lev. 5:7-13)
..... Steve Parker
Prayer
..... Jerry Dickey

Morning Worship

Song Leader
..... Ronnie Phillips
Prayer
..... Larry White
Lord's Supper
Presiding Mark McIntyre
Assisting Aric Butler
Serving Daniel Clemmons
..... Jonathan Keenon
..... Rodney McCrary
..... Zack Rogers
Closing Prayer
..... James Word

Evening Worship

Song Leader
..... Eddie J. Hammond
Bible Reading (Lev. 5:14-19)
..... Jimmy Glass
Prayer
..... Andrew Gatlin
Lord's Supper
..... Mark McIntyre
..... Aric Butler
Closing Prayer
..... Scottie Goode

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Jesus Is Coming Again

Tony Mauch

The promise of Jesus' return is a warning to believers to walk daily in holiness and godliness.

God inhabited human flesh. Jesus lived among men. His own, those to whom He gave life and breath, did not receive Him. Though sinless, His enemies killed Him. All was not lost; God wrought a great plan to save man from sin. Death gave way to victory. Jesus powerfully arose from the dead. He ascended into heaven. He now occupies a most honored position at the right hand of the Father. Thus, He possesses "the name above all names" (Philippians 2:9). The Scriptures assure us of His yet future and final return.

"Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through the Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead" (Acts 17:30,31).

That particular day will not be unlike any other. People will be doing what they always do, going about their daily routines. Some will be sleeping. Others will be working on their jobs or at school...business as usual. When God judges is it not always so? What about the myriad of activities with which men occupy themselves that day? Everything everywhere on this globe will come to an abrupt and astounding halt.

Suddenness and Sobriety: -- A great trumpet will be audible to all (1 Thesalonians 4:13-16). Jesus will appear in the sky. The

righteous dead will be raised. Immediately following that spectacular event, another occurs. The righteous living will ascend to meet the Lord in the air. The statement will never be more true than that day, “two men in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left” (Matthew 24:40,41).

Uncertainty, shock, fear, and panic will encompass those who remain. The activity in which one was engaged at the time will not longer seem as significant as it once did. Television programming, shopping, all of the items on the agenda for that day -- all reduced to absolute meaninglessness, for the end has come. Because no preparation was made for this Great Day, the ones now left behind will perish along with the earth (2 Peter 3:3-11).

Both Peter and Paul warn of this event’s suddenness and the accompanying surprise for many who are unprepared, “For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While they are saying, ‘Peace and safety!’ then destruction will come upon them suddenly like birth pangs on a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness that the day should overtake you” (1 Thessalonians 5:2-4).

Many will follow in the footsteps of Lot’s sons-in-law. When Lot warned them of the impending doom to be brought upon Sodom, “he appeared to his sons-in-law to be jesting” (Genesis 19:14). As the next morning dawned, they became painfully aware that this pronouncement of judgment was no joke.

Too many foolishly sit in the seat of the scoffers who say, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” Perhaps, unlike the scoffers, they intellectually acknowledge a final day, but they act precisely the same, as if that day could not possibly occur today or even in their lifetimes.

Believers must not be lulled to sleep. Every-day is a day of preparation and watchfulness. Be ready for the bridegroom when he comes. You do not want to miss the great wedding feast. Among the saddest words in the Bible are these, “and the door was shut” (Matthew 25:10). Jesus admonishes every believer to be constantly alert (Matthew 25:12,13). Salvation is always nearer to us than it was the day before (Romans 13:11-14).

Expectation and Hastening: -- Knowing these events will happen as promised provides much stability for the believer. Though many years have passed since the assurances were first given, the final resurrection has yet to occur. “But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day” (2 Peter 3:8). Do not buy into the gangrene of those who proclaim that this resurrection has already taken place (2 Timothy 2:17,18). Embracing such a false notion will upset your faith.

A people of holy conduct and godliness should result from knowledge of the end (2 Peter 3:11,12). The righteous not only expect the event to happen some day, they hasten the day. Not because so many will be lost, but because what that day will mean. The fruition of God’s plan! The transformation of the body will occur -- from its present humble state “into conformity with the body of His glory” (Philippians 3:20,21). What was once a taste of the heavenly gift is now the long-awaited dream realized (Hebrews 6:4). Eternal joy and unceasing thrill will commence for the righteous.

A great day is coming...get ready!

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Remember Our Bible Class Periods

Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

The Paradox of Greatness

Carl McMurray

In a recent survey of 287 college students I was reading about, nearly all of them expressed a desire for greatness. At the same time, very few perceived any connection between greatness and service. This is a fascinating index on our times if you consider that great men and women of the past are generally considered in that light because of their service.

George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington Carver, Albert Einstein, Marie Curie, Louis Pasteur and more were not considered in the light of “greatness” in their day. It was as the sun set on their achievements and their service to others became obvious that their true greatness began to shine. The most unique individual to walk this earth, Jesus, the Son of God, exemplified greatness by getting down on His knees and washing the feet of some who didn’t even understand what He was doing.

He said in John 13:13-15, “You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.”

Let us follow in the steps of our Lord by learning the greatness of service. The paradox of this path is that those who seek after greatness by watching out for self first or defending their wants and desires at all costs are usually remembered as selfish, boastful, or grasping. The one who considers the needs of others as more important (Philippians 2:4) and humbly takes self off the pedestal of exaltation are the ones who are exalted.

Jesus taught in Matthew 20:26-28, “It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be

your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Do you desire to be “great” in the kingdom of God? Look around for someone to serve! Old or young, married or single, ill or healthy – in some way this week try to assist and help someone else. It is you who will reap the blessing.

- via *Good News*; Anderson, Indiana.

News and Notes

THE SICK: *Virginia Lovell* has been sick and not able to be at services...*Wynell Ridgeway* had her arteriogram and stress test done this past week...*Trent Thornton* has not been able to be at services this past week due to reinjuring his ribs ...*Janice Moody* was able to be at Bible study Wednesday night after being sick on Sunday ...*Kevin Chancellor's father, Derek Chancellor*, will be having a procedure to clear the blockages in his neck in the next month...*Charlotte Hall* has received word about her treatments and will be going to the doctor in Birmingham on Monday for a preliminary visit ...*Myrtie Williams* is at home and not able to be out ...*Jack Tucker* is not able to be out ...*Larry Johnson* is confined at home ...*Faye Hammond* is at home ...*Judy Williams' mother, Flossie Kazzaire*, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette ... *Tisha Thomas' grandmother, Nellie Hunter*, is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Northside church* in Lexington is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Thursday. Services will begin each evening at 7:00 p.m.

Frank Jamerson will be the speaker in this meeting... The **Posey church** in Franklin county is having a gospel meeting this week through Wednesday. The services Monday through Wednesday will begin at 7:30 p.m. *B. J. McGregor* will be the speaker.

TUESDAY CLASSES: Starting next Tuesday, October 17th, we will be beginning a series of classes on the Kingdom with emphasis on Premillennialism. *Bill Hall* will be the teaching the classes. The classes will continue through the months of November and December.

BIBLE DRILL: Remember next Sunday, October 15th, will be the time for our Children's Bible Drill. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. We had a very good drill last month and I hope that all the children will be present.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Chancellors: Kevin, Laurie, and Abbygail* are in Birmingham this weekend visiting with Kevin's grandmother.

COMMUNICATION GROUPS: Tonight will be the time for Communication Group two to meet. If you are in Group two, remember to meet with your group tonight.

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of Oct. 1st

Sunday:

Bible Classes 100
 Morning Worship 125
 Evening Worship 97

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 85



What? Young Adult Home Bible Study
When? Tonight after our evening service.
Where? At the home of Steve & Melissa Parker
Subject? Searching For Truth About Our Creator

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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