

# 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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**Men Priviledged To Serve:**  
Sunday, December 17th

### *Bible Classes*

Song Leader

..... Brian Word

Bible Reading ..... (Lev. 13:47-52)

..... Rocky Rose

Prayer

..... Mark McIntyre

### *Morning Worship*

Song Leader

..... Brian Word

Prayer

..... Ray Tucker

Lord's Supper

Presiding ..... Kevin Chancellor

Assisting ..... Andrew Gatlin

Serving ..... Daniel Clemmons

..... Hunter Cox

..... Rodney McCrary

..... Ethan Pressnell

Closing Prayer

..... Aric Butler

### *Evening Worship*

Song Leader

..... Ronnie Phillips

Bible Reading ..... (Lev. 13:53-59)

..... Jonathan Keenon

Prayer

..... Scottie Goode

Lord's Supper

..... Kevin Chancellor

..... Andrew Gatlin

Closing Prayer

..... Steve Parker

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## *God's Word Sufficient*

**Jason Moore**

The Bible is like no other book. It reveals the mind of God to man so that when we have the Bible, we can say with Paul, "We have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16). God's mind, unlike man's, is "made up." There is no new information that awaits discovery which will change God's mind or alter His decisions. **If** God failed to think through His will for man or made some accidental oversight, He would not be God. His plan is perfect, complete. It requires no alterations. Who would propose a better organization, or worship, or program of work for the Lord's people than that which the Lord Himself designed? For, "who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him" (1 Corinthians 2:16). God's program needs no upgrading. It is sufficient.

God has not only perfectly planned, but perfectly revealed His will to man through the Holy Spirit. The things spoken and written by the apostles and prophets were not said "in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit" (1 Corinthians 2:13). That means that, not just the thoughts, but the very words spoken by inspired men are "spiritual" (1 Corinthians 2:13). In other words, their source is the Holy Spirit. The mind of God has been articulated by the Spirit so that the written word perfectly expresses what was perfectly planned in the mind of God. Who would propose to add methods or missions or ministries to the Lord's church which the Lord Himself did not assign? For, "who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him?" (1 Corinthians 2:16). God's word needs no revision. It is sufficient.

God's will has been perfectly planned and perfectly revealed by

the Spirit that man might be perfectly informed, “thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:17). Man permits himself to be informed and persuaded by God’s speech with the same interpretive skills he uses in understanding his teachers, his parents, or his neighbor. We raised three hogs in back of the Moore household and it was my job of a morning to slop them. Dad told me that it was my job. You could say that he commanded me. “Son, you’re to feed the hogs before you go to school.” That was as plain to me as “Thou shalt feed the hogs.” Dad showed me with a Mason jar how much feed to put in the bucket and how to reckon the measurement in accord with the growth of our pigs. He gave me an example to follow as a standard for every future feeding of our pigs. Dad didn’t have to tell me every day, “Feed the hogs before you go to school.” He told me once. But I understood that, when he said, “before you go to school,” he meant “every morning.” That was a logical conclusion. He implied “every morning” and I inferred that by his speech.

A ten year-old intuitively understands the commands, the examples, the implications of his parent. That’s simply the way men communicate with men. It’s also the way God communicates with men. God in perfectly expressing His perfect will to man: commands or issues clear statements of approved behavior (Mark 16:16), supplies approved examples that serve as a standard (Acts 20:7), makes necessary implications by which men infer logical conclusions (Hebrews 7:12). Who then would propose for the Lord’s people to act or to organize in ways or by means which the Lord Himself did not specify with command, approved example, or necessary inference? For, “who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him?” (1 Corinthians 2:16). God’s speech needs no supplement. It is sufficient.

—via *Family Matters*; Columbia, Tennessee.

***Remember Our Song Service at 6:00p.m.***

## ***What Do You Think?***

**Bubba Garner**

“What’s on your mind?” I can’t even count how many times I’ve been asked that question. But what it proves is that there is no way for you to know what I’m thinking unless I declare it, explain it, make it known. And if it is an impossibility to read each others’ minds, how much more to know what’s on the mind of God, to know what He’s thinking? Unless He declares it, explains it, and makes it known.

The Bible makes a claim about itself that the words written on the pages are not the result of human interpretation or will, “but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God” (2 Peter 1:21). That means that we can know what is on His mind, because He has revealed it to us through this God-breathed message. He has eliminated all the guess-work and communicated His thoughts to us, “so that we know the things freely given to us by God” (1 Corinthians 2:12). In other words, the mind of God has been fully declared, explained, and made known.

Some people think that a relationship with God is dependent upon your emotions, how you feel about something. Others will tell you that it’s whatever their parents or grandparents have taught them. And some will stand behind what their preacher believes or teaches from the pulpit. But each of those approaches to religion renders the Bible as irrelevant and unnecessary. You never have to open it up and read it for yourself, because you do what feels right to you. Or you follow your family’s beliefs, thinking they wouldn’t lead you the wrong way. Or surely your preacher has to be right, right?

Jesus said the words that He spoke would judge a man on the last day (John 12:48). That identifies the word of God as the standard for the judgment. Not your feelings. Not your family. Not your church. And if our obedience

to those words will ultimately decide our eternal destiny, doesn't that imply that we ought to take some time to read what they say? What good is it to have access to the mind of God if we continually keep our mind closed to it?

What do you think about that? Actually, the important question is what does God think about it? And if you make a commitment to start reading into His mind and seeing what He thinks, I'll make a promise to you. You'll start thinking like God thinks and seeing things the way He sees them. Think about it!

-via *Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas.

## *Astounding Evidence*

**Michael W. McLemore**

Disputers of the world are always with us. In the days of Paul and the first century churches they were present. The apostles called for the Corinthians to survey for the wise, the scribe and the disputers among them, knowing they were not there. All too often today the dissenter shrieks aloud, "No educated person can accept the Bible as authentic!"

"Ah, but Mr. Dissenter, what of the evidence of its authenticity?"

In his book of evidences to support the Christian faith, "I Believe Because..." Batsell Barret Baxter introduces a man by the name of Henry O. Taylor who suggests mathematical odds which support the Bible as genuine. Mr. Taylor suggested the odds of but twenty-five (25) Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah being fulfilled in one person are conservatively affixed at one chance out of a thousand trillion (1/1,000,000,000,000,000).

The mathematical equation to support the Bible as truth, considering the fulfillment of prophecies given in some cases over eight centuries before Jesus lived, is really simple. Taylor first surmised that on average there was no greater than one in five (1/5) probability of one prophecy being fulfilled in a particular man. Accounting only twenty-five cases of prophecy (n) the probability exceeds the human mind to comprehend. The number looks like this: where (n) is 25 and (p) is 1/5 —  $(1/5)^{25}$ , or one out of one thousand trillion. The only conclusion? Jesus' coming was neither a prediction, nor an accident. It was God's will. We can compile lists of Biblical prophecies fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth. Each far exceeds a mere twenty-five (25) fulfilled prophecies. Aside, there are multitudes of other fulfilled prophecies unrelated to the Messianic age.

In this "progressive ago" of human reasoning, how are these statistics invalidated. Plainly they cannot be! Friend, believing the Bible authentic is more reasonable than not in light of this astounding evidence.

-via *The West End Ways*; Richmond, Virginia.

## News and Notes

**THE SICK:** *Corey Word* is now at home after spending a couple of days in the hospital in Pulaski...*Arica Butler* has been sick and unable to be at services this past week...*Isabella Hammond* was sick and unable to be at Bible study Wednesday night ...*Wanda Tucker* has not been able to be at Bible study Wednesday night ...*Erica and Carson Crunk* have been sick this past week ...*Dyanne Johnson* has had the flu this past week, but is doing better now ...*Theresa Gatlin* was sick and not able to be at

Bible study Wednesday night ... **Charles Glass** has not been able to be at services ... **Jackson Parker** was sick and unable to be at Bible study Wednesday night ... **Kevin Chacellor's father, Derek Chancellor**, is to have a procedure on his other artery in his neck on Monday in Tupelo ... **Angie McCrary's father, Buford Shook**, is at home ... **Monroe Pressnell** continues his treatments for his cancer... **Charlotte Hall** has her last treatment Monday... **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.

**PLACED MEMBERSHIP** **Brian and Sarah Blakely** have expressed there desire to be members of the church here at Anderson. We are glad to have them here and let us extend a warm welcome to *Brian, Sarah, Hayden and Brooke*.

**BAPTISM:** We rejoiced this past Monday night when **Eddie Garner** expressed his desire to be baptized into Christ. We are thankful over his decision and wish a long and faithful life of service to the Lord.

**NEW BABY:** We rejoiced this past week over the birth of **Hannah Beth White**, on Tuesday morning. Hannah weighed 7 lbs. and 15 ozs. Hannah is now at home with her parents and her big sisters. We rejoice with *Eric, Tika, Ragan and Mycala* in her birth. This also makes *Rodney and Angie McCrary* grandparents again.

**BIBLE DRILL:** Tonight will be the time for our Children's Bible Drill. I hope that all of our children will be able to come and participate in this. We will be meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance week of Dec. 10th*

**Sunday:** Bible Classes ..... 99  
 Morning Worship ..... 117  
 Evening Worship ..... 84  
**Wednesday:** Bible Classes ..... 75

**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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