

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, February 5th

Bible Classes

Song Leader
..... Brian Word
Bible Reading (Exo. 13:11-22)
..... Brad Hammond
Prayer
..... Aric Butler

Morning Worship

Song Leader
..... Brian Word
Prayer
..... Jimmy Glass
Lord's Supper
Presiding Phil Pressnell
Assisting Rocky Rose
Serving Ethan Pressnell
..... Rodney McCrary
..... Eddie L. Hammond
..... Daniel Clemmons
Closing Prayer
..... Scottie Goode

Evening Worship

Song Leader
..... Jim Phillips
Bible Reading (Exo.. 14:1-9)
..... Ray Tucker
Prayer
..... Andrew Gatlin
Lord's Supper
..... Phil Pressnell
..... Rocky Rose
Closing Prayer
..... Mark McIntyre

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We Reap What We Sow

Allen Dvorak

In his epistle to the Galatian churches, the apostle Paul reminded his readers of a basic principle of nature: the kind of harvest is determined by the seed sown (Galatians 6:7). In the agricultural world, it is axiomatic that each seed produces after its own kind. Corn seed always produces corn plants, never pumpkins! Paul's point, however, is that this natural law also applies to man's behavior. He who sows to the flesh will reap corruption; in contrast, he who sows to the Spirit will reap everlasting life (Galatians 6:8).

As a nation we have not accepted this principle although we are compelled to live by it. We wonder why our society is polluted with violence, with school children planting bombs in their own schools and shooting their classmates. Recently a man shot his stepson to death in the parking lot of a local church as the teenager was leaving a worship service there. We could continue almost indefinitely to cite story after story of similar violence and disdain for human life. We need to recognize, however, that this is the harvest of the seed which has been planted.

We have raised a generation of children, teaching them that there is no God and that they are merely highly evolved animals. The atheists of our society preach that evolution of living things from the simplest forms to more complex (man, for instance) occurred through the survival of the fittest. We have allowed our children to be taught that there is no divine standard because there is no deity and then we wonder why they act like animals, utilizing the principle of the survival of the fittest to get what they want.

The president of our country decries gun violence at the same time that he supports abortion. According to one source, we have

allowed 42 million babies to be put to death, aborted, in this country since Roe vs. Wade, many for the simple “crime” of being “inconvenient” (Charly Reese, The Orlando Sentinel, 11/25/99). A large portion of the entertainment industry is supportive of gun control laws at the same time that it produces television shows and movies in which there is wholesale and indiscriminate killing by both the “good guys” and the “bad guys.” We have been taught that if the law of the land does not provide immediate justice, vigilante justice is acceptable, even honorable. In these ways we manifest a low opinion of human life and then wonder at the seemingly cold manner in which citizens murder one another.

Maybe there is hope for our country. A majority of states would ban at least partial birth abortion if permitted by the judicial system. If we don’t like the crop that we are seeing, we need to look closely at the seed that we are sowing. And we had better start with our own families where we have the most influence (Ephesians 6:4). The only good crop comes from the sowing of the Word of God (Luke 8:11).

-via *The News & Notes*; Madison, Alabama.

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Another Day

Tim King

Each and every one of us wake up to a new day. We go through the same routine of preparing before we leave the house. Once we set out for our destinations, we most likely hear the same thing that we hear every other day. “Hi! How are you?” And all too often, from the same response station of our brain, we say, “hmm, good.”

I say all of that to ask this: how are you doing? Are you happy? Are you sad? Are you on track in your spiritual life? Is it hard to pray?

Today begins a new day. Whether we first recognize it through taking in that first deep breath while stretching out the arms and legs or by looking out our window, it’s a special day. It’s another opportunity for growth, thankfulness, and learning. It’s another day of life.

Sometimes we can get ourselves into a spiritual slump, the days when we can’t concentrate very well and our worship seems lifeless. Just so you know, we all get weary at times; it happens to the best of us. But if there are days when darkness tends to overshadow you, plan to make changes. May I point out a few thoughts to get us back in the right direction?

Get on your knees and pray out loud to God. When we kneel, we perform an act of submission toward our Creator and create an awareness that He is God in our minds, thus leading to a heart that will be made humble in His presence. Kneeling is a sign of mercy and respect. In several cases in the gospels, people submitted themselves to Jesus, approaching Him on their knees. When a man came and knelt before Jesus for the sake of his demoniac son, the man did it as an act of imploring aid (Matthew 17:14). We can do the same. Regardless of what life has offered you recently, Christ can be of aid to your needs.

Praying out loud to the Father only enhances the relationship we share with Him. With no thought towards what benefit it will lead to in our public worship, this will deliver us from being confined or even distracted. Just because the Lord is all-knowing doesn't mean we shouldn't tell Him what's on our heart. He wants everything we've got, including our true feelings that can only be expressed vocally.

Get into the word and stay in it. David is a good example of this. When he utterly ventilates his heart toward God in Psalm 119, he says things that make men like us crave for the word. "How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to your word... My soul weeps because of grief; strengthen me according to Your word" (Psalm 119:9, Psalm 119:25). We all know the feeling of devout consistency in the word of God, how the character of Christ is produced within us naturally. The meekness and the love we share with others then come instinctively. How awesome those days are. How strongly our heart can grieve when we are not in proper alignment with the scriptures. Don't let this simple divorce happen by taking a few days off.

Place all thoughts on things above. Oh, how often we catch ourselves looking back at the former things in life. The things that we, as Christians, are to abstain from. It can become a slippery walk when we begin to envy others or lust after things we do not have and will probably never get. "Therefore you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:1-3). Jesus told us not to worry about things in our life. They can become distracting and all too often discouraging. What gain will we receive by looking back at potential disaster instead of looking up towards what really matters? Turn things around and think

Jesus 24-7.

The next time someone asks you about your day, tell them. Let them see the joy and freedom that is within you because you're livin' and you're forgiven.

-via *The Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas

News & Notes

THE SICK: *Angie McCrary's mother, Edna Shook*, is not doing well in the ECM hospital in Florence...*Amber Hammond* had some tests done on Thursday...*Yvonne Pressnell* had a procedure done on Thursday...*Wynell Ridgeway* had a procedure done on Thursday ...*Virginia Lovell* has been sick this past week and not able to be at services...*Rodney McCrary's mother, Nadine McCrary*, has moved to Scott Nursing Home and Rehabilitation in Lawrenceburg...*Robyn Goode* was sick and not able to be at Bible study Wednesday night...*Dyanne Johnson* has been sick this past week...*Shannon Johnson* has also been sick and unable to be at services...*Tisha Thomas' mother, Shelia Johnson*, recieved a very good report concerning her stem cell treatments. She is currently free of multiple myeloma...*Larry Johnson* is sick at home and not able to be out... Remember *Freda McConnell's sister, Leta Zadigan*, who has been dignosed with cancer... *My aunt, Martha Morris*, continues to undergo chemo treatments ...*Myrtie Williams* is at home unable to be out... *Mattie Blanche Word* continues at home ...*Judy Williams' mother, Flossie Kazzaire*, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette... *Monroe Pressnell's aunt, Mildred Pressnell*, continues at home ... *Tisha Thomas' grandmother, Nellie Hunter*,

is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski.

COMMUNICATION GROUPS: Tonight is the night for Communication Group one to meet. If you are in group one remember to meet with your group this evening.

FLORIDA COLLEGE LECTURES: Hunter and I are away this week attending the Florida College lectures. I am looking forward to the lectures on Isaiah this year. We will miss being with you. Our plans are to arrive back home on Friday night.

PREACHING TODAY: In my absence today, *Andrew Gatlin* will be preaching this morning and *Jimmy Glass* will be preaching this evening. I know that you will enjoy hearing these men speak. I appreciate their willingness to fill in for me while I am away.

GOSPEL MEETING: The *Pepper Road church* in Athens is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m. *Sewell Hall* will be the speaker in this meeting.

THE RECORD: For the week of January 29th

Sunday:

Bible Classes 108
Morning Worship 132
Evening Worship 83

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 78

Gospel Meeting

March 26 – 31

Sewell Hall, Speaking

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Highway 207 South
Anderson, Alabama

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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