

# 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, June 4th

### *Bible Classes*

Song Leader  
..... Jerry Dickey  
Bible Reading ..... (Exo. 29:38-46)  
..... Dnaiel Clemmons  
Prayer  
..... Aric Butler

### *Morning Worship*

Song Leader  
..... Jerry Dickey  
Prayer  
..... Jimmy Glass  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Scottie Goode  
Assisting ..... Steve Parker  
Serving ..... Jim Phillips  
..... Trent Thronton  
..... Jason White  
..... Zack Rogers  
Closing Prayer  
..... Mark McIntyre

### *Evening Worship*

Song Leader  
..... Brian Word  
Bible Reading ..... (Exo. 30:1-10)  
..... Rodney McCrary  
Prayer  
..... Rocky Rose  
Lord's Supper  
..... Scottie Goode  
..... Steve Parker  
Closing Prayer  
..... Ray Tucker

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## *David's Brothers*

**Dennis Tucker**

A lot of attention is directed toward David in the Bible. He was the son of Jesse (1 Samuel 16.8ff), handsome (v. 12), a "man after God's own heart" (Acts 13.22); a great warrior, King of Israel, and in the lineage of Christ. However, what about his brothers?

David was the youngest of seven sons born to Jesse, 1 Samuel 16.10-11. Eliab was the oldest, Abinadab the next, and Shammah the third, 1 Samuel 17:13. We have to go to 1 Chronicles 2 :14-15 to get the rest of the names; the fourth Nathaniel, the fifth Raddai, the sixth Ozem and the seventh David.

One telling story of David's brothers says the three oldest go off to war with King Saul. In 1 Samuel 17 we read of the army of Israel encamped at the Valley of Elah with the Philistines on the opposite side. It is here that Goliath challenged the men of Israel to bring forth their best warrior. If the Israelite could defeat Goliath then the Philistines would serve them, if he killed the Israelite they would serve the Philistines. No one from the camp of Israel would accept the challenge. Verse 17 states David brought food for his brothers at the camp and hears Goliath's challenge. David responds by asking two questions. "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach of Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God" (v. 26). It is at this point we learn about the character of Eliab. "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." (v. 28).

Eliab was angry at David because it is one thing to not accept a challenge and another to be ridiculed by a younger brother. In Proverbs we are warned of the danger of anger. Proverbs 27:4 “wrath is cruel and anger a torrent.” In Ephesians we are told to be angry and not sin, chapter 4 verse 26. Anger is a dangerous emotion when it is allowed to go unchecked. Jesus cast out the money changers from the temple. We should be angry at sin and its allure. We should not react with anger when someone is doing what is right. Galatians 6:1 speaks of going to a brother in sin. How do we respond when someone comes to us expressing concern for our soul?

Eliab lacked the faith of David. Where David saw a challenge and opportunity, Eliab saw defeat. Where David acted with faith, Eliab saw a giant and was afraid. 2 Corinthians 5:7 says, “We walk by faith and not by sight.” How often do we see road blocks instead of opportunities? Eliab saw a giant instead of God’s power. David knew the greatness of God and His ability to deliver whoever would stand up to this giant. “You come to me with a sword, a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel , whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your herd from you” (1 Samuel 17.45-46a). Do we walk by faith and not by sight? In what do we see God in the world around us? Do we see a growing community with limitless possibilities for Bible studies and conversions or do we see closed doors and a society not interested in the Bible?

It is one thing to be near the action; it is another to get involved. Eliab and his other two brothers were good at playing soldiers. They were in camp lined up like soldiers, but not fighting. We also fool ourselves into thinking we are in the Lord’s battle when we are watching others. We need to make sure that we are not talking about our faith but are working in our faith. “But someone will say, ‘You have faith,

and I have works.’ Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you may faith by my works” (James 2:18). Talk is cheap.

Eliab thought David should go back to his “few sheep” and leave the fighting to the real men. He failed to realize tending the sheep would train David to be a great leader and warrior. David killed a lion and a bear while tending the sheep, 1 Samuel 17:34. It is the small job that prepares for future. We see this lesson taught in the Parable of the Talents. Matt 25:20-21 “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’”

David did not come to look at the battle but to take part. How about you? Are you standing on the side lines watching or are you striving to live faithfully in God’s word?

-via *Stone Street Tablet*; Jonesboro, Arkansas.



## Vacation Bible School

July 10-14 – 10:00 a.m.

Harold Comer, Speaking

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# *We Are A Family*

Ken Weliever

We are the family of God (Ephesians 3:14-15). We Belong to Him and seek to honor, glorify and serve Him to the very best of our ability.

We are a family of Believers (Galatians 6:10). We believe the Bible is the Word of God. We believe in Jesus as the Son of God. We believe in His absolute authority in our lives.

We are a family where relationship are valued (1 Thessalonians 5:14-18). We know the importance of a strong bond and vibrant fellowship. We encourage and nurture our relationship and our fellowship in the Lord and with each other.

We are a family where mutual love and care abounds (Romans 12:10). Our love is not theoretical, but practical. We are blessed with family members who genuinely exhibit care, compassion and concern for the rest of the family.

We are a family that provides healing and protection when life hurts (James 1:27; 1 Thessalonians 2:7). We offer warmth and a safe haven for those wounded in life's battles.

We are a family that reaches out to others. We would love to welcome you into the family. Don't be an orphan. Come home today!

-via *Nuggets of Truth*; Tampa, Florida.



## Remember Our Bible Class Periods

Sunday at 9:45 a.m.  
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

# News and Notes

**THE SICK:** *Amber Hammond* had surgery in Florence on Wednesday and is now at home recovering...*Lisa Word* has been sick this past week with strep throat ... *Claus Martel's father, Gene Martel*, had a shock treatment on his Friday to get his heart back in rhythm and all was successful ... *Wynell Ridgeway's great-granddaughter, Anna Grace Carr*, is in the Hospital Hospital in Huntsville with type 1 diabetes... *Jerry Dickey's mother, Pat Dickey*, is in the ECM hospital in Florence... *Virginia Lovell* has been sick, but is doing better now ... *Larry Johnson* is at home and not able to be out ... *Freda McConnell's sister, Leta Zadigan*, is nearing the end of her 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 ... *Tisha Thomas' grandmother, Nellie Hunter*, is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Thomas: Tisha, Ashley, and Alyssa* are away in Savannah, Georgia ... *Anthony Wallen* has been in Florida this past week... *Logan Pressnell* has been in Mississippi this past week.

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

**CONGRATULATIONS:** We want to congratulate *Patrick Martel and Jennifer Estes* on their marriage yesterday afternoon in Prattville, Alabama. We wish for them the very best in their life together.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** This morning *Claus Martel* will be resuming the taking of pictures for our new pictorial directory. If you

have not had your picture made lets get them made as soon as possible so we can get the updated directory out.

**VBS MEETING** There will be a Vacation Bible School meeting this evening following our evening service. I hope that everyone that would like to assist in this effort will be present.

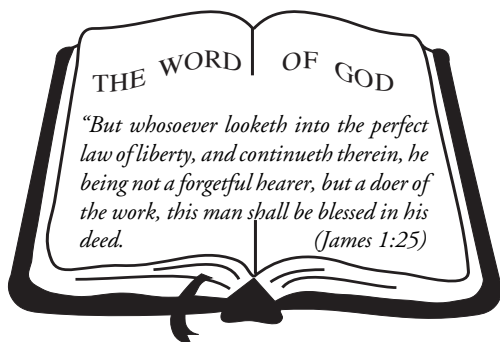
**GOSPEL MEETING/VBS:** The *Northside church* in Lexington will have a vacation Bible school this week at 7:00 p.m. The speakers in the adult class will be as follows: *Monday – Lee Wildmon Tuesday – David Cox; Wednesday – Buc Chumbley; Thursday – Leon Mauldin; Friday – Norm Webb...* The *Quinn Memorial church* in Spruce Pine will be having a VBS and gospel meeting this week. The VBS will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the series of meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. *Don Miller* will be the speaker...The *Parkway church* in Lawrence county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m. *Danny Fuller* will be the speaker in this meeting...The *Carriger church* in Limestone county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with services at 7:00 p.m. *Dan Binkley* will be the speaker in this meeting.

**THE RECORD:** *For the week of May 28th Sunday:*

Bible Classes ..... 107  
 Morning Worship ..... 124  
 Evening Worship ..... 99

**Wednesday:**

Bible Classes ..... 96



**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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