

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, July 2nd

Bible Classes

Song Leader
..... Brian Word
Bible Reading (Exo. 33:12-23)
..... Daniel Clemmons
Prayer
..... Michael Clemmons

Morning Worship

Song Leader
..... Brian Word
Prayer
..... Jerry Dickey
Lord's Supper
Presiding Mark McIntyre
Assisting Andrew Gatlin
Serving Jimmie Lovell
..... Corey Goode
..... Jim Phillips
..... Curtis Mosley
Closing Prayer
..... Ronnie Phillips

Evening Worship

Song Leader
..... Claus Martel
Bible Reading (Exo. 34:1-9)
..... Ray Tucker
Prayer
..... Larry White
Lord's Supper
..... Mark McIntyre
..... Andrew Gatlin
Closing Prayer
..... Rocky Rose

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Join us As We Study

"Kings of Kings"

Vacation Bible School

July 10-14 – 10:00 a.m.

There will be classes for ages:
Nursery through Adult.

Adult Class Speaker

Harold Comer

Sunday, July 9th

9:45 a.m.; 10:45 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Harold Comer, Speaking

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Anderson, Alabama

The Right Word

Harold V. Comer

What are the right words to criticize a willful king who could kill you for what you say? The prophet Nathan found the right words to help David clearly see himself. His words reversed David's spiritual decline. Nathan's picture of a rich man taking a poor shepherd's pet lamb was powerful and touching indeed. They were the right words!

How do you immediately get a Bible study with a powerful foreign official? Philip chose words with punch and yet enough courtesy to propel him from the desert roadside into the treasurer's chariot and a powerful, life-changing study of Isaiah 53. The right words open doors. The wrong words close doors.

When an angry, powerful man is coming to kill your husband, do you hide, stay and cry, or ponder your words for just the right statement to sway him to reason and insight? Abigail chose the right words and her speech cooled David's anger while it warmed his admiration for her. It is valuable indeed to choose the right words.

When Jonathan's best friend David was threatened with death or at least exile, the young prince's speeches were an example to all friends in lending support and encouragement with choice words!

God Said To "Consider"

The right words are often needed in Christianity today. We are commanded to give consideration to our efforts of provoking or stimulating our brethren (Hebrews 10:24). That means we are to ponder the needs and personalities of our weak brethren and are to work at choosing the right words. We are to exhort—but the real command of that passage is the simple verb "consider" to provoke one another to love and good works. God commands the thinking, searching, and agonizing necessary to find the

right word.

Finding the Right Words

We can find what will help if we really try. Nathan, Abigail, Jonathan, and Philip did. We must keep building our ability to say the things that minister grace to those who need us (Ephesians 4:29). Here are some things we can do to find the right word that will help others.

1. *We can decide we are obligated to improve our ability to say what's best.* Too many say, "I don't know what to say" and try to shed the responsibility to find the right thing to say. Others speak but their tongue is a butcher knife into the heart of those they "help." In addition to Hebrews 10:24, Colossians 4:5-6 and Ephesians 5:15 command us to develop wisdom in helping others. 2 Timothy 2:24 commands us to improve our teaching skills.

2. *We can study the Bible to find things that work.* When Jesus picked just the right words to stimulate the Samaritan woman to spiritual curiosity and self-honesty, he taught us a lot about one group of choice words which arouse another's interest. It is possible to find things that work by perceptibly looking at Biblical role models.

3. *We find the right word with empathy.* Too often, well meaning spiritual people bull into another's life. They tell them exactly what they should do without any awareness of the other's emotional condition or mood. They not only fail in their effort to help, they come through as insensitive, pushy bores and they close doors for later help. God commanded a spirit of empathy in Romans 12:15 and 1 Corinthians 12:26. Wise men don't sing songs to the heavy-hearted (Proverbs 25:20). Identify their mood. Be sympathetic. Then speak gentle words to help find receptive ears.

4. *Tone is important to the right words.* Often the right words can end up sounding different from what is literally expressed. The words are good but the tone is altered by anger at something else, excessive tension, or just plain exhaustion. Proverbs 15:1 teaches that tone is important for really changing the angry man. A portion of people who need help respond more to a tone than they do to the specific words that are used. Watch your words and watch your tone!

5. *Visuals words work faster!* Nathan used a concrete, visual situation with David. There was a quick response. Christ often taught by painting a visual picture. When Abigail cooled the angry David, she painted a vivid picture of him as king. Paint a picture with words. Hunt for a visual or a concrete word. The meaning will be clearer than a long speech loaded with abstractions.

6. *Words of support are valuable!* When David was threatened by the jealousy and javelins of Saul, Jonathan was there to offer words of endorsement and support. Words of support are needed by Bible class teachers, elders, deacons, parents and weak, troubled Christians today. They are not a waste of time. Rather, they are great and valuable motivators.

God expects you to care about the end result. Words, forced into sounds are just particles of bouncing air until they move the brain of another in a valuable and powerful way. Hunt for better words!

-via *Christianity Magazine*; Vol. 1 No. 7; July 1984.



Remember Our Bible Class Periods

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

“What Is Your Price?”

Jason Cicero

And He said to them, “*Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses*” (Luke 12:15; NKJV).

Jesus had a definition for greed. He called it the practice of measuring life by possessions. Greed equates a persons worth with a person’s purse.

1. You got a lot = you are a lot.
2. You got a little = you are little.

The consequence of such a philosophy is predictable. If you are the sum of what you own, then by all means own it all. No price is too high. No payment is too much. Greed is not defined by what something costs; it is measured by what it costs you. If anything costs you your faith or your family, the price is too high.

- via *The Perry Hill Road Bulletin*; Montgomery, Alabama.

News & Notes

THE SICK: *Jamie Mosley’s father, Andy McConnell*, is to have quadruple by-pass surgery later on this week at Huntsville Hospital ... *Ray Tucker* is at home recovering from surgery ... *Jack Tucker* is not able to be out as much as he would like ... *Larry Johnson* is at home ... *Claus Martel’s father, Gene Martel*, is doing better this week.. *Jeremy Pounders’ mother, Judy Pounders*, is awaiting tests soon to check some difficulties she is having... *Freda McConnell’s sister, Leta Zadigan*, has ended her treatments... *Myrtie Williams* is at home and 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 Butlers: *Aric and Andrea* are in Kentucky This weekend ... **Sanda Martel** is in Cape Canaveral for the shuttle launch due to her work.

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.

COLLEGE VIEW - FLORENCE: It was my privilege to be with the **College View church** in Florence this past week in their Vacation Bible School. The VBS went very well each morning and classes on Monday and Tuesday evenings for the High school and college ages. On Wednesday night, I preached to a combined assembly. We rejoiced Wednesday night after the evening service when two were baptized into Christ. The church at College View is a very good church that is served by four fine men as elders. *Mark White* is the evangelist there and *Drew Jones* has just moved to Florence to work with College View as young preacher. It was good to spend time with both Mark and Drew.

PATRICK MARTEL TO IRAQ: It was good to have *Patrick and Jennifer Martel* with us visiting a couple of weeks ago. Patrick will be leaving this week to prepare for his deployment to Iraq in a few weeks. He will be away for 18 months as planned. We need to remember Patrick as he and others are away serving. May the Lord bless him with safety and a safe return home.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: *Claus Martel* will be taking pictures again today for the pictorial directory. If you have not had your picture taken yet, please get with Claus today.

THE RECORD: *Average For the Month of June*

Sunday: Bible Classes 106
Morning Worship 121
Evening Worship 84
Wednesday: Bible Classes 92

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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Michael Clemmons (256) 247-0836
Scottie Goode (931) 565-3391

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