

# 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, August 20th

### *Bible Classes*

Song Leader  
..... Eddie J. Hammond  
Bible Reading ..... (Exo. 38:21-31)  
..... Eddie L. Hammond  
Prayer  
..... Michael Clemmons

### *Morning Worship*

Song Leader  
..... Eddie J. Hammond  
Prayer  
..... Jimmy Glass  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Rocky Rose  
Assisting ..... Aric Butler  
Serving ..... Corey Goode  
..... Jason White  
..... Trent Thornton  
..... Jacob Rogers  
Closing Prayer  
..... Brad Hammond

### *Evening Worship*

Song Leader  
..... Kevin Chancellor  
Bible Reading ..... (Exo. 39:1-7)  
..... Jerry Dickey  
Prayer  
..... Ronnie Phillips  
Lord's Supper  
..... Rocky Rose  
..... Aric Butler  
Closing Prayer  
..... Andrew Gatlin

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## *Accept Your Responsibility*

**David A. Cox**

We live in a time when people think nothing of shirking their responsibilities. In the home, in the workplace, in civic affairs, etc., people just seem to think that they can get by without accepting the fact that they have responsibilities. This is so apparent in our criminal justice system. Someone is caught in a crime and will even admit to having committed the crime, but will offer some excuse and will be let go without any penalty in many cases. This is a serious problem because many believe that they can go through life and never accept responsibility for their actions, but this is just no so!

### **The Example of David**

In 2 Samuel 11, we read of David's sin with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah. After having committed fornication with Bathsheba, David tried desperately to hide the terrible sin he had committed. Eventually he had Uriah killed and took Bathsheba to be his wife. David did not want to accept the responsibility of his actions. The prophet Nathan came to David in 2 Samuel 12 and told him that even though the sin was hidden from men, God was aware of his sin and that David was responsible for his actions. Upon hearing this, David accepted responsibility for his actions as he said, "I have sinned against the Lord" (2 Samuel 12:13). Although, the consequences of David's sin remained, he received forgiveness from God by accepting responsibility of his sins and repenting of them.

### **How To Accept Responsibility**

How can one accept responsibility for his actions? Some may have in the past committed sins, but have never made correction of them. They may believe as David did that if no one knows about

the sin then there is no problem. Or one may think that it was so long ago that no one would remember. Or that circumstances were such that every one would have sympathy and understand the hardship they faced. Yes, it may be that sins may not be known to others, but they may be. It may be that sins have been so long ago that nobody remembers. People do have sympathy with those who face various trials. But none of these reasons will correct the sin. If one has not accepted personal responsibility for their sins, and the sins are left uncorrected they are separated from God. Isaiah said, "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have his face from you" (Isaiah 59:2). After being confronted with his sins David prayed, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness... For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned..." David's sin involved more than something between him and God, but his sin separated him from God. David acknowledges here that if he does not accept responsibility it will remain there. So to be forgiven, we must accept responsibility for our sins and ask for forgiveness. This will not remove the consequences, but when we meet God in judgement we will not hear these things mentioned because God will have forgiven us of our sins as we have made correction and accepted our responsibility.

Have you neglected your responsibility? Are there matters in your life which need correcting? If so, accept your responsibility and correct your life now. Heaven is at stake.

***Remember:***

- What?** Young Adult Home Bible Study
- When?** Sunday, Sept. 3rd, after our evening service
- Where?** At the home of Cori Williams
- Subject?** Searching For Truth

## ***Hot Pursuit***

**Edwin L. Crozier**

The most overused line of police shows is, "I'm in hot pursuit." It is spoken over the CB radio as sirens blare and tires squeal (even if on dirt roads) around a corner while the suspects escape.

2 Timothy 2:22, however, demonstrates we must be in hot pursuit: "Now flee youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart."

We are to pursue righteousness. According to Strong's Enhanced Lexicon, this refers to "the state of him who is as he ought to be." Righteousness means doing what pleases God and being what God intended us to be. In Matthew 5:6, Jesus said we are to hunger and thirst for righteousness. In Matthew 6:33, Jesus said we are to seek God's righteousness first. We are to be in hot pursuit of the life that pleases God.

We are to be in hot pursuit of faith, that is, conviction and trust in God. This means not only believing in God, but believing God. In II Peter 1:5-8, Peter explained that faith is our foundation, however it must be increasing. We need to pursue those things which increase our faith.

The number one pursuit that increases our faith is also the number one pursuit aiding our righteousness. Romans 10:17 says faith comes by hearing God's word. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says Scripture is profitable to instruct us in righteousness. If we are in hot pursuit of righteousness and faith, we are going to be in hot pursuit of God's word.

We are to be in hot pursuit of love. This is the unconditional agape that puts the needs of others before our own. 1 Timothy 1:5 explained that the goal of our instruction is love. Further,

1 Peter 1:22 says we have purified ourselves for a sincere love of the brethren. The two greatest commands are love God and love our neighbor (Matthew 22:36-39). We must be in hot pursuit of love.

We must be in hot pursuit of peace, that is, peace with God and peace with men. Romans 12:18 explains as much as it depends on us, we are to be at peace with all. James 3:17-18 explains godly wisdom is peaceable and sown in peace by those who make peace. In Matthew 5:9, Jesus said only peacemakers shall be called sons of God. We have to pursue peace.

We are to pursue these things with those who call on God from a pure heart. We are not the lone ranger and we must not act as such. We must not be those who come to the assembly and avoid other interaction with brethren. We must be in hot pursuit of righteousness, faith, love and peace with brethren who are also in hot pursuit of these things.

With whom are you pursuing righteousness, faith, love and peace?

- via *Franklin Bulletin*; Franklin, Tennessee.



## *The Willing Heart*

**Billy Norris**

The time had come to build the tabernacle. The people were in a barren wilderness. Where would they be able to get the necessary materials? Moses passed to the people the word of the Lord: “Take from among you an offering to the LORD. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the LORD...” (Exodus 35:5). The Lord listed all that would be needed for the tabernacle— gold, silver, bronze, and many other materials. It turned out that the children of Israel had in their possession all of

the needed materials. Those of the willing heart, heart the stirred heart, heart gave (Exodus 3:22, 26) not only of their materials, but also of their time and skills. “So they continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning” (Exodus 36:3). The craftsmen spoke to Moses, “The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the LORD commanded us to do” (Exodus 36:5). “And the people were restrained from bringing, for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much” (Exodus 36:6,7).

The *willing heart* makes the difference between success and failure.

-via *Gospel Guide*, Vol. 37 No. 8; August 2005.

## News & Notes

**THE SICK:** *Jimmie Lovell* is to have an arteriogram done on Tuesday morning at the heart center in Huntsville...*Virginia Lovell* is still suffering with the pain the doctors think is a kidney stone. She is to return to the doctor on August 30th...*Myrtie Williams* is in the Glenwood rehabilitation center in Florence... *Trent Thornton* broke some ribs in a four wheeler accident last Saturday, but was able to be at Bible study Wednesday night... *Ronnie Phillips and Sissy Clemmons' mother, Lois Ann Corum*, is in Glenwood Rehabilitation in Florence... *Doris Newton's brother, Preston Dean*, continues in ICU at the ECM hospital in Florence and is not doing well...*Rodney McCrary's nephew, Chris Roden*, was involved in a car accident early Friday morning and is in ICU at ECM in Florence... *Jack Tucker* is not able to be out as much as he would like ... *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.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Chancellor: Kevin, Laurie and Abby* were in Corinth, Mississippi last weekend... *The Rogers: Mike, Tisha, Zack and Jacob* were in Tennessee last weekend... *The Pounders: Jeremy and Tarah* were out of town last weekend.

**ELDERS/DEACONS MEETING:** The elders have scheduled an elders/deacons meeting for this afternoon at 4:30p.m.

**SONG SERVICE:** Tonight will be the time for our regular scheduled song service. *Kevin Chancellor* will be directing the service. I hope that everyone will makew their plans to be present.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The *Southern Blvd. church* in Sheffield is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m. Tommy Hagewood will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Hughes Road at Gooch Lane church* in Madison is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m. Sewell Hall will be the speaker in this meeting.

**COMMUNICATION GROUPS:** This evening following our evening servce communication group three will be meeting. If you are in group three remember to meet with your group.

**THE RECORD:** *Attendance week of Aug. 13th*

**Sunday:** Bible Classes ..... 87  
 Morning Worship ..... 105  
 Evening Worship ..... 89

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes ..... 84

**Gospel Meeting**  
**September 24-28**  
 Bill Hall, Speaking  
**Anderson church of Christ**  
 Highway 207 South  
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**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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