

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, September 17th

Bible Classes

Song Leader
..... Phil Pressnell
Bible Reading (Lev. 3:1-11)
..... Rocky Rose
Prayer
..... Claus Martel

Morning Worship

Song Leader
..... Phil Pressnell
Prayer
..... Ronnie Phillips
Lord's Supper
Presiding Michael Clemmons
Assisting Larry White
Serving Jason White
..... Michael Word
..... Tyler Cox
..... Brad Hammond
Closing Prayer
..... James Word

Evening Worship

Song Leader
..... Brian Word
Bible Reading (Lev. 3:12-17)
..... Rodney McCrary
Prayer
..... Andrew Gatlin
Lord's Supper
..... Michael Clemmons
..... Larry White
Closing Prayer
..... Steve Parker

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You Are Invited To Attend Our

Gospel Meeting

September 24-28

(Sunday – Thursday)

Schedule of Services

Sunday: 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Monday – Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

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When God Is With Us

Bill Hall

“In our prayers, I am constantly hearing the expression, ‘Be with this one,’ and ‘Be with that one.’ What is meant by the expression?” That question was addressed to this writer thirty years ago. He would like to think that the answer given in this article will be more enlightening than the feeble answer given then.

A consideration of the occasions when God said, “I will be with you,” should help in providing an answer.

To Moses: When Moses asked, “Who am I that I should go up to Pharaoh?” God replied, “I will certainly be with you” (Exodus 3:12).

To Joshua: “As I was with Moses, so I will be with you” (Joshua 1:5). God further assured Joshua that the crossing of the Jordan on dry ground would show the people that “as I was with Moses, so I will be with you” (Joshua 3:7).

To Gideon: “The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor” (Judges 6:12).

To David: Saul said to David as he was leaving to face Goliath: “Go, and the Lord be with you” (1 Samuel 17:37). Two giants faced one another that day: one, a physical giant; the other, a spiritual giant. The difference in the battle was in the fact that God was with the spiritual giant and was not with the physical giant.

To Jeremiah: “Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you” (Jeremiah 1:8).

Obviously, the expression, “I will be with you,” is assurance of success in whatever God wants to accomplish through that person whom He is with.

Present Day Application

How can a man and his wife leave family and

friends to go into some foreign field to preach the gospel? How can they go where custom and language are different and where living standards are far below what they have been accustomed to all their lives? The answer: “And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19, 20).

How can a Christian face death in peace, with confidence as he passes from this life into the realms that he beyond? The answer: “Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me” (Psalm 23:4).

*“Be with me, Lord, no other gift or blessing,
Thou couldst bestow could with this one compare;
A constant sense of Thy a abiding presence,
Wher-e'er I am to feel that Thou art near.”*

-T.O. Chisolm

When God Is Not With Us

If success is assured when God is with us, failure results when God is not with us. After the Israelites in their lack of faith refused to enter the promised land (Numbers 14:1-4), some had a change of heart and decided to go up after all. Moses warned them that they would not succeed, but would fall by the sword:

“Because you have turned away from the Lord, the Lord will not be with you” (Numbers 14:43). Their efforts indeed failed. One may appear to succeed for a while when the Lord is not with him, but eventually he will fail.

Conditions to be Met

What must be true of one if God is to be with him? The answer is found in God’s statement to Jeroboam after promising him ten of the twelve tribes: “Then it shall be, if you heed all that I command you, walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did,

then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house” (1 Kings 11:38). Unfortunately, Jeroboam chose to follow his own ways rather than God’s, and consequently his name ranks among the infamous.

When my loved ones are sick, or I am facing surgery, or am leaving for gospel meetings, or am in distress in any way, I want the prayers of that person whom God is with. I do not care about his race, gender, or station in life. If God is with him, he is the one whose prayers will avail. That person is the richest of all persons. Let each ask himself, “Am I that person?”

“Go, and the Lord be with you.”

-via *The Beacon*; Charlottesville, Virginia.

gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matthew 7:13,14).

Noah refused to go along with the crowd of his day. His refusal saved the human race, including you and me. We can be thankful that Noah chose to be right rather than popular.

- via *Gospel Guide*; Vol. 34 No. 7; July 2002.



Following A Crowd

Billy Norris

“You shall not follow a crowd to do evil...”
(Exodus 23:2).

Choosing to go with the majority can be a poor standard of determining right and wrong. To fall in with the flow of the crowd may be easy and inviting because it is the popular way. The teenager argues, “Why must I be left out? Everybody else is doing it.” The argument may seem reasonable, but it in no way determines what is right. God’s word is the standard that defines right and wrong. The crowd’s way likely will be the wrong way.

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the

News and Notes

THE SICK: *Shannon Johnson* is in the ECM hospital in Florence... *Virginia Lovell* has been sick due to an infection from some ticks bites ... *Cori Williams’ aunt, Aletha Howard*, had surgery in Birmingham on Thursday... *Jimmie & Mary Lovell’s daughter, Tina Kellum*, had gall bladder surgery in Athens on Wednesday... *Jackson Parker* was able to be at Bible study Wednesday night after being sick over the weekend ... *Ethan Pressnell* was able to be Bible study Wednesday night after being sick last week ... *Jack Tucker* is not able to be out ... *Myrtie Williams* is confined at home ... *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.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: We will be meeting this evening at 5:30 p.m. for a children's Bible drill. I hope that all of our children will plan to be here at 5:30 p.m.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Pepper Road church* in Athens is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday. Services will begin through the week at 7:00 p.m. *Chuck Bartlett of Toronto, Ontario* will be the speaker in this meeting.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Keenons: Jonathan and Lawinda* are out of town this weekend...*The Crunks: Steven, Erica and Carson* are in Guntersville this weekend...*The Gatlins: Steve and Theresa* are camping in Guntersville...*Cori Williams* is in Birmingham this weekend with her aunt...*Jerry Best* is out of town this week in West Virginia.

NEW BABY: We rejoice with *Corey & Ashley Goode* on the birth of their new baby, *Audrey Caroline*. She was born Friday at ECM hospital in Florence. She weighed 6lbs. and 14 ozs. Both Ashley and Audrey are doing well. *Scottie and Shelia Goode* are the proud grandparents of Audrey.

COMMUNICATION GROUPS: Tonight will be the time for Communication Groups three to meet. If you are in Group three, remember to meet with your group tonight.

THE RECORD: Attendance week of Sept. 10th

Sunday:

Bible Classes 95
 Morning Worship 119
 Evening Worship 74

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 88

Remember Our Bible Class Periods

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

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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