

# 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, March 18th:

### *Bible Classes*

Song Leader  
..... Eddie J. Hammond  
Bible Reading ..... (Lev. 25:1-12)  
..... Larry White  
Prayer  
..... Steve Parker

### *Morning Worship*

Song Leader  
..... Eddie J. Hammond  
Prayer  
..... Kevin Chancellor  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Michael Clemmons  
Assisting ..... Claus Martel  
Serving ..... Daniel Clemmons  
..... Tyler Cox  
..... Trent Thornton  
..... Brad Hammond  
Closing Prayer  
..... Rocky Rose

### *Evening Worship*

Song Leader  
..... Mark McIntyre  
Bible Reading ..... (Lev. 25:13-22)  
..... Andrew Gatlin  
Prayer  
..... Ronnie Phillips  
Lord's Supper  
..... Michael Clemmons  
..... Claus Martel  
Closing Prayer  
..... Jerry Dickey

*Your Invited To Attend*

# **Gospel Meeting**

**March 25-30**

(Sunday – Friday)

## *Schedule of Services*

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

**Monday – Friday: 7:00 p.m.**

Mark W. White, Speaker  
of Florence, Alabama

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# Searching For Runaways

Mark W. White

Throughout this country, thousands of children are “on the streets,” having left their homes in search of “freedom” from the restraints of parents, teachers, rules and regulations. Many of them are quite young, celebrating an eleventh or twelfth birthday “on their own.” Parents and friends live in anguish not knowing the whereabouts of these children. Unsure whether their children are living or dead, these parents and friends endure tremendous agony as they seek them out and bring these children back home. Many of these children leave home because they **feel** unloved and unwanted. Others run away because they **actually are not welcomed** at home, for one reason or another.

Throughout the kingdom of God, thousands of God’s children have turned back into the world, leaving the fold of God in search of “freedom” from God’s demands. They are also running from the watchful eye of elders and other members of the family of God. These are spiritual runaways who have disassociated themselves from the body of Christ.

It is nothing less than a terrible tragedy that so many members of the church have gone astray. Like sheep wandering away from the fold, they have placed themselves in great spiritual danger. 2 Peter 2:21-22 declares that a Christian who migrates back into the world is in an ugly predicament. “...The latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they have known it to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: ‘The dog returns to his own vomit,’ and ‘The sow, that had washed to her wallowing in the mire.’” The Hebrews writer explains that those who do not endure, but draw back, do so to the condemnation of their own souls, Hebrews 10:26-29.

Most every church has members who have

“run away” from duty. They no longer attend and if we are not careful, we may even forget they exist. Too often, we fail in our duty to “round up the strays.” In some cases, a “runaway” might not even be missed for quite some time. Even after a year or more, someone may inquire “I wonder what ever happened to John and Mary Doe? I never see them at a Bible class or worship anymore.” What a shame! How pitiful when some of the sheep have jumped the fence and we are so busy we don’t even take notice! Elders, as shepherds, do have primary responsibility to watch out for souls, Hebrews 13:17. But every faithful Christian is charged to “restore” those “overtaken in a fault” (Galatians 6:1).

Perhaps a runaway is reading these lines. If so, please know that God still loves and cares for you. So do your brothers and sisters. We all want you to come home and take your place with the family.

-via *Susquehanna Sentinel*; Marietta, Pennsylvania.

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1. Information about the church at Anderson
2. The **Gospel Power** in .pdf format uploaded each Sunday.
3. Sermons preached at Anderson in Windows Media Player.

## Going Somewhere?

Edwin L. Crozier

The Beatles sang:

*He's a real nowhere man;  
Sitting in his nowhere land;  
Making all his nowhere plans  
For nobody.*

*Doesn't have a point of view;  
Knows not where he's going to;  
Isn't he a bit like  
You and me?*

Is he a bit like you and me? I hope not. Sadly, all too often, this is just like me—wandering through life without real plans, just taking the days as they come, reacting but never preparing.

Most of us want to end up somewhere, but never really define where that somewhere is. This is reminiscent of Alice's encounter with the Cheshire Cat. He pointed out if she didn't care where she went, it didn't matter which direction she took. She explained she wanted to get somewhere. To which the cat responded she was sure to get somewhere as long as she kept walking long enough.

When we travel like that, we end up somewhere only to find out we don't want to be there.

No doubt, we could talk about life goals with our family or career. More importantly we need to think about eternity.

We pretty well know where we want to go, but do we know where we are going? Are we making plans to get us there? Do we have convictions to lead us down the paths of righteousness? Or are we sitting in our nowhere land, without points of view, making nowhere plans for nobody?

Whenever I read the parable of Lazarus and the rich man in Luke 16:19-31, I can't help but think about their lives. The rich man apparently made lots of plans to make money. Lazarus hadn't done that. The rich man had probably made lots of plans to be upwardly mobile. Lazarus

hadn't done that.

However, Lazarus had clearly made spiritual plans. Though he was a beggar, he had obviously thought about eternity and how to get where he wanted to go. He wanted paradise. He wanted heaven. By God's grace, he made it.

Do you think the rich man made plans to go to torment? Had he laid out a course and faithfully walked it in order to go to hell? Of course not. Rather, he didn't plan for heaven. Spiritually, he was a nowhere man, making nowhere plans. He did, however, end up somewhere. Once he got there, it was too late to make better plans.

We are going somewhere. Where are you planning to go for eternity? If you are not planning, let me assure you, you will end up somewhere. Then it will be too late to do anything about it. Don't be a nowhere man; be going somewhere.

~via *Franklin church Bulletin*; Franklin, Tennessee.

## News and Notes

**THE SICK:** *Sheila Moore* is out of the hospital after spending several days there last week. . . *Amber Hammond* has been sick this past week and has not been able to be at services. . . *Claus Martel* is scheduled for neck surgery on Tuesday morning. . . *Erica Crunk* was sick Wednesday night and was unable to be at Bible study. . . *Hannah White* recieved a good report from the doctor's visit in Birmingham this past Monday. . . *Ashley Thomas* has pneumonia and was not able to be at Bible study Wednesday night. . . *Phil Pressnell* has continued to deal with his kidney stones but is now doing better. . . *Dana Grisham* has been sick this past week. . . *Molly Kate Phillips* has been sick this past week, and was unable to be at Bible study Wednesday night. . . *Myrtie Williams* is at home not able to

be out ...*Jack Tucker* is not able to be out ...*Judy Williams' mother, Flossie Kazzaire*, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette.

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

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL:** Remember the children's Bible drill will be this evening at 5:30. I hope that all of our children will be there and as many adults who can be there to encourage our young people.

**SONG SERVICE:** Tonight is the night for our song service. *Mark McIntyre* will be directing the service. I hope everyone will make their plans to be present.

**YARD SIGNS, MEETING INVITATIONS:** This afternoon there will be a number of us that will be meeting and going out to invite people to our gospel meeting. Also, we have yard signs telling about our meeting. I hope that a number of us will be able to participate in this.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The *New Georgia church* will be engaged in a gospel meeting this week with *Rick Duggin* preaching. Services will be Monday and Tuesday evening at 7:00 .... The *Posey church* in Franklin county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with *Shawn Wallace* preaching. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m..

**THE RECORD:** Attendance—Week of Mar. 11th  
*Sunday:*

Bible Classes ..... 104  
Morning Worship ..... 123  
Evening Worship ..... 89

*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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