

# 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 Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, March 4th:

### *Bible Classes*

Song Leader ..... Jerry Dickey  
Bible Reading ..... (Lev. 23:22-32)  
..... Jonathan Keenon  
Prayer ..... Rocky Rose

### *Morning Worship*

Song Leader ..... Jerry Dickey  
Prayer ..... Michael Clemmons  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Jimmy Glass  
Assisting ..... Andrew Gatlin  
Serving ..... Hunter Cox  
..... Ethan Pressnell  
..... Corey Goode  
..... Rodney McCrary  
Closing Prayer  
..... Phil Pressnell

### *Evening Worship*

Song Leader ..... Brian Word  
Bible Reading ..... (Lev. 23:33-38)  
..... Brad Hammond  
Prayer ..... Mark McIntyre  
Lord's Supper  
..... Jimmy Glass  
..... Andrew Gatlin  
Closing Prayer  
..... Kevin Chancellor

## *The Throne In Heaven*

**Bubba Garner**

*"After these things I looked, and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne. And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance. And from the throne proceed flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder And they will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 'Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created'" (Revelation 4:1-11).*

I don't know about you, but I can't read John's vision and description of the throne in heaven without the hair on the back of my neck standing up. I saw some really spectacular scenes this summer while in Jamaica and Canada, but I have not yet been able to describe with my mouth or pen what I beheld with my eyes. Imagine John's frustration in his task to depict the immortal glory of God in terms that mortal man could comprehend; there is an old gospel song that says something to that effect: "John couldn't tell it, John couldn't spell it, and John couldn't write it all down."

Consider a couple of observations from this vision.

**God is on His throne.** That's really digging deep into the text, isn't it? But He is. And no heavenly or earthly force will ever be able to challenge His authority or remove Him from power. Not the president, not the emperor, not the devil. "The Lord has established His throne in the heavens; and His sovereignty rules over all" (Psalm 103:19). In all the apprehensions and uncertainties of life, remember Who is in control. When the righteous suffer and the wicked prosper, remember the Great Equalizer. In anything and everything that you're doing, remember that God is on His throne.

Nothing happens that is not according to His will, and while life may be out of our hands, it is not out of His.

**Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.** When no one in heaven was found worthy to open the book that God held in His right hand, John looked beside the throne and saw a Lamb that had been slain, and the Lamb came and took the book. Immediately, heaven burst into a new song, saying, “Worthy art Thou for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation” (Revelation 5:9). Jesus Christ is worthy. He is worthy of our worship in song on this Lord’s Day. He is worthy of our remembrance of His death for our sins. He is worthy of our commemoration of His resurrection that prefigures our victory. He is worthy of our imitation and our following in His steps that lead to the God who sits on His throne.

**You may overcome through Christ alone.** The book of Revelation was primarily written to encourage those First Century saints who were suffering persecution from the Roman Empire. They were scattered, homeless, and oppressed, but they were Christians. And Christians don’t give up. “Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Revelation 2:10). Two thousand years has not faded that covenant. To those who endure affliction, He has pledged relief. To those who labor, He has promised rest. But only to those who overcome with the Lamb.

“To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever” (Revelation 5:13). Amen.

~via *Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas.



### **Remember Our Bible Class Periods**

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

## ***Fighting Against Satan***

**Randy Harshbarger**

When Jesus lived His life on earth, He was in constant conflict with Satan. After Satan’s initial tempting of our Lord, it is said: “And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season” (Luke 4:13). Satan departed, but he came back. So it is for every Christian. Our lives on earth are spent in conflict with our enemy who seeks the destruction of our souls. John wrote to encourage Christians in their battle by saying: “I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father” (1 John 2:13). We can be successful in overcoming Satan; yet, we must never let down our guard. We cannot defeat Him by ourselves; we must rely on Christ. Christ did battle with Satan and was victorious. The sting of death has been removed. “The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:57-58). We must still remember that the devil has not conceded defeat. As a roaring lion he seeks to devour us (1 Peter 5:8). Yes, Christ promises deliverance. “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).

The conquest and conflict between Christ and Satan was predicted long ago. After the fall of Adam and Eve, God made a promise that made possible a healing of the ruptured relationship between the first couple and their Creator. “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel” (Genesis 3:15). The Messiah, through whom would come God’s rule of righteousness, did come. Christ, the seed of woman, did come and dealt a death-blow to Satan. The prophet Isaiah reiterated the same promise, speaking of the “prince of peace” (Isaiah 9:6-7).

Early in the ministry of Jesus, Satan tried to undermine God's plan for salvation. Herod murdered the babies in Jerusalem. There were the early temptations in the wilderness. An enthusiastic crowd tried to take Jesus by force to make Him king. Even the apostles of Jesus tried to circumvent Jesus' mission as the Savior. "From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee" (Matthew 16:22-23). Yet, Satan could only retreat. The demons were dismissed; sicknesses were healed; even nature obeyed the voice of our Lord.

Finally, Jesus came to the cross. "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out" (John 12:31). By Jesus' death the final conquest of Satan would take place. Jesus would not be diverted from His mission. "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me" (John 14:30). Satan was on his way out. "Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged" (John 16:11). The devil and sin and death were destroyed. He "despoiled" the principalities and powers. In apparent weakness, bound hand and foot, suspended between heaven and earth, Jesus could and did resist sin and Satan, and dethroned them all. The cross must never be the object of derision. It can only be the symbol of victory.

-via *Stallings Drive Bulletin*; Naccgdoches, Texas

## Gospel Meeting

March 25-30, 2007

(Sunday – Friday)

Mark W. White, Speaking

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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.

## News and Notes

**THE SICK:** *Madia Haraway* has not been able to be at services due to arthritis in her leg... *C. L. Weathers* has been sick this past week and has not been able to be out... *Erica Crunk* is to go to her doctor this week to discuss her surgery... *Jerry Best* has been sick, but was able to be at Bible study Wednesday night... *Leota Springer's husband, Bob Springer*, spent several days in the Veterans hospital in Birmingham this past week... *Ashley Thomas* was sick Wednesday night and was unable to be at Bible study... *Tristen Thornton* was sick last weekend and unable to be at services... *Phil Pressnell* has been sick with kidney stones this week and had surgery on Thursday afternoon... *Dana Grisham* has been sick this past week... *Lawinda Keenon* has been sick this past week and was not able to be at Bible study Wednesday night... *Samuel & Molly Kate Phillips* have been sick this past week... *Erin Cooper* was sick this past weekend, but was able to Bible study Wednesday night... *Myrtie Williams* is at home and 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 one to meet. If you are in group one, remember to meet with your group in the young adult classroom.

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Tonight following our evening service, the young adults will be meeting at the home of **Daniel and Marla Clemmons**. We will concluded our study on “*Searching For Truth*” with the topic “*About Baptism*”. I hope that all of our young adults will make their plans to be present.

**OUR MEETING:** It is only three weeks until our meeting with *Mark W. White of Florence*. I hope that everyone is remembering the meeting in your prayers and are inviting those that we talked with to the meeting. There are some handout on the table in the vestibule.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The **Jackson Drive church** in Athens will be engaged in a gospel meeting this week with *David Hartsell of Tuscaloosa* preaching. Services will be each evening at 7:00 p.m....The **River Bend church** in western Lauderdale county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with *Whit Sasser* preaching. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. through Friday...The **Hughes Road at Gooch Lane church** is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services beginning at 7:00 p.m. *Ferrell Jenkins of Tampa, Florida* will be the speaker...The **Westview church** in Hartselle is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m. *Bill Hall* will be the speaker in this meeting...Beginning Friday the **South Cullman church** in Cullman will engaged in a meeting discussing the Islam Religion. The meeting will begin Friday night at 7:00 p.m. they will have two sessions on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and three services on Sunday. *Phillip Mullins* will be the speaker in this meeting.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance – Week of Feb. 25th  
**Sunday:**

Bible Classes ..... 100  
Morning Worship ..... 121  
Evening Worship ..... 90

**Wednesday:**

Bible Classes ..... 76

**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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