

# 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, June 24th:

### *Bible Classes*

Song Leader  
..... Jerry Dickey  
Bible Reading ..... (Num. 7:1-9)  
..... Jonathan Keenon  
Prayer  
..... Brad Hammond

### *Morning Worship*

Song Leader  
..... Jerry Dickey  
Prayer  
..... Ray Tucker  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Eddie J. Hammond  
Assisting ..... Andrew Gatlin  
Serving ..... Michael Word  
..... Daniel Clemmons  
..... Curtis Mosley  
..... Jim Phillips  
Closing Prayer  
..... Rocky Rose

### *Evening Worship*

Song Leader  
..... Kevin Chancellor  
Bible Reading ..... (Num. 7:10-17)  
..... Eddie L. Hammond  
Prayer  
..... Ronnie Phillips  
Lord's Supper  
..... Eddie J. Hammond  
..... Andrew Gatlin  
Closing Prayer  
..... Aric Butler

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## *God Knows Your Name*

**W. Frank Walton**

Do you ever have problems remembering names? Many say, "I remember their face but not their name." Our Almighty Father in heaven never forgets your name. "The LORD answers, Can a woman forget the baby she nurses? Can she feel no kindness for the child to which she gave birth? Even if she could forget her children, I will not forget you. See, I have written your name on my hand. Jerusalem, I always think about your walls" (Isaiah 49:15-16).

The historical background was Isaiah's comfort to the Jewish exiles in Babylonian captivity. Far away from home, they wondered if God had forgotten them. Does God still care? Yes, Isaiah proclaims! A human mother surely remembers her infant child, yet great than this is God's concern for His people. The 70 year Babylonian captivity was ordained to purify the Jews from idolatry and to allow the land of Israel to enjoy its Sabbaths rest that the Jews failed to observe (Jeremiah 25:11-12, 50:20; Ezekiel 6:9, 2 Chronicles 36:20-21; Leviticus 26:33-36).

God's delays are not His denials. We have to patiently trust God's timetable, not our own, and wait on Him to fulfill His own good purpose in His own good time. Have you ever written something urgent on your hand to make sure you don't forget? God has written your name on His hand (metaphor for His active involvement in the world). He will not forget you! So, if you are a true child of God by obedient faith, God knows your name!

You are not an afterthought in the world. You were created with a divine purpose in this world. You are at the center of God's loving concern. He remembers and cares for you! How comforting is Isaiah's message to God's captive people: "Comfort, oh, comfort my people" (Isaiah 40:1).

## Do You Know God's Name?

For God to know your name in a tender, loving, saved relationship, you must come to know Him by name. "The LORD also will be a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble; and those who know Your name will put their trust in You, for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You" (Psalm 9:10-11).

There is salvation only in the name (person) of Jesus (Acts 4:12). Have you been baptized in the name (by the authority of His person) Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38, 8:16, 10:48, 19:5)? Has God enrolled your name in the book of Life? Why not obey the gospel today?

Do you sincerely strive by faith to "do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God" (Colossians 3:17, cf. 1 Corinthians 5:4, 2 Thessalonians 3:6). This is faithfully and respectfully staying within only what the Lord has authorized in His word. "We believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us" (1 John 3:23). If God knows our name, we can always take refuge in His name (Proverbs 18:10).

Does God know your name?

~via *Charleston Road Bulletin*; New Albany, Indiana.

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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 Real Audio.

## Why Accept The Bible?

Kipp Campbell

While preparing for a possible study with a guy who was considering embracing Mormonism, I was utterly stunned at how flawed the supposed inspired Book of Mormon really is and how people can take seriously the "doctrine" it puts forth. While the purpose of this article isn't meant to slam or bash the people of the Mormon faith, it did cause me to stop and consider the question, why should we accept the Bible? What makes the different than the other books in the religious world (i.e. New World Translation (Jehovah's Witnesses), Book of Mormon, catechisms, manuals, etc.)? Let's note some things the Bible does:

*First, the Bible clarifies.* Many people in the religious world believe they are saved simply because they "feel it" in their hearts. They have based their "religion" upon what they think should be, not upon what God has actually said, which in turn makes their faith shallow. In Heb. 11:1 the writer said, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Do the words "assurance" and "conviction" seem to be words of confusion or uncertainty? Of course not. The Bible is clear when it comes to the commandments of God (1 Corinthians 14:33). James said the Bible faith is one of works (James 2:14,20,24-26), not feelings or emotions. The Bible is perfectly clear when it comes to what God expects of people today.

*Second, the Bible claims.* The word of God is not the work of forty different men who conspired to write a book together, rather it is from the mind of God (1 Corinthians 2:10-13). Many people, including Christians, operate under the assumption the Apostles wrote what they felt was needed at the time, thus promoting their own agendas. However, Peter said, "But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human

will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God” (2 Peter 1:20-21). The Bible also claims to have the answers we need for this life. In 2 Peter 1:3 Peter says, “seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness....” The answer we need to the question “What must I do to be saved?” is contained in the Bible, if we will but listen and accept what it says.

*Third, the Bible condemns.* Most people in the religious world believe the Bible to be a completely positive book. However, we’re told of what will happen to those who implement the traditions of men instead of following the Bible. In Matthew 15:7-9, Jesus called the Pharisees (and those associated with them) hypocrites and called their worship vain because they had substituted their traditions for the pure and undefiled worship God had revealed to them. All one has to do is look around and see the different perversions that have crept into churches today. God has revealed to us through His word, how He expects us to worship Him. Paul spoke about this in 1 Corinthians 1:10-13 where the church in Corinth had four different divisions. Today we have (the last I heard) over three thousand different “churches.” How have we gone from **one** church to over three thousand?

*Finally, as a result of the above problems, the Bible calls for study.* In Acts 17:10-11 we’re told of a group of people called Bereans who searched the Scriptures to make sure the things spoken of by Paul were true. In 1 Thessalonians 5:21 Paul said to, “examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good.” Peter said to be prepared to give a defense for those things you believe (1 Peter 3:15). Study must be important in the lives of every Christian. Without it, we can not know the will of God and thus can not please Him, nor expect to spend eternity with Him.

Let us be sure to accept the Bible for what it is, the inspired word of God. It is not some earthly man’s idea or agenda, but God’s master plan for all mankind. May God bless you as you strive to follow His revealed word.

~via *The Clarksville, Beacon*; Clarksville, Indiana.



## Vacation Bible School

July 8-13, 2007

Leon Mauldin, Speaking

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Anderson, Alabama

# News & Notes

**THE SICK:** *Jonathan Keenon* was sick and unable to be at Bible study Wednesday night... *Dyanne Johnson* continues at home following surgery for her fractured foot ...*Myrtie Williams* continues in the Glenwood rehabilitation center in Florence ...*Jim and Brooke Phillips* were sick this past Wednesday night and not able to be at Bible study Wednesday night... *Janice Moody* was able to be at services Sunday morning following her fall she suffered a couple of weeks ago. She is still very sore ...*Tanya Hammond's father G. W. Long*, continues toundergo tests his tests for the treatments that he will be taking for his ling cancer...*Lisa Word's father, Austin Dillinger*, continues in rehab in Florida ...*Signa Skipworth & C.L. Weathers' cousin, Hilda Fincher*, continues in the a Birmingham hospital... *Jack Tucker* is confined at home ...*Judy Williams' mother, Flossie Kazzaire*, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS/VBS:** The *Russellville*

**church** in Russellville is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. *Bill Hall* will be speaking... The **Midway church** in Greenhill is engaged in a gospel meeting this week and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:30 p.m.. *Don Miller* will be the speaker in this meeting... The **Hillsboro Heights church** in Moulton is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. *Gary Carter, Jr. of Abbeville, Alabama* will be speaking... The **Newburg church** in Franklin county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. *Roger Willians* will be speaking ... The **Wilson Dam Road church** in Muscle Shoals is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. *Tony Sayre* will be speaking... The **Market Street church** in Athens will begin a vacation Bible school on Monday and it will continue through Saturday with services at 7:00 p.m.... The **Jackson Heights church** in Columbia, Tennessee will begin a vacation Bible school on Monday and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m.

**COMMUNICATION GROUPS:** Tonight is the night for Communication group four to meet. If you are in group four, remember to meet with your group this evening.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Chancellors: Kevin, Laurie and Abby* were back home on Wednesday after being out of town last week... *The Blakelys: Brian, Sarah, Hayden and Brooke* were back on Wednesday after being away over the weekend... *Leota Springer* was in Foley, Alabama last weekend... *Glenda Phillips* has been in Gulf Shores this past week... *The Butlers: Aric, Andrea and Arica* are in Florida this weekend. Andrea and Arica have been in Gulf Shores this past week... *The Words: Lisa, Michael, Corey and Olivia* are still in Florida with Lisa's family.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance—Week of June 17th

**Sunday:**

- Bible Classes ..... 88
- Morning Worship ..... 108
- Evening Worship ..... 99

**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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