

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, September 16th:

Bible Classes

Song Leader
..... Mark McIntyre
Bible Reading (Num. 15:22-26)
..... Brad Hammond
Prayer
..... Scottie Goode

Morning Worship

Song Leader
..... Mark McIntyre
Prayer
..... Michael Clemmons
Lord's Supper
Presiding Jimmy Glass
Assisting Brian Word
Serving Rodney McCrary
..... Michael Word
..... James McConnell
..... Tyler Cox
Closing Prayer
..... Ronnie Phillips

Evening Worship

Song Leader
..... Phil Pressnell
Bible Reading (Num. 15:27-36)
..... Ray Tucker
Prayer
..... Jerry Dickey
Lord's Supper
..... Jimmy Glass
..... Brian Word
Closing Prayer
..... Mark McIntyre

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The War Against Evil

Allen Dvorak

Life in a small rural community continues at its relaxed pace...and then someone commits a horrific crime. A child is abducted, abused and murdered or someone commits an extremely violent murder. The community is shocked, traumatized. Residents begin locking their doors, watching their children more closely and life doesn't return to normal for a long time.

I am writing this article on the anniversary of the terrorist attack on the twin towers of the World Trade Center. It was two years ago today that a nation was shocked, traumatized. Few of us will ever forget the feelings we had as we saw the jetliners plow into the towers. We knew that there were people who committed atrocities out of hatred, but that was primarily in other places around the world. This happened in OUR nation, to OUR neighbors! The amount of physical damage and loss of life incurred in the attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon was so huge that it simply left many of us stunned.

I think that Americans learned some things from the experience. I am convinced that some Americans still do not understand the true nature of Islam, but we have definitely learned some other things. We learned, for instance, that evil is real and perpetrated by determined individuals. Satan is evil and he has many workers in the world who use deceit and schemes even as he does (John 8:44; Ephesians 6:11).

Our inability to anticipate or stop the attacks brought home to us the fact that we are not invincible, either as individuals or a nation. We are often affected by the evil committed by others. We learned the power of hatred and malice (Ephesians 4:31-32). Terrible things sometimes happen in this world because there are people who have given themselves over to hatred and the schemes

which hatred breeds. Those who try to live by the high ideals of the gospel are sometimes shocked at the unconcern that others display as they murder fellow human beings.

The heroism of the firefighters and policemen in New York City, along with the benevolence shown to the victims' families by Americans in general, reminded us that there is also the potential for much good in this world, that people can be drawn to new levels of compassion and character. As a nation we were impressed with these lessons.

Do we realize that evil marches on? The war against evil is being pursued by our government in places that we can't even spell or perhaps locate on a globe. There are signs, however, that some Americans are tiring of the fight against terrorism. As Christians we are fighting a different kind of war against evil. We seek to rescue those overcome by evil by means of the preaching of the message of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:17-20). We must not grow tired in the battle for good, nor can we allow ourselves to be overcome by evil (Hebrews 12:1-4; Romans 12:17-21).

-via *News & Notes*; Madison, Alabama.



For Edification

Edwin L. Crozier

1 Corinthians 14:26 says all things are to be done for edification when we have come together. Paul's direct context was about the miraculous spiritual gifts being used. Speaking in tongues was good, but if no one knew what it meant it didn't build up. The tongue speaker should be quiet.

As Paul explained in I Corinthians 14:15-17, we are worshipping God, praising Him, praying to Him, thanking Him. However, we are doing so with others. Our thanks, prayers,

praise must also edify.

How does this relate to us since we no longer speak in tongues, interpret or prophesy? The principle still governs our time together. We need to make sure what we do is not about us but about edifying each other.

First and foremost, we need to participate. How can I edify others if I am not participating in the worship we offer? If I stand silent during the songs, rifle through my purse during the prayers, sleep during the sermons, how can I edify anyone? I need to participate and do so enthusiastically.

Second, we need to be intelligible. For instance, if we are leading the prayer, use the microphone and speak clearly. How can anyone say the "Amen" if they can't even hear us? If we are singing, sing out. Can we remotely say we are speaking to one another if no one can hear our voice?

Third, avoid being a distraction. I remember one sister who would clip her nails during the sermon. That wouldn't be so bad except the clang of the clippers reverberated through the auditorium. If you have small children, we know you want to teach them to sit in the auditorium during assemblies, however, please don't allow your children to distract others from the edification by continually passing them back and forth, letting them walk around or letting them cry for long periods of time. Remember, we are supposed to be edifying each other, not distracting each other.

Fourth, don't tear down others. We are supposed to be building each other up. That means when we have discussions in our classes even when we disagree we need to make sure we speak with kindness and gentleness. Another aspect of this is thinking before we bring something up in classes, talks, invitations or sermons. Too many people cause division by bringing up speculative questions that only cause problems. There is a fine line between trying to get help with an issue from brethren and bringing up divisive issues. We must take care because our together time is for building up, not dividing.

Whatever we do as we worship or study together, we must remember we are together and therefore it is not just between us and God. It must also edify those around us.

-via *Franklin Church Bulletin*; Franklin, Tennessee



“Comfort of the Scriptures”

Billy Norris

“For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope” (Romans 15:4).

God has made promises that give comfort. “For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Hebrews 13:6). Though there are numerous scriptures that offer comfort to the people of God, many have turned to a psalm of David for assurance in time of need: “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever” (Psalms 23:1-6).

-via *Gospel Guide*; Vol. 38 No. 5; May 2006.

Remember Our Bible Class Periods

Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

News & Notes

THE SICK: *Jackson Parker* was sick Wednesday night and was unable to be at Bible study ... *Amber Hammond* was able to be at Bible study Wednesday night after not being able to be out over the weekend ... *Lawinda Keenon, Erica Crunk and Theresa Gatlin’s father, Donnie Williams* is at home now after spending a couple of days in the Athens Hospital ... *Ashley Goode’s step-father, Thomas McCoy,* is in the ICU at Huntsville hospital following an accident last Sunday afternoon near Ardmore ... *Dana and Morgan Grisbam* were able to be back at Bible study Wednesday night after being sick over the weekend ... *Ray Williams* had his kidney stones crushed this past week ... *Helen Trousdale* is in the Athens Convalescent in Athens for her rehabilitation ... *Myrtie Williams* is in Glenwood in Florence ... *Trinity Thornton* was sick this past weekend and was unable to be at services ... *Signa Skipworth, Catherine Parker & C.L. Weathers’ cousin, Hilda Fincher,* is in Glenwood in Florence... *Jack & Onzell Tucker* are confined at home ... *Judy Williams’ mother, Flossie Kazzaire,* continues in a nursing facility in Fayette.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Capshaw church* in Limestone county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The services Monday through Wednesday will be at 7:00 p.m. *Frank Jamerson* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Mt. Zion church* in Limestone county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with services at 7:00 p.m. *Melvin Spencer* will be the speaker in this meeting.

WORK DAY: Yesterday morning we had 18 that came out and worked around the building doing various things outside and inside that needed to be done. I appreciate the work that was done and for those who came and worked.

YARD SIGNS: The yard signs for our gospel

meeting are in the vestibule. Be sure to pick up the signs and put them out.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Butlers:* Aric is in Alaska this week, *Andrea and Arica* are in Knoxville, Tennessee... *The Blakelys:* Sarah, Hayden and Brooke are in Ohio this weekend visiting with family ... *The Whites:* Mark and April are in Russellville today visiting with family... *The Chancellors:* Kevin, Laurie and Abby are in Corinth, Mississippi visiting with family... *The Williams:* Ray and Judy have left for Jamacia and will be there for several weeks.

ANDERSON COMMUNICATOR: Be sure to pick-up your copy of the *Anderson Communicator* today.

COMMUNICATION GROUPS: Tonight Communication Group A will be meeting. If you are in group A, remember to meet with your group.

THE RECORD: Attendance—Week of Sept. 9th
Sunday:

Bible Classes 103
Morning Worship 115
Evening Worship 85

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 83



Gospel Meeting

Sept. 30 – Oct. 4 2007

(Sunday – Thursday)

Dee Bowman, Speaking

Schedule of Services

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

Monday through Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

Anderson church of Christ

Highway 207 South
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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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