

~ **Frances Resse**, Aric Butler's grandmother, who lives in Brookings, Oregon is very sick with lung cancer. ~ **Corey Word** ~ **Jerry Best** ~ **Erica Crunk** was in the hospital earlier this week and had surgery on Thursday. She was due to come home yesterday. Her recovery will be 6 weeks. **Bobbie Stockton**, from Stoney Point congregation is suffering with a brain tumor. There may be others that I am not aware of. Remember all the sick in your prayers.

**COMMUNITATIONS GROUP:** Tonight after our evening service will be the meeting time for "Group C". If you are in this group, be sure to attend this meeting.

**GOSPEL SINGING:** The **Carriger church** will be having a Gospel Singing today at 3:00 PM.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** The **Shoal Bluff church** will be having a Gospel Meeting later this week beginning Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and ending Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday Gilbert Alexander will speak, Friday will be Eugene Britnell, and then Saturday will be Randal Hammock. Service times are 7:00 PM each night.

**OUT OF TOWN:** The Pressnell's will be in Missouri today visiting their son.

**MISCELLANEOUS INFO:** If you have questions that you would like answered, maybe a coworker, or family member, or a friend asks you a Bible question that you don't know the answer to; or maybe there is something you've been pondering about and would like to hear a lesson on. Write it down and turn it in to me and we'll have a questions and answers lesson. Perhaps something you've been wondering about is the same thing someone else as wondered about too.

**FOR THE RECORD:** (Week of October 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Sunday:**

Bible Classes	106
Morning Worship	129
Evening Worship	78

**Wednesday:**

Bible Classes	59
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**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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**Men Privileged To Serve For the Week of October 19<sup>th</sup>:**

**Bible Classes**

Song Leader.....	Mark McIntyre
Bible Reading.....	Steve Parker
<b>Deuteronomy 24:1-7</b>	
Prayer.....	Cecil Cox

**Morning Worship**

Song Leader.....	Mark McIntyre
Prayer.....	Ray Tucker
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Ronnie Phillips
Assisting.....	Rocky Rose
Serving.....	Rodney McCrary
.....	Billy Wallen
.....	Michael Word
.....	Daniel Clemmons
Closing Prayer.....	Scottie Goode

**Evening Worship**

Song Leader.....	Kevin Chancellor
Bible Reading.....	Mark McCrary
<b>Deuteronomy 24:8-15</b>	
Prayer.....	Aric Butler
Lord's Supper.....	Ronnie Phillips
.....	Rocky Rose
Closing Prayer.....	Brian Blakely

**Wednesday Bible Classes**

Song Leader.....	Mr. E. Hammond
Prayer.....	Michael Clemmons
Bible Reading.....	Brian Blakely
<b>Deuteronomy 24:16-22</b>	
Invitation.....	Aaron Andrews
Closing Prayer.....	Phil Pressnell

**A Note From The Editor**

**Aaron C. Andrews**

Welcome to the New Gospel Power. If you have been a reader of the Gospel Power then let me take a moment to tell you that most of the changes you will see in this bulletin will be subtle at best. I tried to make it as similar to the one that you have enjoyed reading for many years now.

If you are new to the Gospel Power then welcome! Glad to have you with us. I hope you find good things in this bulletin.

As the new editor of the Gospel Power, it is my hope and prayer that this bulletin will still be an effective avenue for the spreading of the Gospel as well as inspiring her readers to live lives in harmony with the Word of God. If perchance you see something in this bulletin that does not live up to those values, please let me know. Men are mistake filled creatures. You would do me a great service to point out a flaw or potential error.

Thanks so much for your interest in these things and your help. If you ever come across anything that you think would be good for this paper, or if you have a suggestion that would improve this work, let me know. I would love your advice and your critic. I look forward to hearing from you.

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## Age of Accountability

**Morris D. Norman**

It has long been a question as to what age our young people ought to become Christians. Should it be as they enter their teens and begin at that early age in their service to Christ, or should they wait until they know a little more and can be more dependable, say their late teens or even early twenties? It would take a wise man to give a precise answer. Perhaps some Biblical pictures would help us along this line.

Joseph was about 17 when he was torn from home ties and taken into Egypt as a slave. Was he accountable to God at this age? He thought so. When tempted by Potiphar's wife he said he could not do this wickedness and sin against Jehovah. It is true that this temptation came after he had been in Egypt long enough to have advanced in Potiphar's house but in these years, *"The Lord was with him"* and he *"was a goodly person."* By the time he left home his patterns of righteousness were set. With proper training young people are accountable at age 17 to serve God properly.

Josiah was 8 years old when he became king of Judah. At the age of 16 *"while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father"* (2 Chron. 34:3). Then, by time he was twenty he began to rid the land of idol worship. By the age of 26, he was repairing the house of God that had been in disrepair. Of him, from age 8 it was said, *"And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left."* (2 Chron. 34:2)

Jesus went up to Jerusalem with his parents for the first time at the age of 12. He was lost from His parents for three days. When they found Him He was in the temple conversing with the doctors. All who heard were astonished at His understanding and answers. When asked concerning His whereabouts while lost He

said, *"Know ye not that I must be about my father's business?"* (Lk. 2:48). From then on He advanced in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and man. But some would say that Jesus was divine. True! But He was also human, and we are to exemplify what He did in the flesh. If we are to be as He was when He was older, why not when He was younger? Sometimes we sell our young people short by not expecting of them what they are capable of. And sometimes they use this as an excuse. *—From Perspectives, Vol V, No. 5. May, 1979*

## Good Days and Bad Days

**Dee Bowman**

*"There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven"* (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

Life's like that. Just about the time you think you have it all figured out, some new adventure disrupts your confidence and flies in the face of your conclusions. Nobody has life figured out.

I wrote in my journal recently: "I don't suppose it's possible to have any length of time where you are right with the world. I had 15 minutes one day where it just seemed everything was just right. Then the phone rang. Pfsst! Right out the window. But then I've had times when everything was all messed up, tangled, distorted, and disheveled. And right in the middle of my pity party the mail comes and there's a nice note—unexpected and joyful—and for the next 15 minutes things are right with the world again. That is, until the phone rang. Pfsst! Oh well, the mail comes again tomorrow. Maybe..." Trying to figure life out is a futile enterprise; one destined for sure failure.

Here are some suggestions for making life—all of it—more pleasurable and more useable: **Don't run from trouble.** You can't go fast enough. Trouble will

find you. Face it head-on and with determinate faith. There is no temptation bigger than you can bear if you put your confidence in God (1 Cor. 10:13). And there's no problem that can't be solved if you keep in touch with your spirituality. Even the fear of death is conquerable if you have sufficient trust in your Master (Heb. 2:14-16, 1 Cor. 15:51-58). **Don't let discouragement rob you.**

Discouragement is one of the Devil's most functional tools. It wrestles a man down by robbing him of his faith, and in doing so, saps his energy to keep on. It strikes every age, every spiritual level. It causes faith to flag and determination to become impotent. It's a power-grabber, discouragement is. But faith is still the answer. Trusting confidence in God will triumph over discouragement. But you have to engage it. You have to shove your faith in front of the discouragement before it can conquer it. Listen to what God said: "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Heb. 13:5). Do you believe it?

**Remember, down doesn't have to mean out.**

Just because you lose a battle now and then doesn't mean you've lost the war. Pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and get back into the fracas again. There's work to be done, people to see, prayers to make, lessons to learn. Activity is the key to winning. Don't every quit. Only the weak quit. "Brethren, I count no myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Paul, in Phil. 3:13-14). "I press," said Paul. You must do so too, for he closes the admonition with "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded." Are you? **And remember, most of all, that you and God make a majority.** There is no force on earth strong enough to separate you from His love and to

keep you out of His kingdom. Not even death itself can do it. Certainly, we may boldly say, "...the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do to me." Paul said, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us." Stay with God and you can't lose, folks.

And finally, remember that Solomon said, "In the day of prosperity rejoice; in the day of adversity consider, for God hath set the one over against the other..." (Eccles. 7:14). Don't try to second-guess Providence, or ask "why me?" Relax and let it happen. Don't ask, "Why has God allowed this?" Rather, ask, "What does He want me to do with this?" Allow the good days to cause rejoicing. Allow the bad ones to increase your learning.

Life is happy for those who love God and are keeping His commandments, no matter what comes along. After all, life is constructed of two things: good days and bad days. *—from the North Charlottesville church of Christ bulletin, September 7<sup>th</sup> 2008. www.cvillechurch.com*

## NEWS & NOTES

**THE SICK: Jack and Onzell Tucker** continue to be confined at home. ~ Buffy Wallen's grandmother and James McConnell's aunt, **Nadine Thompson**, is in the Lauderdale Christian Nursing Home in Killen. ~ Eric White's father, **Jim White**, continues his cancer treatments. ~ Steven Crunk's niece, **Abby Vandiver**, is in Children's Hospital in Birmingham and is seriously sick with a blood disorder. ~ Judy Williams' mother, **Flossie Kazzaire**, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette. ~ **Jerry Dickey** will start radiation and chemo therapy in the weeks to come. **Others on the sick list include: C.L. Weathers.**