

## 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** is continuing to receive cancer treatments. ~ **Frances Resse**, Aric Butler's grandmother, who lives in Brookings, Oregon is very sick with lung cancer. ~ **Erica Crunk** continues her recovery. **Others on the sick list include: James Campbell**, Virginia Lovell's father ~ **Eveyln Hammond**, Eddie Hammonds mother is in rehab recovering from hip surgery. ~ **Claudette Goode**, *Scottie's Mother*, is in the hospital with *pancreatitis*. ~ **Amber Hammonds** has been ill. 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 A". If you are in this group, be sure to attend this meeting.

### GOSPEL MEETING:

**Nov 9-12: HARVEST** with **Phil Robertson**.  
Sunday singing at 2:30, worship at 3:00. Monday thru Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

**Nov 9-13: NEW GEORGIA** with **Bill Hall**.  
Sunday at 4:00 PM. Monday thru Thursday at 7:00 PM.

### FOR THE RECORD: (Week of October 26<sup>th</sup>)

<b>Sunday:</b>	
Bible Classes	103
Morning Worship	119
Evening Worship	69
<b>Wednesday:</b>	
Bible Classes	68

## 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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# Gospel Power



"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation..." **Romans 1:16**

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### Men Privileged To Serve For the Week of Nov 16<sup>th</sup>:

#### BIBLE CLASSES

**Song Leader** – Jim Phillips  
**Bible Reading** – Brian Blakely  
*Deuteronomy 28:20-26*  
**Prayer** – Phil Pressnell

#### MORNING WORSHIP

**Song Leader** – Jim Phillips  
**Prayer** – Jimmy Glass  
**Lord's Supper**  
**Presiding** – Michael Clemmons  
**Assisting** – Ronnie Phillips  
**Serving** – Rodney McCrary,  
Andrew Gatlin, Aric Butler,  
Jerry Dickey  
**Closing Prayer** – Cecil Cox

#### EVENING WORSHIP

**Song Leader** – Daniel Clemmons  
**Bible Reading** – Rocky Rose  
*Deuteronomy 28:27-31*  
**Prayer** – Brian Word  
**Lord's Supper** – Michael Clemmons, Ronnie Phillips  
**Closing Prayer** – Steve Parker

#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES

**Song Leader** – Mark McCrary  
**Prayer** – Mark McIntyre  
**Bible Reading** – Kevin Chancellor  
*Deuteronomy 28:32-37*  
**Invitation** – Michael Clemmons  
**Closing Prayer** – Aric Butler

## Understanding The Will Of The Lord

**Charles L. Morton**

"Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17). Some things are involved in this text which are basic. Your attention is invited to some of them.

1. The admonition to understand the will of the Lord implies that the will of the Lord is available to man. If one does not understand the will of God it is not because God has not spoken to man, for He has (Heb. 1:1-2). The will of God has been revealed to man by the inspired writings of the apostles. Paul wrote, "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe" (1 Thess. 2:13). Again, "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord" (1 Cor. 14:37). The New Testament is, therefore, the full, final and complete revelation of the will of God to man (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

2. The admonition to understand the will of the Lord implies the ability of the average person to read, study, and apply the Scriptures for himself. Let it be emphasized that an understanding of the Bible depends entirely upon one's desire to study and apply the Scriptures for himself. The idea that the ability to understand the Bible is the realm of a "seminary" trained "clergy" is a sectarian concept and is wholly foreign to the truth! Of those things revealed through the apostles, Paul wrote, "Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mysteries of Christ" (Eph. 3:4).

3. The ability to understand the will of the Lord is primarily an issue of attitude. Paul wrote, "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for the cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thess. 2:10-12).

We continue to plead with all to develop and cultivate the desire to "speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent." By doing so, it will be possible to "do Bible things in Bible ways and call Bible things by Bible names." – *from The Preceptor, March 1979, Volume 28, Number 5*

### "GOD HAS SPOKEN," BUT...

**Dan S. Shipley**

God "hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his son..." (Heb. 1:2). But men have also spoken unto us. With excellency of speech and persuasive words of wisdom, they have troubled us with many variations of a perverted gospel; all different from that preached by the apostle Paul and other inspired men (Gal. 1). Missionaries have taken the doctrines and commandments of men throughout the world. It has been printed on slick paper with the latest in sophisticated printing equipment and mass mailed to millions. It has been embellished with impressive and professionally produced TV specials featuring slick orators and moving testimonials. And, not without results.

More people have been more influenced in religion by what men have spoken than by what God has spoken. Denominationalism itself is a

living monument to the influence of false doctrine. Doctrines of men denominate and divide, not the doctrine of Christ. Denominationalism offers men many ways to be wrong; the doctrine of Christ offers men one way to be right. Not that denominations do not claim to follow the Bible. Notice this affirmation from a popular creed-book: "The Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary to salvation; so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man that it should be believed as an article of faith, or thought requisite or necessary to salvation". To which we say, "Amen!"

However, in the same creed-book may be found "articles of faith" and practice that are not contained in the Holy Scriptures and certainly cannot "be proved thereby". One, for instance, says that "we are justified by faith only..." The Scriptures say otherwise (Jas. 2:24). Many believe and are influenced by what this and other denominations teach concerning justification by faith only. They think it to be Bible doctrine, but God has never spoken thusly.

Elsewhere, the same creed-book gives instructions for the baptism of infants. From whence cometh such a practice? From heaven or from men? The same could be asked concerning another statement about baptism. "Let every adult person, and the parents of every child to be baptized, have the choice of sprinkling, pouring, or immersion." The NT knows nothing of baptism by sprinkling or pouring; only an immersion, a burial (Rom. 6:4) as the word itself indicates, and as demonstrated in the baptism of the Ethiopian in Acts 8. Infant baptism and sprinkling as baptism are practiced, not to please or obey God, as some

may suppose, but in response to doctrines invented by men. God deserves better.

It is not enough to be "religious" and well intentioned. Fellowship with God is possible only as we abide in the doctrine of Christ (2 Jn. 9). That requires knowing Truth (Jn. 8:32) and making it the standard of everything believed and practiced in the name of religion. False prophets and false teachings offer false hope. We need to be sure about our salvation! — and we can as we "prove all things" by the gospel standard (1 Thss. 5:21). — *From Plain Talk, Vol. 20, No. 8, October 1983.*

### Can You Follow Directions?

**Aaron C. Andrews**

1. Read each point carefully before doing anything.
2. Write your name in the upper right corner of this bulletin.
3. Circle the word "name" in sentence two.
4. Draw five (5) small squares in the upper left hand corner of this page.
5. Put an "X" in each of the five (5) squares.
6. After the title to this article write — yes, yes, yes.
7. Put an "X" in the lower right corner of this bulletin.
8. Draw a triangle around the "X" you just put down.
9. Draw a rectangle around the word "bulletin" in sentence four (2.)
10. Write your first name on the back of this bulletin.
11. Write your last name after the letter "A" at the bottom of this bulletin.
12. Write after the letter "B", "I want to go to heaven."
13. Circle all the even numbers to the left of this page.

14. Write after the letter "C", "I have followed the directions."

15. Now that you have finished reading carefully, do only sentence two.

- A.
- B.
- C.

Following directions is key to living a faithful life in Christ. If we decide to do things our own way, we have neglected to follow the instructions that have been given to us by our Lord and His apostles. Paul tell us in **2 Thess 1:8** that the Lord will return... "In flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Do not neglect so great a salvation by failing to following the directions. *He who says, "I know Him." and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 1 Jn 2:4-5*

### THEOPHILUS - By, Bob West

