

# 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 Priviledged To Serve:**

Sunday, March 2nd:

### *Bible Classes*

Song Leader ..... Brian Word  
Bible Reading ..... (Num. 34:1-6)  
..... Andrew Gatlin  
Prayer  
..... Aric Butler

### *Morning Worship*

Song Leader ..... Brian Word  
Prayer  
..... Ronnie Phillips  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Phil Pressnell  
Assisting ..... Brian Blakely  
Serving ..... Ethan Pressnell  
..... Daniel Clemmons  
..... Tyler Cox  
..... Mark McCrary  
Closing Prayer  
..... Kevin Chancellor

### *Evening Worship*

Song Leader ..... Jim Phillips  
Bible Reading ..... (Num. 34:7-15)  
..... Rodney McCrary  
Prayer  
..... Joanthan Keenon  
Lord's Supper  
..... Phil Pressnell  
..... Brian Blakely  
Closing Prayer  
..... Brad Hammond

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## *Our Daily Need For Christ*

**Allen Dvorak**

Seems like it happens more and more to me. It must be because people know that I am a preacher. And I suppose it comes with the territory as is often said. What I am talking about is this: people asking me to pray for them. I get that request repeatedly.

I view it as an honor that people ask me to pray for them. Some people must think that what I say in prayer is more powerful than what they can say. Or most likely, they know that the more people praying the better it is. I have had people call me on the phone and after pouring out their hearts about a trouble life, ask me if I will pray for them. I always do. Sometimes I get an e-mail from someone I have met while traveling and they ask me to remember them in prayer. I always do. I've been asked by friends, elders in other congregations, and family members visiting a loved one in the hospital. Will you pray for me? What a touching request!

Just today I was with someone who owns a business. The market has been soft for them and they over purchased some equipment. Payments were big, income was low. This person told me that things were desperate and some of the equipment needed to be sold. I was asked, "Will you say a pray that someone will buy this stuff?" Something about that request grabbed my attention. I have tried to talk to this person about Jesus and have gotten no response. I have invited this person to come and worship with us. Nothing. Zero. No interest. But on this day, the subject of prayer was brought up and it wasn't by me. This person is so desperate that he realizes that he needs to call in help. He needs prayers. Yet, I wonder if his equipment is sold, will there be any prayers of thanksgiving to God or will there be a renewed interest in learning more of the God of Heaven and earth? Or, is God the last resouce for a desperate and discouraged person? Could it be that after everything else has been tried and nothing seems to work, then and

only then, is prayer something that ought to be tried?

I did pray for this person. I prayed for something more important than the selling of his equipment. I prayed for the salvation of his soul. I prayed that he would see that God is not to be used just when we need Him and then discarded when we get what we want. God deserves better than that.

We sing a song that says, “I need Thee every hour...” but I wonder if we really feel that way. The early disciples seemed to have a good understanding of this:

- Jesus told them to pray for their *daily* bread (Matthew 6:11).
- The Lord wants us to take up our cross *daily* (Luke 9:23).
- The Bereans searched the Scriptures *daily* to see whether those things were so (Acts 17:11).
- The apostles taught *daily* (Acts 5:42).
- The Hebrews were told to encourage one another *daily* (Hebrews 3:13).

We need the Lord every day. We need the Lord to guide our steps every day. We need the Lord to forgive our sins every day. We need the Lord to strengthen us every day. We need to pray every day.

Our faith needs to be a *daily* faith. Not a Sunday morning faith. Not a “get me out of this trouble” faith. And not a faith that changes like the weather. *Yes, I need Thee every hour!*

-via *Think On These Things*; Texarkana, Arkansas.

## *Bearing With The Weak*

Edwin L. Crozier

Paul wrote, “We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please our neighbor for his good, to build him up” (Romans 15:1-2, ESV). In the specific context of Romans 14, Paul is saying we do not demand our rights and our liberties. Instead, we submit to the scruples of those whose faith is weak about some issue. However, I think this is one of those cases where Paul is going from lesser to greater. That is, there is a message in the specific context, but he is moving from the specific illustration to demonstrating a bigger principle.

Romans 15:1-2 is not merely about protecting the consciences of our brethren. It is about spending ourselves to serve our brethren, even those who are weak. It is easy to despise those whose faith is not as deep as ours, whose virtue is not as spotless as ours, whose knowledge is not as wide as ours, whose self-control is not as disciplined as ours... (cf. 2 Peter 1:5ff). It is easy to look down our noses and not want to tough it out with people who keep struggling. It is easy to get aggravated with those who keep asking the same questions over and over again. It is easy to want to leave behind those who just don't seem to measure up.

That may be the way the world deals with the weak. That is not the way Christ and His church deal with the weak. Instead, we are to bear with one another in all things. Love demands that (1 Corinthians 13:7). Galatians 6:2 says we bear one another's burdens. Hebrews 12:12-13 explains we must lift drooping hands, strengthen weak knees and make straight paths for the feet of the lame.

One point that might help is to recognize weakness is not always an across the board issue. In the context of Romans 14, Paul is not dealing with Christians who are weak in all aspects, but Christians who are weak in an area. When we

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recognize that we all have strengths and weaknesses, we all have great accomplishments in certain areas and little progress in others, perhaps we can be more patient with those whose progress, strengths, and accomplishments are in areas other than ours and whose weaknesses are in other areas than ours.

We please and edify the weak by strengthening and encouraging them, by teaching them, by praying with them. We lift them up accepting them when they have fallen—even when it is the seventy and seventh time. We demonstrate our patience by forgiving them when they ask. We bear with them by helping them overcome instead of abandoning them in their weakness.

Don't just please yourself. Bear with the weaknesses of the weak and thus please the Lord.

-via *Franklin Church Bulletin*; Franklin, Tennessee.

# News & Notes

**THE SICK:** *Marcia Cooper* continues in NHC Scott Center in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee for her rehabilitation. She is in room 111...  
...*Lisa Word's father, Austin Dillinger*, is not doing well at his home in Orlando, Florida  
...*Brooke Blakely* has been sick this past week and has not been able to be at services ...*Charles Glass* has not been able to be with us this week due to not feeling well ...*Helen Trousdale* has been sick with the Flu this the last couple of weeks and is doing better...  
*Corey Word* was sick and unable to be at services Wednesday night...*Buffy Wallen's grandmother and James McConnell's aunt* has been suffering mini strokes and is at home...*Brooke Phillips' grandfather, Bill Maner*, is at home and not doing well...*Jack and Onzell Tucker* continue to be confined at home ...*Eric White's father, Jim White*, is continuing his cancer treatments ...*Steven Crunk's niece, Abby Vandiver*, continues chemo treatments for her blood disorder ...*Signa Skipworth, Catherine Parker & C.L. Weathers' cousin, Hilda Fincher*, continues at her home ...*Judy Williams' mother, Flossie Kazzaire*, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Trent Thornton and all the family* in the passing of Trent's great-grandmother, *Laura Louise Humphrey*. Her funeral was Monday in Athens...Also we extend our deepest sympathy to *Dyanne Johnson and all the family* in the passing of Dyanne's mother, *Dustus Parker*. Her funeral was Saturday in Center Star...We also extend our deepest sympathy to *Phil Pressnell* and *all the family* in the passing of Phil's uncle *Leamon Britton* on Friday night. His funeral will be Monday in Athens.

**GWANDA, ZIMBABWE:** Remember we are continuing to collect food and other items to send to the brethren in the church at Gwanda,



## Gospel Meeting

March 30-April 4, 2008  
(Sunday – Friday)

Frank Jamerson, Speaking

### Schedule of Services

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

Monday through Friday – 7:00 p.m.

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Zimbabwe. We Will be making another shipment this week. Let us remember this effort.

**COMMUNICATION GROUPS:** This evening will be the time for Communication Group C to meet. If you are in group C, remember to meet with your group this evening.

**ELDERS/DEACONS MEETING:** The elders and deacons will be meeting this afternoon at the building at 4:30p.m.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** The *Carriger church* in Limestone county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. Services will be each evening at 7:00. *Buc Chumbley* will be the speaker in the meeting ... The *River Bend church* in western Lauderdale county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. Services will be each evening at 7:00. *Johnny Richardson* will be the speaker in the meeting ... The *Elkton church* in Elkton, Tennessee is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with services each evening at 7:00 p.m. *Ken McDaniel of Oak Grove, Missouri* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Jackson Drive church* in Athens is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services each evening at 7:00 p.m. *Lowell Sallee of Bowling Green, Kentucky* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Gooch Lane church* in Madison is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. Services will be each evening at 7:00 and Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:00. *Mark Broyles* will be the speaker in this meeting.

**THE RECORD:** Attendance – week of Feb. 24th

**Sunday:** Bible Classes ..... 81  
 Morning Worship ..... 96  
 Evening Worship ..... 82

**Wednesday:** Bible Classes ..... 86



**Remember Our Bible Class Periods**

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

**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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