

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, July 6th:

Bible Classes

Song Leader

..... Eddie J. Hammond

Bible Reading (Deut. 10:12-22)

..... Daniel Clemmons

Prayer

..... Andrew Gatlin

Morning Worship

Song Leader

..... Eddie J. Hammond

Prayer

..... Michael Clemmons

Lord's Supper

Presiding Brian Blakely

Assisting Steve Parker

Serving Corey Goode

..... Rodney McCrary

..... Brad Hammond

..... Michael Word

Closing Prayer

..... Ronnie Phillips

Evening Worship

Song Leader

..... Phil Pressnell

Bible Reading (Deut. 11:1-7)

..... Mark McIntyre

Prayer

..... Brian Word

Lord's Supper

..... Brian Blakely

..... Steve Parker

Closing Prayer

..... Aric Butler

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Join us As We Study

"Walking in Sonlight"

Vacation Bible School

July 14-18 – 10:00 a.m.

There will be classes for ages:
Nursery through Adult.

Adult Class

"A Study of Restoration History"

Frank Richey, Speaking

Sunday, July 13th

9:45 a.m.; 10:45 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 16th

7:00 p.m.

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Daytona Dads

Wilson Adams

I finally got it. Whatever has been “going around” this cold and flu season finally found its way to my doorstep. Great. I’ve got it - and you can have it! Then again, if you are kind enough to read Focus Magazine each month, then I’ll consider you a friend. And friends don’t wish the flu on friends.

So...I spent a Sunday afternoon as a couch potato and curled up to watch the Daytona 500. I’m not generally a big fan of NASCAR (although I used to enjoy seeing Petty and Allison and all those good old boys of yesteryear) but I do think it is a sport that maximizes the testosterone experience.

My wife says it must be men who are driving because... (1) they go around in circles, (2) they tailgate and (3) when they do pull in to ask for directions, they don’t stay long enough to get it right. I think I even saw a couple instances of road rage. My medicine was beginning to take effect and I was drifting in and out, so I’m not sure if it was really Daytona or the traffic channel with live shots from the Interstate near my house. Then again, I’m not sure it makes much difference.

I thought of something while watching the likes of Dale Jr., Rusty and Jeff come roaring into Pit Row. These guys and their team pride themselves on getting in and out of the pit in as little as eighteen seconds. Four new tires, fresh fuel and whatever else needs attention - in eighteen seconds. Who says you can’t get good service any more?

The **Real Problem**, however, is not humorous at all. There are some dads among us who father like that. They roar home from work like they are coming into Pit Row at the Daytona 500. They get out, kiss the wife, hug the kids (who are already in bed), grab some supper, watch the news and hit the sack to get a few hours of sleep before jumping out of bed before dawn

(and before the kids are up) to be out the door and back into the race. Daytona Dads. Know any?

Steve Farrar, in his excellent book, *Anchor Man*, points to a study that shows that the average American father spends 37 seconds a day with his young children. Thirty-seven seconds? Are you kidding? It takes longer than that to brush your teeth! Before you are too quick to discount that statistic, ask yourself this insightful question: How much time do you spend per day with your kids? I’m not talking about with your kids while you do something else and merely tolerate their interruptions - how much time do you give them on a daily basis? I have a hunch it’s not as much as you think.

It’s like the story of the little boy who asked his father how much he made in one hour and was given a figure. A few days later the little fellow presented his dad with the exact amount saved from his allowance. “I want to buy one hour for me,” he said. That stings.

Families whose fathers view their home as a thirty-seven second pit stop are headed for disaster. Wives will sense neglect and kids will be vulnerable - to wrong influences, friends and behavior. Sure, being a dad is both demanding and daily, but someone will influence your boy and girl. It had better be you.

Oh, yes, one more thing...one day you’re taking them by the hand and walking them to the school door and the next day you’re taking them by the arm and walking them down an aisle. It goes by that fast.

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). To a child, love is spelled T-I-M-E. And that’s more than a thirty-seven second pit stop. Daytona Dads...most of us could do a lot better.

—via *North Jasper Seeker*; Jasper, Alabama

Remember Our Bible Class Periods

Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

I Confess!

Allen Dvorak

I confess! I belong to that part of the United States' population identified as the "religious right" (expression to be said with a sneer or contempt in the voice). I am unabashedly religious, believing that one's life should be conducted with devotion to God and my moral and social values are decidedly conservative, i.e., to the "right." But it is becoming popular to characterize the "religious right" as a bunch of fanatical nutcases who are trying to put a stranglehold on societal progress. We are supposedly responsible for whatever bad happens in this great nation of ours.

Let me tell you about myself. I still think that it is wrong to lie and deceive, regardless of what power or position one may have in society (Ephesians 4:25). I believe that it is wrong to cheat my fellowman in business (Ephesians 4:28). I see very little difference between the man who steals from me by means of dishonesty in a business transaction and the thug who holds me up at gunpoint. The dishonest businessman merely hides behind the appearance of respectability, but he is a thief just the same. I believe that character is crucial, both in public and private life.

I believe that life is a gift from God (Psalm 127:3) and abortion is the taking of an innocent human life. Abortion displays selfishness and an astonishing lack of natural affection and is an abomination in the sight of our Creator (Proverbs 6:17; Romans 1:31). I believe that God makes parents responsible for raising their children - not the government, schools, the church or Little League (Ephesians 6:4). I believe in the appropriate discipline of children in the molding of character, including the spanking of a child who refuses to accept instruction or correction (Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15). I prefer to see the tears of a disciplined child than to have to read about how he shot his classmates at school. I despise the physical abuse of children.

I believe that adultery and fornication ought to be cause for shame (Hebrews 13:4) and not rewarded, financially or otherwise. Homosexuality is not simply an "alternate lifestyle;" it is unnatural behavior and a sin (Romans 1:26-28).

I believe that the poor should be helped, but the lazy should go without (Ephesians 4:28; 2 Thessalonians 3:10). I believe in personal accountability, that each person should be held responsible for his/her actions, including those who commit their injustices against others in the name of religion. I believe that it is fitting that individuals are rewarded for hard work, but I don't believe that wealth gives anyone the right to break the laws of the government. I believe that punishment under the law should reflect the seriousness of the crime.

I confess to holding all of these values, but I deny that such values will destroy this nation or impede the progress of society. In fact, if our country is to remain great and free, we must return to these values (Proverbs 14:34).

-via Manslick Road Speaker; Louisville, Kentucky.

News & Notes

THE SICK: *Marcia Cooper* was sick and not able to be at services last week ... *Jerry Best* was sick and not able to be at Bible study Wednesday night ... *Monroe Pressnell, Phil's father*, is taking treatments once a month for his cancer ... *Jack and Onzell Tucker* continue to be confined at home ... *Buffy Wallen's grandmother and James McConnell's aunt, Nadine Thomp-*

son, 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.

GWANDA, ZIMBABWE: Remember the work we are involved in helping our brethren in the church at Gwanda, Zimbabwe.

COMMUNICATION GROUPS: Tonight will be the night for Communication group C to meet. If you are in group C remember to meet with your group this evening.

OUT OF TOWN: The Words: *Lisa, Corey and Olivia* are in Orlando, Florida ...**The Roses: Rocky and Donna** are at Gulf Shores this weekend ...**Leota Springer** is at Gulf Shores visiting with her son.

OUR VBS: It is just one week until our Vacation Bible school will be under way. This year the children's classes will be studying "*Walking In Sonlight*". The adults will be studying "*Restoration Church History*" with *Frank Richey* conducting the class. I know that the studies in the children's classes as well as the adult class will be very good. Be sure to remember this effort by praying for it, inviting others to come join us, and be present at the services if it is at all possible.

GOSPEL MEETINGS/VBS: The *New Georgia church* is beginning a Vacation Bible school tomorrow and it will continue through Friday morning at 10:00 a.m.. *Greg Chandler* will be the speaker in the adult class ...The *Russellville church* in Russellville is beginning a VBS tomorrow morning and it will continue through Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m

THE RECORD: Attendance: Week of June 29th
Sunday:

Bible Classes 105
Morning Worship 119
Evening Worship 86

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 79

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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