

# NEWS & NOTES

**THE SICK OR THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS:** A friend of Brandi Phillips, **Mandy Newton** has a tumor in her back and is in need of our prayers. ~ **Teresa Robbins** lost her little girl in a four wheeler wreck last week. Our hearts and our prayers go out to the Robbins family. ~ **Jack and Onzell Tucker** continue to be confined at home. ~ **G.W. Long**, Tanya Hammond's father is receiving cancer treatments. ~ Eric White's father, **Jim White**, continues his cancer treatments. ~ Judy Williams' mother **Flossie Kizzire**, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette ~ **Jerry Dickey** is continuing to receive cancer treatments. He started radiation last week. ~ **C.L. Weathers** is in intensive care at ECM after undergoing emergency surgery on Thursday night. The doctors removed a tumor on his colon. ~ **Ronnie Phillips** is having treatments to help his back. Others on the sick list include: **Laura Clemmons**, There may be others that need to be brought to our attention. Please let us know.

**Let Us Keep Our Expecting Mothers In Our Prayers:** Amy Bassham, Andrea Butler, Laurie Chancellor, Katy Garner,

**OUT OF TOWN:** The Bassham's are in Orlando, Florida this week. Also the Cox's are away in Decatur.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:** The Cox's have changed their phone number. They no longer are using a land I and have gone to just using cell phones. Cecil: 256-627-5349, Jackie: 256-324-2786

**DON'T FORGET!** Our Gospel Meeting begins in 2 weeks! There are flyers on the information table in the foyer. Please take them and invite others to come and hear God's word proclaimed. ~ Also, the Young Adult Bible class will be help this afternoon after services at the McIntyre's house. ~ The Elders and Deacons will be meeting this afternoon at 2:00

**COMMUNICATIONS 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 MEETINGS IN THE AREA:** ~ **COLLEGE PARK** church in Lawrenceburg, TN will be having with **Buddy Payne** speaking this week beginning today. They will be meeting at 7:00 PM. Monday thru Wednesday. ~ **OLD MOULTON ROAD** church in Decatur with **Cecil Cox**. They will be meeting Monday thru Friday at 7:00 PM.

**FOR THE RECORD:** (Week of March 8<sup>th</sup>)

**Sunday:**

Bible Classes	89
Morning Worship	120
Evening Worship	77

**Wednesday:**

Bible Classes	77
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## Schedule of Services

**Sunday**

- Bible Classes ..... 9:45 AM
- Morning Worship ..... 10:45 AM
- Evening Worship ..... 6:00 PM
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Worship (*Singing*)... 3:30 PM

**Wednesday**

- Bible Classes ..... 7:00 PM

**Elders**

- Michael Clemmons...(256) 247-0836
- Scottie Goode.....(931) 565-3391

**Deacons**

- Jimmy Glass.....(256) 247-0571
- Eddie J. Hammond...(256) 247-3038
- Mark McIntyre.....(256) 729-8316
- Steve Parker.....(256) 247-7843
- Phil Pressnell.....(256) 232-8509
- Rocky Rose.....(256) 247-0011
- Brian Word.....(931) 565-3799

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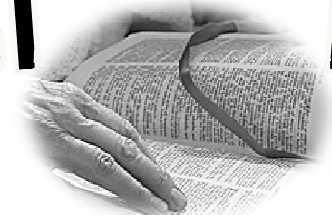
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# Gospel Power



"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 Serving This Week:**

**Sunday Morning Bible Classes**

**Song Leader** – Daniel Clemmons

**Bible Reading** – Jimmy Glass

*Joshua 8:1-9*

**Prayer** – Andrew Gatlin

**Sunday Morning Worship**

**Song Leader** – Daniel Clemmons

**Prayer** – Eddie J. Hammond

**Lord's Supper**

**Presiding** – Michael Clemmons

**Assisting** – James Adams

**Serving** – Jerry Dickey,

Rodney McCrary, Daniel

Clemmons, Billy Wallen

**Closing Prayer** – Rocky Rose

**Sunday Evening Worship**

**Song Leader** – Phil Pressnell

**Bible Reading** – Brian Word

*Joshua 8:10-17*

**Prayer** – Steve Parker

**Lord's Supper** – Michael

Clemmons, James Adams

**Closing Prayer** – Brian Blakely

**Wednesday Bible Classes**

**Song Leader** – Brian Word

**Prayer** – Brad Hammond

**Bible Reading** – Rodney McCrary

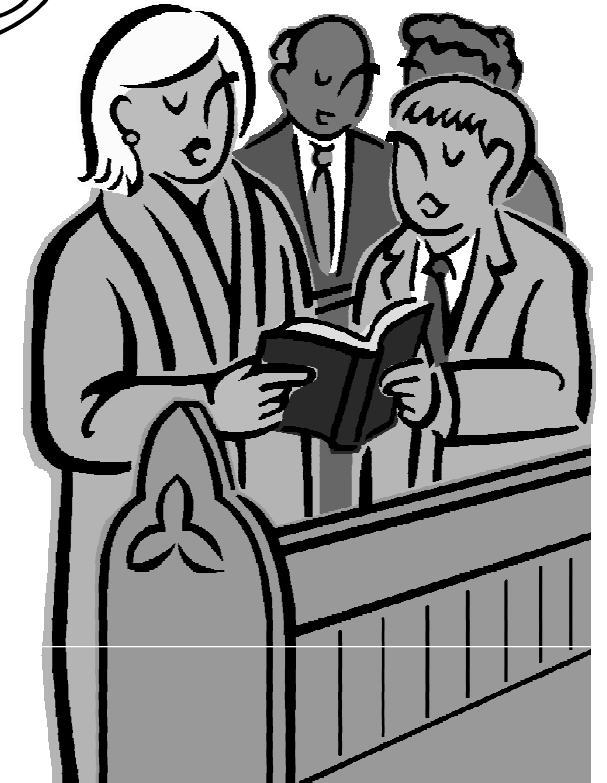
*Joshua 8:18-23*

**Invitation** – Scottie Goode

**Closing Prayer** – Kevin

Chancellor

Join us for a  
**GOSPEL SINGING**



**This Afternoon**  
**at 3:30 PM.**

# Confusion And Transgression

## *Sewell Hall*

Have you ever heard anyone say, as an explanation for some sinful action, "I have become so confused I don't know what is right anymore"? As a rule, the person who says such a thing is one who has had clear convictions but has acted, or is about to act, contrary to them.

This must be what the Holy Spirit was saying about Eve in 1 Timothy 2:14. "Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression."

To say that she was deceived is not to say that she was ignorant. She quoted perfectly what God had said: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat of it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die'" (Genesis 3:2-3). She was deceived when she thought there could be any valid reason for disobeying God.

We cannot know how long Adam and Eve avoided the forbidden tree. With so many other trees from which to eat, there was no need to eat of it. There is no evidence of confusion regarding the right and wrong of eating or the wisdom of abstaining. They were happy ignoring it.

But along came Satan to draw Eve's attention to the tree she had been avoiding. He drew her attention to the beauty of the fruit and somehow convinced her, perhaps by eating of it himself, that it was good for food. If he did eat of it, the fact that he did not die surely gave support to his contention that she would not die. One can see the confusion

mounting. The arguments she had considered conclusive against eating were rapidly being matched by arguments for doing so. Which arguments were valid? Both seemed to be.

Had Adam been nearby, or had God spoken again, she might have been reminded once more of the strong reasons for rejecting the fruit. But as it was, the voice of God grew weaker in her memory as the desirability of the fruit was magnified by Satan's glib lies. All that was needed to tip the balance was the final suggestion of an apparent virtue in eating—the thought that she would become like God. Never mind the legalistic prohibition; surely one could not be blamed for wanting to be like God.

"She took of the fruit and ate" (Genesis 3:6). Tragic words! Tragic consequences! Consequences reaching down through countless generations even to us!

The great mistake of Eve was in allowing herself even to begin thinking about disobedience. This was the mistake of Achan when he first saw the Babylonian garment (Joshua 7:21), of David when he first saw his beautiful neighbor bathing (2 Samuel 11:2) and of Judas when he first thought of betraying Jesus. It is the same mistake each of us makes—men and women alike—whenever we sin.

The Bible says as much: "Each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death" (James 1:14-15).

There is ample defense available. If we are wise enough to meditate on God's laws in such circumstances

(Psalm 119:11), and to ask Him for deliverance (Matthew 6:13), He will, with the temptation, "also make the way of escape" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

But all too often, in the name of open-mindedness and objectivity, we feel we are obligated to look at the other side, to consider the "arguments in favor of" sin. We may even be so foolish as to parrot the existential line: "I must get away to myself and sort things out." If this means getting away for Bible study, meditation and prayer, fine! But this is seldom what it means. As a rule, what it means is: "I want to be left alone to rationalize my way through the sin that entices me without having to reason with those who would logically or scripturally expose my folly."

Such conflict between conscience and passion, between logic and emotion, between authority and anarchy, between flesh and spirit will indeed produce confusion—confusion bordering on insanity. But it is a confusion for which we are responsible. It is the peculiar malady of "those who perish because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved" and who "did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:10,12). It is never surprising when such a person, "being deceived," falls into transgression.

In Jesus' day, "there was a division among the people because of Him" (John 7:43). They were confused by the contradictions between His claims and the accusations of their rulers. Jesus stated clearly who would not be confused: "If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I

speak of My own authority" (John 7:17).

Wanting to do God's will will save us from the confusion, deception and transgression into which our mother fell.

## HE CAN COUNT ON ME

### *Lizzie DeArmond*

He can count on me when the firing line  
Bravely stand to face the foe;  
with my Capitan near I shall have no fear-  
Where He calls me I will go.

He can count on me thro' the long,  
long days  
Just to do my little part,  
Looking up to Him thro' the shadows  
dim With a loyal, faithful heart.

He can count on me, for I'm pledged  
to Him  
Till this life on earth shall end,  
Till my work is done and the glad  
rest won-  
Yes, on me He can depend.

He can count on me, He can count  
on me  
When the bugle call shall sound!  
He can count on me, always count  
on me,  
Ever faithful I'll be found.  
- From "Sweeter Than All Songs" 1926