

# 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, October 2nd:

#### *Bible Classes*

Song Leader  
..... Brian Word  
Bible Reading ..... (Rev. 11:1-19)  
..... Rocky Rose  
Prayer  
..... Mark McIntyre

#### *Morning Worship*

Song Leader  
..... Brian Word  
Prayer  
..... Rocky Rose  
Lord's Supper  
Presiding ..... Eddie J. Hammond  
Assisting ..... Jerry Dickey  
Serving ..... Aric Butler  
..... Jim Phillips  
..... Rodney McCrary  
..... Eddie L. Hammond  
Closing Prayer  
..... Ronnie Phillips

#### *Evening Worship*

Song Leader  
..... Phil Pressnell  
Bible Reading ..... (Rev. 12:1-10)  
..... Brad Hammond  
Prayer  
..... Andrew Gatlin  
Lord's Supper  
..... Eddie J. Hammond  
..... Jerry Dickey  
Closing Prayer  
..... Larry White

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## *Knocked Flat On Your Back*

**Phillip Mullins**

The view from the floor is the same in spite of what may have knocked you down. You may be floored by the news that you have cancer or that your father has died or that you have lost your job. In spite of how you got there, from flat on your back everything looks the same.

*You see how weak you are* - Wealth, success, nor good health can completely insulate us from the pitfalls of life. "For man also does not know his time: like fish taken in a cruel net, like birds caught in a snare, so the sons of men are snared in an evil time when it falls suddenly upon them" (Ecclesiastes 9:12).

There is no such thing as true insurance. What I purchase each year from my insurance carrier does not prevent car accidents or house fires. It merely guarantees that there will be financial compensation if they occur. Not only are we helpless at preventing tragedy, from flat on your back you also see how inadequate we are in dealing with it. Tears and cries are often our only resource.

From flat on your back you see how foolish you were before the crisis. Your priorities were out of place and your worries were actually insignificant.

*You see how great God is* - Suffering was never part of God's original plan for mankind. Pain, loss, and disappointment all crept in after man let sin through the door. When man chose sin, God didn't stop him nor the consequences to follow. Though God hates death, disease, war, famine, and all the other catastrophes that bruise and cripple us in body and soul, He still works in them. He creates windows in them so that we can better see His might and mercy.

After losing his herds, his servants, his children, and his health and after days of debate with his friends about the cause of his suffering, Job heard God speak. Afterwards he said, “I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You” (Job 42:5).

Our pride and self-sufficiency are our greatest obstacles to seeing God. When we are walking tall and stepping high, He is hard to see. However, when you are knocked flat on your back, everything looks different. To the honest person, God can be clearly seen. He is still there, even though we are hurting, He is still strong, and He still cares.

-via *Messages*; Kingsport, Tennessee.



## *Perpetual Babes In Christ*

**Dan S. Shipley**

It is heartbreaking to see a child who is undeveloped physically or mentally. But what is worse is to see Christians growing older but not growing in the faith. Why is it worse? Because it is a condition of choice; it is a self-imposed condition. This was a problem in the church at Corinth that compounded (if not caused) many other problems. Paul calls such Christians “babes in Christ.” He says, “I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able” (1 Corinthians 3:2). Being “babes in Christ” is not the problem; *staying* babes in Christ is.

Perpetual babes are the result of neglect. Spiritual growth is no accident. It requires spiritual nourishment and is no less important than the physical. God says we are to “desire the sincere milk of the word” that we may grow

thereby (1 Peter 2:2). Growing in knowledge is essential to growing in faith, Romans 10:17. Those who continue to neglect opportunities to know and grow hurt themselves and hinder their usefulness in the Lord’s work. But that’s not all.

A lack of knowledge also makes perpetual babes easy prey for Satan. God’s word in man’s heart provides a much-needed defense against sin. The Psalmist says, “Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee” (Psalm 119:11). In addition, God’s word provides the armor we need to stand against the wiles of the devil, Ephesians 6:10ff. Peter pictures Satan as a roaring lion walking about seeking whom he may devour, then tells us to withstand him “stedfast in your faith” (1 Peter 5:8-9). Obviously, those weak in the flesh will be most vulnerable.

Finally, the perpetual babe in Christ will always be hindered in teaching others the gospel he has not learned. God says we are to be ready to give answer to those asking us a reason for our hope, 1 Peter 3:15. Can we? Have we grown as we should? If not, why not start now?

-via *Susquehanna Sentinel*, Marietta, Pennsylvania.



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2. The *Gospel Power* in .pdf format uploaded each Sunday.
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# *Trip To Mississippi*

David A. Cox

On Thursday morning, September 29th, *Bobby Graham, Mike Johnson, Jeremy Paschall and I* made another trip to pass out Bibles to people in the gulf area affected by Hurricane Katrina.

We first went to Pascagoula, Mississippi where we had such great success the week before, but the relief center was closed down. We then went on to Gulport and found a relief center there and passed out a few Bibles, but officials were beginning to close the center, so we could only stay for a short time. We then went over to Biloxi and found a relief center that was to open on Friday morning. At this point, we began to make our way back to Mobile, Alabama for the night. We stayed again in the home of *Steve and Casey Graham* and their children. On our way to Mobile, we found a relief center at Moss Point, Mississippi and decided that we would leave early enough on Friday to check this place out as we went to Biloxi. Friday morning, we arrived at the Moss Point, Mississippi relief center about 30 or 45 minutes prior to the opening of the center. We told the officials that we wanted to pass out Bibles and they were thrilled to have us do so. So we started getting the Bible and tracts together with a contact number for the ***Chicot Road church*** in Pascagoula. In about 2.5 hours, we passed out around 340 Bibles and tracts to people that wanted them.

It is sad to see the living conditions of so many people and the devastation that they have suffered, but in the last three weeks that I have been down there, many things have improved and things are slowly getting much better. However, there will be many obstacles and difficulties that these people will continue to face over an extended period of time. I am so thankful for the generosity of so many brethren in this area and the many prayers that have been extended for these people. Please continue to pray for them.

# News & Notes

**THE SICK:** *Monroe Pressnell* is now doing better after battling problems associated with his medication and a kidney stone... *C. L. Weathers* is to have back surgery this week in Florence... *Angie McCrary's aunt, Oscalene Newton*, is in the ECM hospital in Florence... *Helen Stewart* continues her recovery and rehabilitation at home... *Scottie Goode's mother, Claudette Goode*, is awaiting word from the doctor... *Sissy Clemmons* is now walking with just a brace on her ankle... *Myrtie Williams* continues at home... *Mattie Blanche Word* continues at home... *Tisha Thomas' mother, Shelia Johnson*, is at home... *Leota Springer's husband, Bob Springer*, continues to deal with dialysis... *Judy Williams' mother, Flossie Kazzaire*, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette... *Monroe Pressnell's aunt, Mildred Pressnell*, is at home... *Tisha Thomas' grandmother, Nellie Hunter*, is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The ***First Street church*** in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Tuesday with services this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The Lord willing, I will be the speaker in this meeting... The ***Sardis Springs church*** in Athens is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services Monday through Friday at 7:00 p.m. *Bill Hall* will be the speaker in this meeting... The ***River Bend church*** in western Lauderdale county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services Monday through Friday at 7:00 p.m. *Dwight McGee* will be the speaker in this meeting... The ***Carriger church*** in Limestone county is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with *Guy McDaniel* preaching. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m.... The ***Piney Grove church*** south of Tusculumbia is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednes-

day with services at 7:00p.m. *Shawn Wallace* will be the speaker.

**MOVING ABOUT:** *Wesley Phillips* has recently moved to Longview, Texas with owrk. We will miss him and look forward to when he is back. *Ray and Judy Williams* have moved to Toronto, Ontario recently for a temporary stay with Ray's work. We wish them well and look forward to their return.

**PREACHING TODAY:** In my absence today, *Jimmy Glass* will be preaching this morning and *Andrew Gatlin* will be preaching this evening. I appreciate Jimmy and Andrew for their willingness to fill in for me while I am away. I know that you will enjoy hearing them.

**OUR MEETING:** Our fall meeting ended this past Wednesday night. *Cecil Cox* did the preaching and did his work well. I hope that we all will take the lessons that we learned this week and apply them to our lives so that our faith will be stronger and that we will be more diligent in the service of our Lord. If you would like to have CD's or DVD's of the meeting, let us know and we will be glad to get them to you.

**COMMUNICATION GROUPS:** Tonight will be the night for Communication Group 1 to meet. If you are in Group 1, remember to meet with your group this evening after our services.

**THE RECORD:** *For the week of September 25th*

**Sunday:**

Bible Classes ..... 95  
 Morning Worship ..... 125  
 Evening Worship ..... 74

**Wednesday:**

Bible Classes ..... 89



**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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