

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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Sunday, Septembet 18th:

Bible Classes

Song Leader

..... Jerry Dickey

Bible Reading (Rev. 8:1-7)

..... Andrew Gatlin

Prayer

..... Monroe Pressnell

Morning Worship

Song Leader

..... Daniel Clemmons

Prayer

..... Jimmy Glass

Lord's Supper

Presiding Mark McIntyre

Assisting Brian Word

Serving Corey Goode

..... Mark McCrary

..... Aric Butler

..... Jim Phillips

Closing Prayer

..... Larry White

Evening Worship

Song Leader

..... Rocky Rose

Bible Reading (Rev. 8:8-13)

..... Rodney McCrary

Prayer

..... Brad Hammond

Lord's Supper

..... Mark McIntyre

..... Brian Word

Closing Prayer

..... Ray Tucker

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You Are Invited To Attend Our

Gospel Meeting

September 25 - 28

(Sunday – Wednesday)

Schedule of Services

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.; 10:45 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Monday – Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Cecil F. Cox, Speaker

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The Establishment of the Church

Cecil F. Cox

Jesus said, "...I will build my church..." (Matthew 16:18). And he did! I believe that most all would agree with this. What Jesus said he would do, he did. But there is a disagreement as to **when** he built it.

Some contend that Jesus built the church during His personal ministry. Others believe it was established during the ministry of John the Baptist. But the Bible teaches that the church was established on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ. Jesus said, "I say unto you, that there be some that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power" (Mark 9:1). We wish to make some observations:

- (1) The church is spoken of as the Kingdom. See Matthew 16:19.
- (2) The kingdom or church was to be established during the lifetime of some then living.
- (3) That it was to "come with power." If we can know when the power was to come we can know when the church would be established.

In Acts 1:8 we read where Jesus told the apostles, "ye shall receive **power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Now if we can learn when the Holy Ghost came upon the apostles we can know when the power came *and when the church was established*. In Acts 2:1-4, we learn that the Holy Ghost came upon the apostles *on the day of Pentecost*. This is **when** the church was established.

But some will insist that the church was established during the personal ministry of Christ. If this is true:

- (1) The church existed **without** the cleansing blood of Christ (Matthew 26:28; Ephesians 1:7). Christ shed His blood in His death.
- (2) The church was accountable not to the law

of Christ, but to the law of Moses. The law continued to the death of Christ (Hebrews 9:15-17; Colossians 2:14).

- (3) The church existed without a head... Christ became the head of the church when He **ascended back to God** (Ephesians 1:19-23).
- (4) The church (kingdom) existed without a king (Acts 2:29-36).

Any teaching that would lead to such absurd conclusions surely must be false. So, we reject the teaching expounded by many that the church was established before or during the personal ministry of Christ.

-via *Centerview Tidings*, Russellville, Alabama.



One Sermon

Billy Norris

Some today may hear many sermons and yet do not obey the gospel. The excuse may be, "I need to learn more," or perhaps, "I need to straighten some things in my life first." The truth is they have not been "cut to the heart" because of sin in their lives.

Some of the people who were responsible for the crucifixion of Christ heard one sermon, and obeyed the gospel. Peter forthrightly convinced them of their dreadful sin. "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the

apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do?’ Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit’... Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them” (Acts 2:36-41). From one sermon they believed that God had made Jesus whom they crucified both Lord and Christ; they repented; they were baptized for the remission of their sins. As babes in Christ seeking to learn more and more of the precious truth, “they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching...” (Acts 2:42).

The three thousand were not the only ones who obeyed the gospel after hearing only one sermon. The Ethiopian eunuch heard one sermon, believed, was baptized, and went on his way rejoicing (Acts 8:26-39). Cornelius, the Roman centurion, his relatives and close friends heard Peter preach the first sermon delivered to the Gentiles. Being convinced that the Gentiles were to receive the gospel on the same terms as the Jews, he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord (Acts 10:44-48). The Philippian jailer and his household heard one sermon, believed and were baptized the same hour of the night (Acts 16:25-34).

God’s plan of salvation for the alien sinner is simple enough to be understood from one sermon. He must believe in Christ or else die in his sins (John 8:32). He must repent or perish (Luke 13:3,5). He must be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). He must continue faithful (Revelation 2:10). It does not take a rocket scientist to understand this. It does take an honest person who wants to do the will of God.

~via *Gospel Guide*, Vol. 35 No. 5; May 2003

Remember Our Bible Class Periods

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

News & Notes

THE SICK: *Monroe Pressnell* is at home following a short stay in the hospital due to a blood clot in his leg.... *C.L. Weathers* is doing better now after being down due to a pain in his leg that has hindered his getting around. He is to return to the doctor on Monday ... *Donna Rose* hurt her foot a couple of weeks ago and learned from her doctor that her foot is fractured. She is now in a cast ... *Johnny Lovell* was sick able to be back at Bible study Wednesday night after being sick over the weekend with trouble with his thyroid ... *Ray Phillips* is at home doing well following surgery on Monday in Florence... *Helen Stewart* continues her recovery and rehabilitation at home ... *Suzette McIntyre* was sick an unable to be at Bible study Wednesday night... *Sissy Clemmons* continues her recovery from her broken ankle ... *Tisha Thomas’ mother, Shelia Johnson*, continues in the Vanderbilt Hospital with her treatments ... *Eric White’s father, Jim White*, is at home ... *Myrtie Williams* 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 ... *Mattie Blanche Word* is at home... *Shannon Johnson*, continues at home ... *Tisha Thomas’ grandmother, Nellie Hunter*, is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski

NEW BABY: We rejoice this week over the birth of *Molly Katherine Phillips* on Monday. She weighed 6 lbs 11 ozs. and was 19 inches long. She is at home with her mother and daddy, Jim and Brooke and her big brother, Samuel. We want to rejoice with the Phillips family.

TRIP TO GULFPORT: This past Tuesday, Miles Craig and I made a trip to take relief to the brethren in *Gulfport, Mississippi*. We made the trip easily and the brethren that we saw were all very thankful for the generosity of you and others

individual brethren who brought supplies. They ask me to express their appreciation for the things that were sent and for the many prayers on their behalf. Indeed, the gulf region was devastated by Hurricane Katrina and will have difficulties in the days, weeks and even months to come. We will continue to keep in contact with the brethren and will be letting you know of the needs they may have in the future.

TRIP TO GULF REGION: The Lord willing, early Monday morning I will be leaving to go the the Gulf region again along with *Bobby Graham, Frank Richey and Jeremy Paschall* to pass out Bible and tracts to people that have been affected by the Hurricane. In a recent trip, *Daniel DeGarmo* of Jordan, Ontario mentioned that when some brethren were taking relief to the gulf region, that many of the displaced were interest in Bibles, religious materials and studies. Due to the brethren in that area being overwhelmed in putting their lives back together, the four of us have agreed to go and assist by trying to make contacts for the brethren. We will be returning late Tuesday night and we have a deep interest in your prayers for us and this work.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Parkway church* in Lawrence county will begin a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday with services at 7:00 p.m. *Phillip Owens* will be the speaker...The *Pepper Road church* in Athens will begin a meeting today with services continuing through Friday evening at 7:00p.m. *Bill Hall* will be the speaker.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Gatlins: Andrew and Marissa* are out of town this week on vacation.

COMMUNICATION GROUPS: Tonight will be the night for Communication Group 3 to meet. If you are in Group 3, remember to meet with your group this evening after our services.

THE RECORD: *For the week of September 11th*

Sunday: Bible Classes 93
 Morning Worship 106
 Evening Worship 83
Wednesday: Bible Classes 74

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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