

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, June 30th

Bible Classes

Song Leader
..... Mark McIntyre
Bible Reading (1 Peter 1:13-25)
..... Rodney McCrary
Prayer
..... Daniel Clemmons

Morning Worship

Song Leader
..... Mark McIntyre
Prayer
..... Claus Martel
Lord's Supper/Collection
Presiding Michael Clemmons
Serving Ronnie Phillips
..... James Albert McConnell
..... Ray Tucker
Closing Prayer
..... Brian Word

Evening Worship

Song Leader
..... Claus Martel
Bible Reading (1 Pet. 2:1-10)
..... Daniel Clemmons
Prayer
..... Larry White
Lord's Supper
..... Michael Clemmons
Closing Prayer
..... Rocky Rose

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Your Invited To Our

Vacation Bible School

July 8 -12

Monday – Friday
10:00 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.

The Adult Class:

Day	Adult Class Speaker
Monday	Cecil Cox
Tuesday	Collin Stringer
Wednesday	Warren Glass, Jr.
Thursday	Matt Oglesby
Friday	Norm Webb, Sr.

There will be classes for ages Nursery through Adult.

Sunday, July 7

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

Harold Comer, Speaking

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They Preached About Jesus

Robert Jackson

In every sermon delivered by the men of God in the book of Acts, we clearly see that they talked and preached about Jesus. The fourth chapter of the book of Acts brings out some things about their preaching about Christ.

1) **The Only Way Of Salvation.** “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). In very simple words, that these people did not misunderstand, they were told that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation. I am sure that they were called narrow-minded and a few other names, but they held forth that Jesus is the only way! This is the kind of preaching that needs to be done today. The world needs to hear that Jesus is the only way of salvation. There is salvation in no other name. This sermon, from the lips of the man of God, then put a challenge upon the hearts of the people. This kind of preaching will do the same.

2) **The Command To Be Silent.** “And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus” (Acts 4:18). They were given the command to speak no more in the name of Jesus. I wonder if they had any in that day who did not come under this command due to the fact that they were already silent. I fear that many today are guilty of being silent concerning the Lord when they have not been told to be silent. However, how would you react if you were told to no longer speak in the name of Christ? We notice that it did not affect some of the men of God in that they were totally committed to the preaching of Christ.

3) **Prayer.** In the preaching of Christ we often see the people of God engaged in prayer. In times of difficulty they needed to pray and they often found themselves in this condition. They have put before us the great blessing, the privilege and power of prayer in Acts 4:24-31.

4) **Fellowship.** We hear about fellowship today among some of the churches of Christ, but I wonder if it was like his that we read in Acts 4:23-37? They had such feelings for each other that they sold their possessions and shared with others! Let us go back and learn from these men that often faced trials in the preaching of Christ, but did not quit.

~via *Ellettsville church Bulletin*, Ellettsville, Indiana.



Showing Partiality

Glen Young

James discusses the way we should treat all men beginning in chapter two. He speaks to Christians when he says, “My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality” (James 2:1). Further, he uses the example of a rich man and a poor man. Should either or both of these men come into your assembly and you should place them according to their financial status, “have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts” (James 2:4)?

Relationships are difficult at best. This is evident whether we are discussing the relationships in a local church or in the home. Being family (or even a Christian for that matter) is no guarantee that we will maintain a cordial relationship. Things happen, relationships become strained, and someone becomes upset. Personal emotions come to the forefront and rule the day. In the heat of the moment, decisions are made without considering God and His desires in the matter.

The next step is drawing a line in the sand

and lining up one's friends on their side of the line. Now, instead of working through the problem between two people, a group (usually a local church) is now on the brink of having its interpersonal relationships severed. All of this because some will show partiality for one side or the other.

The inevitable soon happens. Emotions become so enraged someone decides that a certain one or ones must go. Do not want to see them, hear them, and much less be around them. The devil jumps with glee as someone takes upon himself or herself the duty to speak to another or others about leaving. This is showing partiality in violation of James' admonition.

The thing is, God does not show partiality (Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 3:11). God knows the heart of men. Therefore, His judgements are pure and holy. When the time comes, "he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality" (Colossians 3:25).

Christians know that they will be judged for their works. "So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way" (Romans 14:12-13).

I am not Solomon. I do not have all the answers, especially where interpersonal relationships are involved. In such cases, emotions run so high few are willing to listen to God.

Nevertheless, we must listen to God. God has the answers to all life problems. Those who are unwilling to open their Bibles and conduct themselves based upon what is written there will find a wrathful God in the great Judgement Day.

It matters not who accepts us or rejects us, for in either case there is a good possibility that partiality is being shown. Our friends tend to overlook our most vile sins thus showing us partiality. Our enemies tend to look for the

minutest infraction with which to condemn us again showing partiality. The faithful Christian will never show partiality. They will treat all men the same.

~via *The Road Creek Bulletin*, Elkhorn City, Kentucky

News & Notes

THE SICK: *Lou Ann Phillips* is now at home after being hospitalized following her myelogram last week .. *Ashley Goode's father, Robert Barringer*, is in the CCU at ECM hospital in Florence .. *Tisha Thomas* continues at home now following her surgery... *Cindy Pressnell's mother, Nancy Hagood*, had surgery on her foot this past Tuesday and is at home .. *Emma Wallen* received a good report from the doctor on Monday concerning her heart murmur... Remember *Scottie Goode's father, Hubert Goode*, continues at home taking his medication... *Mattie Blanche Word* continues at home .. *Marcia Cooper's and Brian Word's grandmother, Nola McCafferty, and uncle, Paul McCafferty* and *Aldeen Noles* are in the SunBridge Nursing Home in Lawrenceburg .. *Mary Best's nephew, Shannon Johnson*, who is at home ... *Tisha Thomas' grandmother, Nellie Hunter*, who is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski.

SYMPATHY: We are saddened this week at the passing of *Millinea Word*. She passed away on Monday afternoon about 1:15 at the age of 75. We will miss Millinea greatly, but we have great confidence and hope for her life. We want to express our deepest sympathy to all the family in her passing and pray God richest blessing to be upon them.

PREACHING TODAY: In my absence today, *Wiley Deason* will be here preaching for me. I know that you will enjoy hearing Wiley

and hearing about the work he did while in the Philippines. Wiley will be preaching at both services today. I appreciate Wiley preaching in my absence and **Michael Clemmons** for teaching my class this morning.

OUT OF TOWN: *Signa Skipworth* has been away on vacation recently...**Marla Clemmons** is on vacation this week...**The Goodes:** *Scottie, Shelia and Robyn* are away this weekend in Mobile...**The Wallens:** *Billy, Buffy, Anthony, Ethan, Emma, Ella and Ivy* are away this weekend in Mobile...**The Coxes:** *Kerry, Tyler, Hunter and I* are away this weekend in Mobile.

BAPTISM: We rejoiced last Sunday morning when **Stephanie Helms** came forward and expressed her desire to be baptized into Christ. We are thankful for good young honest hearts like Stephanie's and we wish for her a long and faithful life in service to the Lord. May we all encourage one another in our journey to our heavenly home.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Our Vacation Bible School is beginning one week from Monday. The materials for all the classes are on the table in the Resource room. If all the teachers will check their materials and let me know if you need anything before next week. If you are not teaching, I am sure that the teachers could use some help preparing the materials for their classes. Let the teachers know if you can help.

NEXT SUNDAY : Remember next Sunday, July 7th, **Harold Comer** of Florence will be here preaching for us at our all of our services at 9:45 a.m.; 10:45 a.m. and at 4:00 p.m. Remember these services and tell others about them.



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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