

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, July 7th

Bible Classes

Song Leader
..... Ronnie Phillips
Bible Reading (1 Peter 3:1-22)
..... Daniel Clemmons
Prayer
..... Jerry Dickey

Morning Worship

Song Leader
..... Ronnie Phillips
Prayer
..... Ray Tucker
Lord's Supper/Collection
Presiding Claus Martel
Serving Ray Tucker
..... Jerry Best
..... Scottie Goode
Closing Prayer
..... Brian Word

Evening Worship

Song Leader
..... Daniel Clemmons
Bible Reading (1 Pet. 4:1-19)
..... Mark McIntyre
Prayer
..... Michael Clemmons
Lord's Supper
..... Claus Martel
Closing Prayer
..... Larry White

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Beginning Tomorrow

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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Doing Right By Our Children

Allen Malone

It was not the first time I had seen such a situation, nor the last (unfortunately). The mother was in tears, the father upset but trying to suppress his emotions. They could not understand where they had gone wrong. They loved the Lord and served Him faithfully, but today the church had withdrawn from their nineteen year old son because of being unfaithful in various ways. "We are present at every service," they exclaimed in sobs. "Why is our son so disinterested in spiritual things?" They looked for the answer in the present; it was to be found in the past.

Like so many couples, though this man and woman are active now, they had been unfaithful when their children were young. The husband had been more interested in establishing his career than serving the Lord. The wife had not liked to attend worship without her husband. Neither of them read their Bibles or discussed spiritual things. They did well to occasionally remember to "say Grace" before meals. On those occasions when they did gather with the saints, the children were disruptive, and so mom and dad had another excuse for missing. All the while, however, they planned "to do better later." This plan they carried out, but unfortunately, later was too late for their son.

This couple learned a most valuable lesson. The best time to be concerned with your child's spiritual well-being is while he or she is young enough that you have the privilege and opportunity of being able to mold and direct that child in and toward spiritual things. It was obvious that this couple was now very much concerned with the spiritual condition of their son, but oh how they wished they had shown that same concern twenty years earlier.

Parents, are we doing right by our children? The time to begin teaching our children about

the God of salvation is before they are old enough to need the salvation He provides. The time to begin teaching them proper attitudes and priorities is before their attitudes and priorities are established. The time to do your part in saving their souls is while there is still something you can do!

~via *Southport Sounder*, Indianapolis, Indiana



"Peace With God"

Jeff May

Romans 5:1 is a passage of great relief. It gives assurance that we can have peace with God. "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." I can lay down to sleep at night knowing that all is well with my soul and my relationship with God.

In the previous chapters, Paul has shown two routes people pursue to have peace with God. The first route is the route of perfect works. Such a man believes he can only have peace with God if he keeps the law perfectly. The second route is the route of faith. On this route the believer strives diligently to obey his God out of a heart of love but he doesn't believe he has to perform at a certain level to be accepted by God. When he fails, he has faith in the blood of Christ to cleanse Him. To this Lord he appeals and finds peace.

The first route of perfect works comes to a dead end. "Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Romans 3:20). The second route of faith in the blood of Christ leads to eternal life. "But now the righteousness of

God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and Prophets, even the righteousness of God which is through faith in Jesus Christ to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus” (Romans 3:21-24).

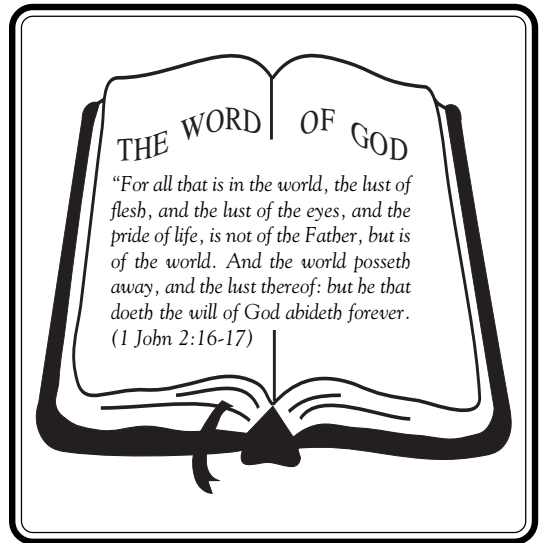
What then should be our attitude as Christians? Should we not even strive to keep God’s law? God forbid!! Christians are people who are zealous for good works (Titus 2:14). We have a fiery zeal for keeping God’s commandments because of our love for Him. We also know that as we strive to keep God’s commandments, we are becoming more like the Saviour. God’s commandments literally become a thrill.

Why do we not become discouraged when we sin? It is because we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Grace allows me to get up and try again. I don’t have to stand in fear before the law because of the grace of Jesus. The law of Christ becomes a beautiful and wonderful challenge. It is a challenge I can meet because when I fall short and acknowledge it to Jesus, He forgives and presents me as a perfect man in Him (Colossians 1:28).

What about your life as a Christian? Do you live it with fear and misery or do you live with joy in peace? If it is a life of fear and misery, you may be traveling the first route. You may have the mindset that your forgiveness hinges on perfect law keeping. I encourage you in your zeal for God’s law but I frown on your trust. Your trust has become yourself. You are depending on your perfection to earn your home in heaven. Jesus is actually dishonored by your attitude. If you could have earned heaven by your perfect law keeping, He would not have needed to die for you. I appeal to you to leave your dead end street and walk with Jesus in peace on the road of forgiveness.

~via *The Noble Searcher*, Gardendale, Alabama

Come and Study God’s Word With Us.



News & Notes

THE SICK: *Ashley Goode’s father, Robert Barringer*, is in at ECM hospital in Florence ...*Tisha Thomas* continues to recover at home from her recent surgery...*Cindy Pressnell* is to have gallbladder surgery in Huntsville on Tuesday ...*Mary Best* was not able to be at Bible study Wednesday night due to hip problems ..*My sister, Anita Willis*, received another chemo treatment this past week... 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.

PREACHING TODAY: *Harold Comer* will be here preaching today at all three services. I know that we will enjoy hearing brother Comer and that his lessons will be good for us. Remember our evening service this will be this after-

noon at 4:00.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Whites:* Larry and Betty have out of town this week on vacation... **Marla Clemmons** is now home after being in Florida this past week.

COMMUNICATION GROUPS: This afternoon following our service will be the time for Communication group one to meet. If you are in group one, remember to attend this meeting.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Our Vacation Bible School will begin in the morning, Lord willing. I know that the teachers have work hard in preparing for their classes and others have helped them in cutting out things and putting things together. I hope that everyone that is able to be present, will be here each morning at 10:00 a.m. There are classes from nursery through adult. Tell others and remind those you have already told. If you need help in transporting some people, let some of us know so that we can help.

LAST SUNDAY : I have heard good things about the services last Sunday when **Wiley Deason** was here preaching for me while I was on vacation. I appreciate Wiley coming and filling in for me while I was away. We enjoyed our trip and worshipping with brethren at West Mobile and in Prattville, but it is certainly good to be back home with you. I appreciate you allowing me to be away.

THE RECORD: *Averages for June 2002*

Sunday: Bible Classes 82
Morning Worship 97
Evening Worship 72

Wednesday: Bible Classes 70



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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