

# 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 Privileged To Serve:**  
Sunday, August 11th

#### **Bible Classes**

Song Leader  
..... Phil Pressnell  
Bible Reading ..... (Psalm 1)  
..... Rodney McCrary  
Prayer  
..... Claus Martel

#### **Morning Worship**

Song Leader  
..... Phil Pressnell  
Prayer  
..... Mark McIntyre  
Lord's Supper/Collection  
Presiding ..... Larry White  
Serving ..... Ray Tucker  
..... Ethan Pressnell  
..... James Albert McConnell  
Closing Prayer  
..... Rocky Rose

#### **Evening Worship**

Song Leader  
..... Daniel Clemmons  
Bible Reading ..... (Psalm 2)  
..... Ronnie Phillips  
Prayer  
..... Jerry Dicky  
Lord's Supper  
..... Larry White  
Closing Prayer  
..... Jerry Best

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## **The Day of Pentecost**

**Morris D. Norman**

The first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ was a vital point in God's eternal plan to save man from sin. Before the foundation of the world God had foreordained to have a people that were holy and without blame. Sin thwarted that plan. From sin's entrance into the human family in Eden man has been captive to sin, *"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23). By the time of the flood all mankind was corrupted in sin, save Noah and his family. God destroyed the world and began again with Noah. The tower of Babel reminds us that Noah's descendants also rejected God. God called Abram and promised that through his seed all nations would be blessed (Genesis 12:3). Through the physical nation that came by Isaac and Jacob, with his twelve sons, this promise would be accomplished. David was promised that one of his seed would always sit on his throne (2 Samuel 7). Joel foretold that in the last days God would pour out of His spirit on all flesh and *"All that shall call on the name of Jehovah shall be delivered (saved)"* (Joel 2:28-32, fulfilled in Acts 2).

Paul tells us that the gospel was preached to Abraham, clarifying that the "seed" promise was fulfilled in Christ (Galatians 3:8,16). God's dealings with Israel reflects His character and concern and longsuffering as He works to draw man to him. Many types and shadows are seen that point to the redemption in Christ. The prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah through whom God's eternal promises would be accomplished. *"When the fullness of time came, God sent forth his Son...that he might redeem them...that we might receive the adoption of sons"* (Galatians 4:4-5). In this "fulness of time" all things were "summed up" (brought together in Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

# Getting Older

W. Frank Walton

***“The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness” (Proverbs 16:31).***

On Pentecost all was brought together. Deity had become flesh and dwelt among men as “*Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God*” for His sinless life; He was crucified by lawless men, but God raised Him as predicted (Acts 2:22-28). This was the one God raised to sit on David’s throne. Having offered Himself for our sins and being raised, He ascended to be exalted at the Father’s right hand (Acts 2:29-35). Now man can be redeemed. On Pentecost the fulness of the gospel is preached. “*Know assuredly, that God hath made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified.*” All that is lacking is for man to receive the message in faith, and inquire, “*What must we do?*” The answer is clear, “*Repent ye, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the promise is to you...*” (Acts 2:36-39). What was the gift or promise of the Holy Spirit? The holy Spirit promised through the prophet Joel, “*And whosoever shall call upon the name of Jehovah shall be delivered (saved)*” Compare Joel 2:32 with Acts 2:21).

When we realize that we are all under bondage to sin, destined for eternal destruction, unable to save ourselves, we will seek a solution. The only solution is in Christ. “*Except ye believe that I am he ye shall die in your sins*” (John 8:24). “*Except ye repent, ye shall in like manner perish*” (Luke 13:3,5). “*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that disbelieveth shall be condemned*” (Mark 16:16). Pentecost is for us all. All things purposed by God from before the foundation of the world are now for all men in Christ. To reject Christ is to reject God and all that His love for His creation supplied. Pentecost is the beginning of the reality of salvation and it stands until all appear before Deity to be received or rejected for eternity. “*Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as snow... If ye be willing and obedient*” (Isaiah 1:18-19).

~via *The University Voice*, Tampa, Florida.

As soon as we are born, everyone begins to get older. Have you ever plucked out a gray hair? Our sensual culture worships youth and good looks more than virtue and good sense. This began with those who came of age in the 1960’s, saying, “Don’t trust anyone over 30.” Those spoiled baby boomers have had to revise their mantra, pushing it ever higher as they themselves age. However, there is more to life than being young, looking good, and having a good time.

In the Biblical world, gray hair was a badge of honor, not a sign of being decrepit. “*The splendor of old men is their gray head*” (Proverbs 20:29). It represented maturity, hard-won experience and wisdom by living long and learning well from God’s university of hard knocks. God’s purpose for our lives is our spiritual and moral development, “so we might share in His holiness” (Heb 12:10).

It is not how long we live, but how well we live before God that counts. “*Teach us to number our days, that we may present to you a heart of wisdom*” (Psa 90:12). As the years roll by, we never retire from the Lord’s service. Caleb was one of the faithful few to the divine vision to conquer Canaan with God’s help against all odds. He remained active and alert to the end, with youthful exuberance to take on new challenges (Joshua 14:6-15). “Paul, the aged,” still wrote encouraging letters during his final Roman imprisonment (Philemon 1:9). To keep his mind sharp and occupied, Paul was still studying toward the very end of his life (2 Timothy 4:13). Victor Hugo said, “Winter is on my head, but spring is in my heart.”

Someone has said, “Experience is what you get after you don’t need it.” No, if we keep

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active in the Lord's work, we can use our experience somewhere in the future, even if it is teaching someone younger (cf. Titus 2:3-5). Contrast this with some elders who may think serving as an elder is a lifetime appointment to a board of directors, regardless of their declining fitness of age and ability to execute the "hands on" work of shepherding the flock.

David Lipscomb, long-time editor of the Gospel Advocate and co-founder of David Lipscomb University, knew the Bible in his day about as well as anyone. In the very last months of his life at 84, he would sit in his rocking chair and study his Bible for up to 2 hours daily. In 1916, a year before his death, he wrote, "We have long ago passed the threescore and ten years allotted to man on earth....As we approach the end, the more we study the word of God, the more anxious we are to meet him, knowing we have opposed all innovations and changes upon His order at every point along the line of duty drawn by Him" (*Gospel Advocate*, 1916, p. 1).

May this be our epitaph, that we were faithful to the Lord and His Word, as we get older until the very end of our life on earth. It is better to wear out than rust out in the Lord's service. Christians should not detest getting older. As we progress through the Lord's school of discipleship, it brings us closer to graduating to that heavenly shore where there are delights with our Lord forever more (2 Cor 4:16-18). The sick and physically weak are then forever healthy and strong.

~via *Biblical E-Sight*, Vol. 2 No. 19.

## Gospel Meeting

Sept. 29 - Oct. 2

Leon Mauldin, Speaker

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Anderson, Alabama

## Fall Quarter Has Begun

Time for our fall quarter in our Bible classes to begin is here. We are looking forward to this quarter and the teachers for this quarter are as follows:

### Nursery:

Sheila Moore/  
Brooke Phillips ..... (Sunday morning)  
Charlotte Dickey/  
Sheila Moore ..... (Wednesday night)

### Pre-school:

Betty White/  
Lisa Word ..... (Sunday morning)  
Marcia Cooper/  
Lisa Word ..... (Wednesday night)

### Primary:

Cindy Pressnell ..... (Sunday morning)  
Shelia Goode ..... (Wednesday night)

### Intermediate:

Phil Pressnell ..... (Sunday morning)  
Daniel Clemmons ..... (Wednesday night)

### Jr. /High School:

Scottie Goode ..... (Sunday morning)  
Ronnie Phillips ..... (Wednesday night)

### Young Adult:

Claus Martel ..... (Sunday morning)  
Claus Martel ..... (Wednesday night)

### Adult:

David Cox ..... (Sunday morning)  
David Cox ..... (Wednesday night)

I want to express my appreciation to all of those who taught during the winter quarter for their work and dedication. We had a very good quarter. I am eagerly looking forward to this quarter and hope that all who can will be present and prepared for our periods of Bible study. There are classes for all ages. Won't you join us in a study together of God's word?

(D.A.C.)

### Remember Our Bible Class Periods

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

# News & Notes

**THE SICK:** *Faye Hammond* continues in the HeathSouth Rehabilitation in Huntsville ...*Willie & Wynell Ridgeway* have been sick this past week, but are now better ...*Lou Helms* is scheduled to have surgery on Monday in Huntsville to remove the tumor from her lung...*Ashley Goode's father, Robert Barringer*, continues in CCU at ECM hospital in Florence ...Remember *Scottie Goode's father, Hubert Goode*, continues at home taking his medication... *Mattie Blanche Word* continues at home...*Marcia Cooper* and *Brian Word's 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.

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Haraways: Billy and Madia* are out of town this week on vacation in Illinois.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The *O'Neal church* in Athens is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday. The services will be Monday through Friday at 7:00 p.m. *David Hartsell of Auburn* will be the speaker in this meeting...The *East Florence church* in Florence is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. *Andy Alexander* will be the speaker.

**COMMUNICATION GROUPS:** This week is Communication Group two's week to meet. If you are in group two, plan to participate with the group tonight.

Next Sunday, August 18th, will be the time for our regular scheduled song service. Michael Clemmons will be directing the service. Make your plans to join as we sing songs of glory and praise to God.

## 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.

### Elders

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### Deacons

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