

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, March 20th:

Bible Classes

Song Leader
..... Phil Pressnell
Bible Reading (Hebrews 5:1-14)
..... Curtis Mosley
Prayer
..... Brad Hammond

Morning Worship

Song Leader
..... Phil Pressnell
Prayer
..... Jimmy Glass
Lord's Supper
Presiding Michael Clemmons
Assisting Rocky Rose
Serving Eddie L. Hammond
..... Ethan Pressnell
..... Mark McCrary
..... Rodney McCrary
Closing Prayer
..... James Word

Evening Worship

Song Leader
..... Eddie J. Hammond
Bible Reading (Hebrews 6:1-12)
..... Stephen Stewart
Prayer
..... Aric Butler
Lord's Supper
..... Michael Clemmons
..... Rocky Rose
Closing Prayer
..... Andrew Gatlin

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You Are Invited To Attend Our

Gospel Meeting

March 27 - April 1

(Sunday – Friday)

Schedule of Services

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

Singing at 3:00 p.m.

Monday – Friday: 7:00 p.m.

Randall Hammock, Speaker

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Living Beneath Your Talent

David Thacker

In the movie, “A Bronx Tale,” the character played by Robert DeNiro tells his son, “The saddest thing in the world is wasted talent.”

Too many of us are guilty of this – we live beneath our talent. We settle for accomplishing a little instead of a lot. This is especially true in regards to our spiritual service.

For example, there are people with a great story to tell – but they will not write. And there are people with fantastic leadership skills who will not pursue opportunities to lead. And there are people with bright business minds who will not risk self-employment. And people blessed with musical ability who will not sing.

What holds us back? I’ve heard and/or made every possible excuse. Maybe it’s fear. Maybe it’s laziness. Maybe it’s lack of self-confidence. I don’t know what it is that holds us back, but I know what it isn’t: it’s not the will of God. He is not the one who says, “Keep your talent to yourself. After all, you’re just an average person; what makes you think you can succeed? What makes you think you can be a leader?”

God’s method has always been to use ordinary people to do extraordinary things. He used the son of a slave to lead God’s people to freedom (Moses); he used a shepherd boy to defeat a powerful giant (David); he used a man in exile to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem (Nehemiah).

And he can use you, too. Don’t live beneath the level of your talent. Ask yourself this week: “What am I good at doing that I am not doing? What talent have I not yet put to use?” Look for opportunities to do the things you do well. Put your skills to work.

God has given each of you the ability to do certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to instruct, speak out when you have faith

that God has something for you to say. If your gift is that of serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, do a good job of teaching. If your gift is to encourage others, do it! If you have money, share it generously; make it count in God’s service. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. (Romans 12:6-8)

One day, we must give account. To the one whom is given much – much shall be required! (Luke 12:48).

–via *Northside News*; Lexington, Alabama.



Perish The Thought

Dan S. Shipley

While visiting a local area hospital recently, I was amused at their curb-side signs which read: “Don’t Even **think** About Parking Here!” Such novel wording reveals an insight into human nature. When the motorist begins to contemplate leaving his car in a no-parking zone, he is apt to think, “It’ll only be for a little while,” or “I’m in a hurry,” or “well, everyone else does it, why shouldn’t I?” Those who think thusly are likely to be found parked at the red curb. So the admonition not to even think about it is appropriate – and not only for those tempted to park illegally.

Indeed, the Bible teaches of a serious correlation between our thinking and our temptations. “For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, railings...” (Matthew 15:19). It is “from within” that all these evil things proceed and defile the man (Mark 7:21). As someone has observed, “What we sow in thought, we reap in

deed.” How true! Thinking about it is the prelude to practically every sin committed. Like the motorist rationalizing about the no-parking zone, most find it easy to mentally “sell” themselves on their temptations -- especially, after many thought-rehearsals. What sinner has ever failed to find his own “extenuating circumstances” to minimize or excuse his sin? “Every way of a man is right in his own eyes” (Proverbs 21:2) – even when he does that which he **knows** to be wrong. Maybe he didn’t **plan** to be wrong, but then he didn’t plan **not** to either! This is not to say, of course, that all who have evil thoughts will necessarily involve themselves in evil deeds. It largely depends on what is done with the evil thought. If it is dismissed at once (“don’t even **think** about it”), it may do no harm. However, if it is nurtured, savored, and rehearsed, it is likely to find expression. As someone has said, “We can’t help it if birds fly overhead, but we need not let them build nests in our hair.” If we fail to control our thoughts, it is not likely that we will control our actions.

For this reason we need more teaching and preaching aimed at the **heart** of ungodly conduct. True, evil deeds must be condemned, but we must not overlook the heart from which they are launched. If we can eliminate the hate we can eliminate the murder and countless lesser conflicts (1 John 3:15; Matthew 5:21-28). When we are able to remove envy, jealousy, and anxiety from the heart, we will have spared the world their troublesome manifestations– not to mention all the misery and heartache associated therewith. How much better off we would all be if we could just remember to **not even think** about such things! “Can’t help it,” you say?

Peter evidently thought men could control their thinking. He encourages “girding up the loins of your mind” (1 Peter 1:13). Paul likewise admonishes “bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5) and to “think on these things” (Philippians 4:8). Can’t help it? Perish the thought!

-via *Susquehanna Sentiniel*, Marietta, Pennsylvania.



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News and Notes

THE SICK: *Myrtie Williams* fell on Wednesday, but did not suffer any broken bones and is at home...*Mike Rogers' dad, Howard Rogers*, is now at home after spending a couple of days in the hospital...*Charles Glass* has been sick this past week and unable to be at services ...*Mycala White* has been sick this past week and unable to be at services ...*John & Virginia Lovell* have been sick this past week and unable to be at services ...*Tisha Thomas' mother, Shelia Johnson*, was not able to begin her treatments for her multiple myeloma, but hopes to as soon as possible... *C.L. Weathers* was able to be at Bible study on Wednesday after being sick over the weekend...*Stephen Stewart* was also better and able to be at Bible study on Wednesday after being sick and down with his back...*Scottie Goode's grandmother, Clara Kelley*, is in the Hillside hospital in Pulaski ...*Jerry Dickey's*

father, David Dickey, is in Mitchell-Hollingsworth rehabilitation in Florence...*Monroe Pressnell's aunt, Mildred Pressnell*, is at home ... *Leota Springer's husband, Bob Springer*, continues to take kidney dialysis ...*Helen Stewart's grandson, Adam Stewart*, is at home now, and is doing well ...*Curtis Cooper* is continuing his chemo treatments ...*Mattie Blanche Word* continues at home... *James McConnell's mother, Della Mae McConnell*, continues at home... *Jerry Best's nephew, Shannon Johnson*, continues at home ... *Tisha Thomas' grandmother, Nellie Hunter*, is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski.

OUT OF TOWN: *Mark McIntyre* has been out of town this past week with his work...*The Butlers: Aric and Andrea* are visiting with family in Florida this weekend.

GOSPEL MEETINGS The *River Bend church* in Wersthern Lauderdale county is beginning a meeting today with Connie Adams preaching. This meeting will continue through Friday... *The Posey church* near White Oak in Franklin county is beginning a meeting today with Larry Rouse preaching. This meeting will continue through Wednesday.

COMMUNICATION GROUPS: Tonight is the time for Communciation group three to meet. If you are in group three remember to meet with your group this evening.

BUSINESS MEETING: The elders have schedule a business meeting for all the men of the congregation this afternoon 4:30 p.m. I hope all the men will make their plans to attend.

VBS TEACHERS MEETING: There will be a teachers meeting on Sunday afternoon, April 10th for our vacation Bible school.

THE RECORD: *For the week of March 13th*
Sunday:

Bible Classes 103
 Morning Worship 123
 Evening Worship 77

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 87

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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