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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)

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The Power of Pentecost

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Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 p.m.

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We've all anticipated events in our life. Your high school or college graduation. Your wedding. The birth of a child or grandchild. Attending a major sporting event or concert. In the New Testament, the apostles also were anticipating a great event. Jesus told them in Mark 9:1, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power." That day arrived on Pentecost in Acts 2, when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles with great power and Christ's kingdom was established.

The power of fulfilled prophecy: This amazing feat of speaking in tongues was not a result of drinking (v. 12-16). It was the result of fulfilled prophecy. Peter quotes Joel 2:28-32 — and just as God had always delivered on His promises, He delivered again. Peter explained that what the people were witnessing was fulfilled prophecy — Jesus' death, burial, resurrection and ascension.

The power of a resurrected Savior: Jesus demonstrated who He was — the Son of God — through many miracles, wonders and signs (v. 22). Peter presented several arguments to prove that Jesus had risen from the dead, notably the apostles had witnessed the risen Savior (v. 32). Later in the New Testament, Paul lists several appearances of Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:4-8), and Peter and John also make statements about their "eyewitness" accounts of Jesus. His resurrection declared Jesus to be the Son of God (Romans 1:4), not make Him the Son of God.

The power of a Heavenly King: Peter demonstrated another fulfilled prophecy (v. 34-36). Psalm 110:1-2 prophesied a king sitting at the right hand of God, and Jesus fulfilled that, too. When He ascended in Acts 1:9, Jesus went to the right hand of God to sit on His throne as our heavenly King — a King whose kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36).

The power of forgiveness: The most powerful aspect of Pentecost, however, was demonstrated in v. 37-41. Peter did not simply condemn the Jews for killing Jesus. He preached to them the message of forgiveness by the blood of the very same Jesus they crucified. No further sacrifice was needed.

The power to change: How do we know everything that happened that day was powerful? Because of what it accomplished (v. 41-47). The response to Peter's sermon was tremendous. But it didn't stop there. These new Christians impacted the lives of others.

So, will you allow the power of the gospel message to change your life?

~via *Tidewater Bulletin*; Chesapeake, Virginia.



Seeing Eye to Eye

T. Doy Moyer

Why do some people not see religious things the way we see them? Why is there so much difference between what we teach and what the denominations profess? Do we not all have the same Bible? Are we not all trying to serve the same God? Do we not all believe in the same Savior? These are perplexing questions, and they are not easily answered to everyone's satisfaction.

Basically, our understanding of the Scriptures differs from the majority of the religious world because we operate on a different principle of interpretation. To most religious people "truth" is relative, adjusting freely to different times and circumstances. For us, however, truth is truth. It is unalterable, unchangeable, and everlasting. But did "we" just arbitrarily decide this would be our regard for truth? Not at all. God's own word boldly claims "thy word is truth" (John 17:17) and "the word of the Lord is right; and all His works are done in truth" (Psalm 33:4).

While there are scoffers at the idea of absolute truth, we accept Bible teaching that such does exist, and we are determined to know it. Pilate's piercing question, "What is truth?" (John 18:38) was prompted by these words from Jesus "I have come into the world that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." This then, is the basis upon which we may come to see religious matters alike. There must be a commitment to the same standard of truth.

No one would ever attempt to use differing stan-

dards of measurement if building a house, marking off a football field, or sewing a garment. This would guarantee error and disaster. Twelve inches must equal one foot on all our rulers if we desire uniformity. There must be a healthy regard and respect for the Bible on the part of every religious person in order for understanding to occur. Without this common devotion to God's word, all efforts to see things the same will fail. In order to come to agreement on matters essential to salvation, we must begin where we agree. From this point we must study the Scriptures, resolving differences as we go along. Major problems of difference are solved in small steps, and then we can be united in Christ. But we will never see things the same if we cannot agree on the existence, necessity, and location of the truth.

No Bible discussion is profitable unless every participant is a truth seeker. If everyone concerned really wants the truth, then coming to an agreement and an understanding of truth will be achievable. Believe it or not, it is possible to discuss religious differences without becoming rude or creating hurt feelings. People who love the truth are not concerned with who is right, but with what is right. Every truth seeker is willing to surrender any position if it is false. There is no other honorable course for an honest man. An honest man will seek the truth, and when he finds it he will believe it. "Buy the truth, and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding" (Proverbs 23:23).

~via *East End Bulletin*; Lexington, Kentucky.

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Are You Doing Your Part?

Jarred McCrary

So we built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work. (Nehemiah 4:6)

Every time I read the story of Nehemiah I'm impressed with him. I'm impressed by his prayer and the fact that he didn't just pray for God to fix a problem, but prayed that God would use him to help fix it. I'm impressed with his courage. I'm impressed with his ability to lead and influence people. I'm impressed that the great task of rebuilding Jerusalem's walls was accomplished in such short time.

What I often overlook though, is the fact that Nehemiah didn't do this alone. Yes, he was the leader. He secured what was necessary to get the job done. He governed and instructed the people and even rebuked them when they were wrong, but he couldn't have done what he did without the help of them all.

Nehemiah had lots of helpers. Helpers that "strengthened their hands to do this good work". Helpers that said "let us rise up and build". Helpers that had a mind to work. Helpers that sometimes helped the most by watching the backs of others while they worked. Helpers that relented and changed their ways when they were wrong.

Such good work was done and such great things were accomplished for 3 reasons.

1. God was with them.
2. Good leadership.
3. People worked together.

When I think about the work of the church today, the formula for success and growth shouldn't be any different. God is still with us, but do we have good leaders, and are we good workers willing to work together, even when times are tough?

If the church where you are isn't growing, which part of the formula is missing? I know it's not part 1!

~via Ridgeway Bulletin; Ridgeway, Virginia.

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.



News & Notes

THE SICK:

Pat Nixon	Delmer Carter
Barbara Ash	Nikki Ogles
Opal Conn	Loretta Warner
Eleese Barksdale	JoAnn Gilbert
Doris Lovell	Bobbie Adcock
Wes Stiles	Ann Bush

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Lona Jackson	Paul Hasting
Janice Cagle	Judy Vaughn
Jeanette Weir	Ella Melvin
Marvin Putman	Cornelia Pepper
Al Pollard	Charles Burns
Una King Currier	Susan Cox
Gene Carpenter	Cindy Walker
Phillip Harwell	Wayne Wooldridge
Kenneth Fisher	Becky Thompson
Matt Poff	David Collier

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Delmer Carter; Madison Hospital – rm. 420
Dean Holt; Huntsville Hospital – No visitors
Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Paul Hasting, 118	Uta Graulau, 123
Mattie Murray, rm. 2	Christine Hudson, 77
Evelyn Hogan, 36	Dorothy Draper, 73
Joyce Martin, 63	Valeria Dalton, 7

Limestone Health Facility:

Bettye Harrison, rm. 117

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at City Center, Decatur
Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor

Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
 Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
 Irene Inman, at home
 Virginia Meyer, Shepherd Living, Madison
 Stan Stanford, at home
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
 Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Jimmy Johnson is to have a biopsy and surgery at Huntsville Hospital on Tuesday...**Mot Beasley** had surgery done last Thursday and is recovering, but has been having migraine headaches...**Robert Beasley** will begin going to the doctor 3 times each week for 20 weeks for treatment of skin cancer...**Wes Stiles** had surgery on Wednesday...**Nancy Hardison's foster-daughter, Sandra**, spent a couple of days in the hospital with pneumonia.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The **Somerville Road church** is engaged in a gospel meeting and it will continue through Wednesday night. **Wilson Adams** will be speaker in this meeting... The **Westview church** in Hartselle is engaged in a gospel meeting and it will continue through Wednesday night. **Scott Smelser** will be speaker in this meeting... The **Russellville church** is engaged in a gospel meeting and it will continue through Wednesday night. **Colby Junkin** will be speaker in this meeting.

SYMPATHY: We express our deepest sympathy to **Bobbie Adcock** in the passing of her son, **Donnie Nix** in Mobile on Friday night. Arrangements are incomplete at this time... We want to express our deepest sympathy to **Alvis McLemore and all the family** in the passing of his brother-in-law, **Edward Sevigne**. His funeral was Thursday afternoon at Limestone Chapel and he was laid to rest in the Bethel Cemetery... We, also, express our deepest sympathy to **Dan Reed** in the passing of his aunt, Lillie Hale, last Friday. She lived in Utah.

WORK GROUPS: **Work Group Three** will be meeting after our evening service. If you are in group three, remember to meet with your group tonight.

BABY SHOWER: The ladies are giving a come and go baby shower this afternoon for **Taylor Gregory**. The shower will be at the Deer Trail Clubhouse from 2:00 to 4:00. Taylor is expecting a little boy, Weston.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of Mar. 3rd*

Sunday: Bible Classes 124
 Morning Worship 161
 Evening Worship 119

Wednesday: Bible Classes 92

Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, March 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Terry Andrews
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer..... Harvey Nixon
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Tommy Coblentz
 Assisting Joel Hamm
 Serving Marvin Putman Danny Johnson
 Landon Adams..... Harold Davis
 Closing Prayer Danny Holt

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Terry Andrews
 Song Leader Bob Broadus
 Prayer..... Nathaniel Adams
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Tommy Coblentz
 Closing Prayer Dan Reed

Other Assignments for the week of March 10th:

Ushers..... Danny Johnson/Keenon Currier
 Work Sound System..... Will Chumbley

Wednesday, March 13th:

Song Leader Larry Holt
 Bible Reading Clayton Hamm
 Mark 14:10-21
 Prayer..... Hunter Cox
 Invitation David Cox
 Closing Prayer Keenon Currier

Sunday, March 17th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Dwaine Allfrey
 Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Prayer..... Kenneth Smith
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Marcus Morris
 Assisting Larry Tucker
 Serving Nathaniel Adams..... Terry Andrews
 Kenneth Adams..... Sam Gregory
 Closing Prayer Tommy Coblentz

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Dwaine Allfrey
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer..... Wayne Vaughn
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Marcus Morris
 Closing Prayer Larry Holt

Other Assignments for the week of March 17th:

Ushers..... Christian Usery/Hunter Cox
 Work Sound System..... Landon Adams