

Volume X

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes	
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	_
Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.
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Three Responses To Paul's Sermon

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David A. Cox

"And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter." So Paul departed from among them. However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them" (Acts 17:32-34).

Paul had preached his sermon to the men of Athens at Mars Hill; he concluded by telling them that God commands all men to repent and then reminded them of the coming judgment. In verses 32-34 there are three responses from those who heard Paul.

- 1. Some mocked him (v. 32). Luke says that some who heard Paul "mocked" him. They had heard Paul preach the truth of the gospel, but instead of accepting the preaching of Christ they were unwilling to change their lives to do what was acceptable to the will of God. There was a similar response of those on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:13), they belittled or mocked the preaching of the apostles. It is a disposition like this that Paul mentioned to the Corinthians when he referred to people thinking the preaching of the cross as foolishness (1 Corinthians 1:18, 21).
- 2. Some were wanting to hear more (v. 32). The second response is seen by those who heard and said, "We will hear you again on this matter." They were not out-right refusing to listen to Paul, but they wanted to wait. Perhaps it was a difficult decision for some to hear the truth and obey it. They still desired to learn more, but they needed to respond. It is this disposition that Felix displayed (Acts 24:25). The parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25 teaches the importance of not waiting because while we delay our life may end without being prepared.
- 3. Some of them who heard believed (v.34). There were some among those who hear Paul preach who believed. There were those that as Paul preached the of God, their hearts were pricked and they responded and continued on in the work of the Lord.

The responses to Paul's sermon were three-fold, and the reactions Paul

encountered are the same responses people have today to the preaching of God's word. What is our response to the preaching of the gospel? Do we mock the word of God by defying the necessity to obey or mock those who are striving to live right? Are we waiting to hear more? Are we ready to commit to obey and cleave to God's word? Let us remember the lessons of God's word and believe and obey Him now; not mocking or waiting until a convenient time.

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Sin In The Camp

Shawn Jeffries

After miraculously crossing the Jordan and conquering the city of Jericho, defeating the people of Ai should have been easy for Israel. Unlike Jericho, Ai was a small city of about 12,000 people (Joshua 7:3). It was an insignificant city and not as heavily fortified. If the nation was able to conquer the strong city of Jericho, surely they would be able to conquer Ai.

They might have thought that. But unfortunately, it did not work out that way. After sending 3,000 men to conquer the city, Joshua was devastated to learn they had been defeated and forced to flee (Joshua 7:4). Their defeat resulted in Israel's feeling weak and demoralized (Joshua 7:5).

How could this happen? How could Israel easily conquer the strong city of Jericho, but fail to do so with the small insignificant town of Ai? The answer: sin! Sin was in the camp of Israel. Sin had crept in and was present somewhere in the army of God and had caused God's blessing and presence to depart from them. Until the sin was removed and properly dealt with, God would not allow His people to conquer Ai (Joshua 7:10-15).

But where? Where was sin in the camp? After talking to God about the matter, Joshua discovered that the sin had to do with a man named Achan (Joshua 7:20). After Israel conquered Jericho, Achan took some of the spoils (things that actually belonged to the treasury of the Lord) for himself. Joshua confronted Achan and exhorted him to confess his sin (Joshua 7:19). Achan confessed his covetousness (Joshua 7:20-21). In obedience to God, Joshua then had Achan and his family stoned and burned with fire (Joshua 7:25). The place where Achan was put to death became known as the Valley of Achor ("trouble").

What does God want us to take away from this tragic story?

- Sin is serious business. While many in our culture try to minimize and trivialize sin, God does not! God did not lightly brush aside Achan's sin. Instead He exposed it and held him accountable. The killing of Achan and his family shows just how much a big deal sin is to God. We find something similar taking place in the New Testament with Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11).
- Our sins impact others. Achan's sin not only impacted him, but also all of Israel. Because of his actions, Israel was not able to defeat the people of Ai. Because of his actions, God's hand of blessing left His people. This is the point Paul is making when he says, "Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump" (1 Corinthians 5:6)?
- We can't be victorious without God. In this case, Israel thought they would be able to defeat their enemies by their own might and strength. Achan's sin revealed the truth. Without God's blessing, Israel would not even be able to conquer a small city. If Israel was going to be able to finally take the Promised Land, they would need God to fight for them. But He wouldn't unless they remained pure and apart from sin!

While Achan's story is tragic and sad, it does teach us something important about always striving to be right with God. When God was with Israel, there was a totally different result than when He was not! Let us learn from their example and always strive to keep sin out of our camp.

~via With God's Word; Columbia, Tennessee.

Gospel Meeting September 16-19, 2018

(Sunday through Wednesday)

Paul Sheehan, Speaking

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Building Community

Antoine N. Holloway

When a person obeys the gospel by being baptized into Christ, then God adds them to His church (Acts 2:41-47). This church is a community of believers. As a church of Christ, we are to have common interests and characteristics. We share a love for God, our brethren, the lost, and our own souls. We are interested in worshiping God, studying God's word, having fellowship with brethren of like precious faith, and engaging in the work of evangelism. Nevertheless, the question was, "How do we build upon this?" We build this community through communion, communication, and commitment.

Communion is the fellowship we are to have with one another. Building community demands that brethren in need communicate their need, so they do not rob their brethren of the opportunity to be blessed (Acts 20:35 & Romans 15:27). Building community demands that we work diligently to support gospel preachers. The church is stronger when men sacrifice possessions, stability, and financial affluence in order to preach, study, and evangelize as their life's work. This is a burden, but it is eased when his allegiance is not divided with secular work (1 Corinthians 9:12-14 and Galatians 6:6).

Communication is the teamwork we are to have with one another. T.E.A.M = Together Everyone Achieves More (Proverbs 27:17, Nehemiah 4:6, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, and 1 Corinthians 3:6-9).

We are a talented group of Christians. If we selfishly decide not to worship together through talking, meeting, planning, organizing, agreeing, and carrying out the plan, then we will survive as a church, but not thrive as a congregation. We will not be productive, although active. Where does God get the glory in disunity?

Commitment is our dedication to Christ, His work, and each other (Acts 14:21-23). Are we committed to evangelism, baptizing the lost, reinforcing biblical principles, edification, sacrifice, remaining scripturally organized, and drawing nearer to God? Building community demands that we are committed to all these things by answering to Christ alone and holding one another accountable when non-performance is displayed. ~via Northside Exhorter; Tucson, Arizona.

Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

James Johnson Marcella Coblentz JoAnn Gilbert **Bobbie Adcock** Linda Jones Ann Bush

Dwaine Allfrey Peggy Pepper Cornelia Pepper Doris Lovell Wayne Reyer Damien Powers

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Irene Inman Janice Cagle Priscilla Tucker Cindy Glass Matt Poff Susan Cox Elizabeth Howard Al Pollard Linda Ordonez Cindy Walker Gene Carpenter Wayne Gooch

Jeanette Weir Patsy Thomas Ella Melvin Una King Currier Wayne Wooldridge Phillip Harwell Charles Burns Ava Brooke Campbell

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville Winfred Corsbie; J.W. Summers Rehab - Muscle Shoals Perry Cagle; Madison Hospital – Madison, rm. 423

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Virginia Meyer, rm 98	Dorothy Draper, rm. 73
Mattye Murray, rm. 2	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Joyce Martin, rm. 63	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	

Limestone Health Facility:

Lucille Craig, rm. 116 Stan Stanford, rm. 105

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 Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle Irene Inman, at home William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Bonnie Sutton is at home following his hospitalization after his auto accident ... Jeanette Weir has completed her radiation treatments and will be going to the doctor... Dwaine Allfrey was able to be at services Wednesday night following his surgery and hospitial stay ... Ann McLemore had a follow-up surgery to the recent surgery she had on her bladder ... Donna Wright is scheduled for alung biopsy this Thursday ... **JoAnn Gilbert** is scheduled to have knee replacement on her right knee redone on August 14th ...**Judy Vaughn** is going through a series

of treatments for her bladder and will have four more... *James Johnson* has been unable to be at services...*Ernest Roberts*, a preacher in Grenada, is struggling greatly with his vision and has been told that he will need to return to the states to have surgery as soon as possible.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Ann McLemore and all the family* in the passing of Ann's sister-in-law, *Peggy Nave*, this past Wednesday afternoon. Her funeral was Saturday at Limestone Chapel.

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

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Pleasant Valley church* is beginning a meeting today, and it will continue through Friday. *Lowell Sallee* will be the speaker in this meeting... The *Piney Grove church* south of Tuscumbia is beginning a meeting today, and it will continue through Wednesday. *Ken Chapman* will be the speaker in this meeting.

OUT OF TOWN: The Bradleys: Steve & Marilyn will be home this week from Texas... The Adams: Nathaniel & Laura have been in Guyana this week... The Carters: Delmer & Maraget have been in Michigan this past week visiting Delmer's brother... The Melvins: Ross & Louise are in Pine Mountian, Georgia this weekend... Jim Whitt has been working in Missouri this week and will leave this afternoon for work in Kentucky... The Adcocks: Paul & Dale are on vacation this weekend... The Haraways: Albert & Brenda have been on a trip through Kansas this week... Wanell Vellocido has been in Birmingham at her daughter's this week.

PREACHING AWAY: *Buc Chumbley* is preaching for the church in Clermont, Florida today. *Martha, Molly and Will* are with him.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of July 22nd

Sunday:	Bible Classes	138
	Morning Worship	180
	Evening Worship	142
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	107

Remember Our Study Periods

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

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, July 29th:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Albert Haraway
	Nathaniel Adams
	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
	Harvey Nixon
	Larry Holt
Serving	.Tommy Burns Roger Hammonds
	.Steve ÚseryČlayton Hamm
Closing Prayer	Ĺarry Tucker

Evening Worship

Announcements	Marcus Morris
	Ashton Gatlin
	Jerry McGlocklin
	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer	Harvey Nixon Arvid McGuire

Other Assignments for the week of July 29th: Ushers.....Steve Bradley/A.J. Price Work Sound System.....Landon Adams

Wednesday, August 1st:

Song Leader	Bob Broadus
Bible Reading	Mark 6:14-29
	Harold Davis
Praver	Tommy Coblentz
Invitation	Keenon Currier
Closing Prayer	Jerry McGlocklin

Sunday, August 5th:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Laı	rry Tucker
Song Leader	H	unter Cox
Prayer	Asht	on Gatlin
Preaching	Buc (Chumbley
Lord's Supper		2
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Evening Worship

Announcements	Larry Tucker
	Griffin Holt
Praver	Landon Adams
Preaching	Nathaniel Adams
	Larry Holt
Closing Prayer	Tommy Burns

Other Assignments for the week of August 5th: Ushers......Danny Johnson/Steve Bradley Work Sound System......Terry Andrews