

# JEFFERSON ROAD JOURNAL

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Welcome to the first edition of the "Jefferson Road Journal". Hopefully, this will be a weekly ministry of Jefferson Road Free Will Baptist Church beginning the first of the year. Right now we're still trying to set things up and get settled in here at the Church but I did want to get a letter off to everyone to let them know that we're excited about being here and expect a long and fruitful ministry for the Lord.

The ministry here began with a bang (Literally! Someone ran into my car the 3rd day I was here and it's still being repaired but even in this God's overruling hand has been apparent.) and I'm excited about what God has in store for us. We've already begun to fix up and pretty up the Church (Shouldn't the best Church in town also be the prettiest?!) and we hope to be ready when the Lord gives us His increase. (I'm amazed and pleased at how ready people are to work. I mentioned Sunday night that our walks and shrubbery needed cleaning and by Monday night it was done. We also talked Sunday night about doing some painting and touch up work around the Church and when I got home from school Tuesday night much of the painting and trim work was already done and the men had already decided to go ahead and paint the entire Church while we were working! Already it looks like a different Church and we're expecting a big crowd this Sunday to see our remodeled look.)

It's really too early to go into many specific goals for the Church but I would like to share again what I shared in my first sermon about what I think makes an effective Church for the Lord. The 3 basic "ingredients" are: 1) Soul Winning- the heart throb of the Church must be to share Jesus Christ and His redemptive power from sin with a lost and dying world. If we ever lose sight of that we miss our goal for God. 2) Bible Training- people must be taught about Jesus in order to be saved, and then they must be taught the things of God in order to live Joyful, Fruitful lives. They must also be trained in basic things in order to teach others. 3) Fellowship- The Church is, after all, the body of Christ and members one of another. Christians must learn, not only to tolerate, but also to love one another. This involves working together on projects as we're doing now as well as having times of food and fun as we plan to do on several occasions around Christmas.

By God's Grace, we plan to accent all 3 of these areas and attempt to be the Church God wants us to be. If you don't attend Jefferson Road or if you've been slack in your attendance then we invite you to join us as we go forward for God. Our meeting times are:

Sunday School...10am      Morning Evangelistic Service...11am  
Evening Worship Service...7:00pm      Wednesday Prayer Meet/Bible Study 7:30  
Thursday Visitation...7:00pm

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

P.S. Please Pray with me about God supplying the needed items for our newsletter. Our memograph machine doesn't work properly, we need a folder to fold the newsletter and I have to find some way to get address labels printed up. But if it's God's will for us to have a newsletter then He'll meet all those needs.

We're also in the process of compiling a mailing list. If you know of someone who would like to receive the newsletter or if your address is incorrect then please let me know.

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"To Know and to Show Christ"

### Pastor's Message:

There we sat. We were cold and tired and just a little angry because we had to work and were missing all the excitement of the big crowds in town. It was the biggest thing to happen to our little town in our life time and we had to be working! Generally all the excitement took place in the big city of Jerusalem, right up the road, and all we could do was hear about it and discuss it over the campfire as we watched sheep but, with everyone being counted for taxes, there were multitudes of strangers in town and a "lifetime of gossip" to hear. (Why, one of us had passed by the local inn on the way to work and it was so full until the manger had taken to renting stables for the night!). But here we sat, watching the silly sheep, shivering slightly in the cool night air, and gazing anxiously toward the bright lights of Bethlehem.

Suddenly the night sky was ablaze with light and the strangest glow surrounded us. In the midst of the light stood some sort of Being and, I can tell you, we were some more scared shepherds. Suddenly the Being spoke and said, "Fear not: for behold I bring you good news that will give you great joy, and not only you but everyone. For unto you is born this day in Bethlehem a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Imagine that! The long awaited Messiah has finally been born in OUR town. He's been promised for so long until I think most of us had really begun to doubt that he's ever come. That is really great news! This Roman government is just too much and we need someone to restore our nation to its place of greatness again. But I can't figure who in our town would be great enough to have Messiah born in their home. What else is that Angel saying?)

"And this shall be a sign unto you; you shall find the babe wrapped in 'wiping clothes', lying in a manger". (What! Are you talking about Messiah? In a stable? I would have never looked there!)

Suddenly the Angel is joined by a great host and they sing the sweetest "Christmas Carol" ever- Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Slowly they fade into the heavens and as we gaze dazedly at one another a common thought prevails- Job or no Job, we're going to Bethlehem to check this out. The most obvious place, of course, is the Inn stables so we go there and, sure enough, in one of the stalls a light is burning. Cautiously we look in and there he is! A new born babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. A man looked around and asked us what we were doing and we explained about the Angels and the message we'd received. They too seemed amazed at the happenings and as we all looked back at the child it suddenly became crystal clear- this was God's promised Son and we had the privilege of being the first to tell the world that He's arrived. Off we went, to tell anyone who would listen that we had seen the promised one of God.

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## Pastor's Message (continued)

The nights are still cool here on the hill side, and Bethlehem has calmed down again, but things will never be the same for me again. God used to be some far off "force" talked about by the Priest who seemed to have little, if any, interest in a poor shepherd like me but I have seen God in the flesh, and I know He cares about everyone, and my hillside will never be lonely again- "For Gos so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that WHOSOEVER believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

(Maybe we, like the shepherds, need to take time out from our work and chores to hear the message of God and realize afresh that God became flesh and dwelt among men and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of God. And when that news really gets hold of your heart take time to tell some one else. That's the best gift you can give this Christmas.)

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps 16:11

Praise God for His blessings in our services lately. The sweet moving of His Spirit has been wonderful and I'm excited about what God has in store for us.

We WELCOME into the fellowship of the Church Mrs. Linda Hodge, Paula Jones, and Rev Mike Jones.

SPECIAL THANKS to every ne who has worked so Faithfully around the Church lately. The painting and varnishing have really made the Church look better. Thanks men for going the extra mile and doing a great job. I's also like to thank Mr Jimmy Jordan for his help in repairing the parsonage shower.

The Ladies Aux. Christmas Program was a real success. They had a good turn out, a well decorated room, good food (I understand from second hand report!), and a good presentation by Miss Violet Phillips.

The Youth Banquet is scheduled for Sat. Dec. 20 here at the Church. A YOUNG speaker is needed for Youth so the Pastor will be the special speaker! A good meal is planned (Thanks Mr. Hipp for the Ham!), and we're looking for a good attendance (If some of these boys and girls can get up enough courage to ask someone!).

Don't for get our special CHRISTMAS SUNDAY (Dec 21). We plan to have at least 100 in Sunday School and to receive at least \$1000 in offering. Those are very small goals to begin with but we can do it easily if EVERYONE will help.

Remember the Christmas Play will be Sunday Night, Dec. 21 at 7:00pm

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"To Know and To Show Christ"

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Pastor's Message: "The Gift God Gave"

Jn 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

With all the gifts being given and received at this time of year it seems almost too easy to overlook the tremendous Gift God gave. (We talk of putting Christ back inot Christmas. I wonder if He was ever IN Christmas as it's celebrated today?). And the thing I want you to realize is that God's Gift was not an abstract gesture but the greatest Gift Heaven had motivated by nothing but Pure Love.

There are 3 major things found in this verse about God's Gift:

I. THE PERSON "His only begotten Son" ( The word begotten means unique. Thru Jesus God has many Sons (Jn 1:12 As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name) but there is only one "unique" Son and that was Jesus Christ. He is unique because He is:

A) The Son of God- Emmanuel= God with us (Matt 1:23). God became flesh and dwelt among us (Think of that!). Jesus was not just a good teacher, or a miracle worker- He was absoulutely God and yet he became obedient even unto death because of His Love for man.

B) The Son of Man- He was touched with the feeling of our infirmities, He was tempted as we are tempted yet without sin, and He knew pain, weariness, and the heartbreak of friends turning their back on him. That's the marvel to me, truely God and truely man at the same time.

So God's Gift, first of all, was a Person (not a system of belief, or a book of practises but a real live "model". In Him was life; and the life was the Light of men. Jn 1:4)

II. THE PROVISION "Whosoever believeth in Him" (A Gift is no good if I can't receive it so God's Gift is:)

A) Available for all- "Whosoever" Anyone who WILL receive the gift is able to do so.

B) Accessable to all- "Believeth in Him" Not based on your ability, or riches, or wisdom but on your Faith in what God has already done.) So God not only gave a Marvelous Gift but He made it available to all and accessable to all. Praise the Lord!

III. THE PROMISE "Should not Perish but have everlasting Life" The "warranty" that comes with the gift says it's :

A) A Saving Gift "Should not perish". He that believeth in him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already; because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (Jn 3:18) The wages of Sin is death but the Gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Rom 6:23). A Gift to deliever us from Hell and carry us to Heaven. What a Great Gift!!

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Pastor's Message (continued)

B) A Lasting Gift "Have Everlasting Life". Not forgotten the next week but a gift that changes men from the inside out. We are new creatures in Christ (II Cor 5:17) and as such have fellowship with God. "This is Life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." Jn 17:3.

So God's Gift allows us to once more fellowship with God- and that's what it's all about! Hell is bad because it's apart from fellowship with God. Heaven is good because Christ is there!

May God help us this Christmas Season to look beyond our own selfish enjoyment of God's Gift to the real fellowship with God made possible by that Gift.

May God give us a good new year. A year in which He hopefully will return and claim His bride! Even so, come Lord Jesus.

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps 16:11

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PRAISE GOD for His Blessings to us on Christmas Sunday. We had 110 in Sunday School, surpassing our goal of 100 (110 on roll and 110 in attendance!) and we received over \$1200 in Offering, surpassing our goal of \$1000. We also had a GREAT Christmas Play and the real presence of the Lord all day. Special Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to invite people to Church and who labored so hard in preparation for the Christmas Play.

Remember our WATCH NITE SERVICE will be Wednesday, Dec. 31 from 9:00pm until 12:30am. We'll have special music by the "Gospel Proclaimers" and the "Singing Echoes", we'll have time for testimonies and praises to God for His Blessings in the past year, we'll have time to eat and fellowship together, We'll have Preaching by Rev Johnny Evans and the Pastor, and we'll be able to pray out one year and pray in another. I'm looking for a good crowd and a good service.

Special Thanks to Mr & Mrs T J McCarter for their gift to our newsletter ministry. We're slowly but surely getting things in order. Brother Johnny Evans duplicated some Address labels for us and I was able to get the Memo Machine to work so things are coming along. If you know of anyone who would like to be on our mailing list then please let us know.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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### "To Know And To Show Christ"

Pastor's Message- "Some Guidelines for a New Year" Col. 3:12 - 4:6

(I was reading this passage in my devotions at the beginning of the year and I thought it would be some good advice for our first newsletter of the new year. I have paraphrased the verses some so you may be able to get the point a little better.)

#### I. PERSONAL ADVICE (Col 3:12-17)

1. (vs 12) Have a heart full of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, and longsuffering.
2. (vs 13) Put up with and forgive one another - even as Christ forgave you!
3. (vs 14) Put on Christian Love which will bind you together perfectly
4. (vs 15) Let the Peace of God rule in your heart and be Thankful.
5. (vs 16) Let the Word of God "settle down" in you to make you wise; and let it fill your heart with song.
6. (vs 17) Do everything in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and Praise God for the privilege!

#### II. PRACTICAL ADVICE (Col. 3: 18-4:1)

1. (Vs 18) Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands
2. (vs 19) Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them
3. (vs 20) Children, obey your parents (God likes this!!)
4. (vs 21) Fathers, don't provoke your children (remember they aren't grown yet!), lest you discourage them (by giving them the impression they can never meet your expectations.)
5. (vs 22-25) Workers, do your job well; not just when the boss is around, because God sees you always. Remember, God keeps the books, so dont worry about anyone "getting by" with anything.
6. (4:1) Bosses, pay your workers what they deserve; God watches you also.

#### III. PRAYERFUL ADVICE (Col. 4:2-6)

1. (vs 2) Keep on Praying - and make sure Thanksgiving is a part of it.
2. (vs 3-4) Pray for God's Messengers that they may be able to Preach and Proclaim as God wants
3. (vs 5) Let your daily Life be a witness for Christ, "buying up" every opportunity to do good.
4. (vs 6) Season your talk with the "salt of the Word" that God can use you to spread the Gospel.

And finally, what was said to Archippus can apply to us all- (4:17) Take heed to the Ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfill it. (God has a plan for your life. The only place Peace and Contentment can be found is in doing what God called you to do where God said do it.)



We're looking forward to entertaining the 162nd annual session of the South Carolina Conference of Original Free Will Baptist on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 22 and 23. The Conference will begin on Thursday Night at 7:00pm (NOTE THE TIME) and this will be our weekly Prayer Meeting Service that week. Brother Fred Hall of Calvary FWB Church, Georgetown will deliver the Moderator's Message and Brother Talmadge Brown will deliver the Evening Message. The session will resume on Friday morning at 9:30am and we will be supplying the Noon meal. (Ladies are asked to fix complete meals with drinks and have them at the Church by 11:30am. The Church will supply some meats but you may want to fix some also.). The Session will conclude around 3pm Friday. Speakers on Friday are Brother Julius Vause, Brother Norwood Gibson, and Brother Leonard Ball.

In order to prepare for the Conference we're having a special CHURCH WORK DAY this Saturday (Jan 17) to clean up, streighten up and fix up around the Church. EVERYONE is asked to come at 10am ready to work. IF we all work it won't take long to get things done. Much work has already been done and I'm looking for the best Church in the S.C. Conference to also be the Prettiest!

I appreciate the fine work our Visitation Teams have been doing since I arrived. We have from 6 to 10 for Visitation each Thursday Night and the results are evident in Church each week. I'm Thankful for these who are concerned enough to give an extra night each week to go into strange and sometimes difficult situations to share their Faith in Jesus Christ. I'm also thankful for those who are kind enough to allow us to visit in their homes to share the Gospel with them. I hope they understand that we go because we love the Lord and we love them.

One area that we have been slack in is in making sure that these weekly visitors feel welcome when they come to Church. Most of the time first time visitors know hardly anyone at the Church so they leave as soon as Church is over unless the Members go out of their way to speak to them and let them know that we're glad they came. Make it a rule to speak to the Visitors first and your friends later (The friends will probably be back that night, the visitor may not be.).

Our Adult Choir is beginning to take shape again and I hope people are going to get much more involved in their Worship of the Lord in Song. It really helps a Service when People put their heart into the Song Service.

Our Sunday School attendance is fair considering the cold weather and sicknesses but we still aren't having as many people come to this Bible Study Hour as we should. This Sunday's lesson is about "The Indestructible Word of God" and we'll look at how the Bible was preserved and also look at some of the new translations. Be sure and be here.

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### "To Know and To Show Christ"

#### Pastor's Message: "Patience"

One of the greatest "secrets" a person will ever learn is that God does not view time in the same way we do (One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day II Pet 3:8). He has a timetable for events and He doesn't do things "hit or miss" but His timetable is very seldom (if ever) the same as ours. If we can learn to operate on God's schedule then we'll find that Peace, Contentment, and Joy (so sadly missing in so many Christians today) are indeed the norm in the Christian life. But in order to do this we're going to have to have Patience.

#### I. WHAT TO BE PATIENT ABOUT

A) The Riches of Others - Ps. 37:7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. (Trying to "keep up with the Jones" has led Christians to compromise principles on the job, has led Moms to leave home to work thinking worldly goods now were more important than family responsibilities, and has led many a Christian to be discontent with God, self, and the Church because they wanted their blessings NOW instead of when a loving Father thought best.)

B) The Race We run - Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. (A good runner gets rid of everything that would hinder him, has a definite goal in mind, and realizes that starting and stopping won't win the race so he sets a steady pace and keeps going.)

C) The Right Thing - I Pet 2:20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. (Don't be patient with sin in your life! There's a difference between Patience and complacency.)

D) The Return of the Lord - James 5:7-8 BE patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. (I want the Lord to come back NOW! But my job is to be faithful in doing my job until He comes.)

#### II. THE BENEFITS OF PATIENCE

A) A better Spirit - Ecc. 7:8 The patient in Spirit is better than the proud in Spirit.

B) Eternal Life - Rom 2:7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

C) Your soul - Luke 21:19 In your patience possess ye your soul (Spoken in the middle of talking about tribulation. The Israelites turned back from Canaan because the fight looked too big.)

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## Pastor's Message (continued)

### III. THE SOURCE OF PATIENCE

A) Scripture accounts of others standing the test- Rom 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. (Daniel in Lion's den, Hebrew Children in fiery furnace,...)

B) Tribulation in your life Rom 5:3-4 And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience hope:

C) The trying of our Faith James 1:3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

### IV. THE RESULTS OF PATIENCE

A) Fruit in your life - Luke 8:15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

B) A mature complete life James 1:4 Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

It is so very important that Christians "keep on keeping on" for the Lord. That's the very essence of Faith- Going on doing God's will even when you can't see immediate results. I hope that, by God's Grace, Jefferson Road will be a Patience Church, established in the things of God, desiring the long range will of God over the short range praise of men. We can be a Church that starts and stops and sputters with man made enthusiasm - or we can be a Church that continually grows in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. The difference is Patience Faith in God's Plan.

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

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We have begun a new type of Assembly Program in Sunday School in which we attempt to memorize Scripture. I think it's a good program and one that will help all ages in all areas of their life. Our verse for Feb 1 is Psalm 33:11 The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. (Hope you'll know it and be able to say it this Sunday.)

Remember that we're trying to gear the WHOLE program of the Church to help you. Sunday School is important (we push for big numbers because we want many people) but the Preaching Services Sunday Morning and night and the Wednesday Prayer Service are also important. And our Thursday Night visitation gives us an opportunity to share with others what God has taught us. Why don't you get involved in the Whole Church??

We WELCOME Mrs. Summer Miller into the Fellowship of the Church. We're glad she's joined us as we go forward for God.

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### ----- "To Know and To Show Christ" -----

#### Pastor's Message: "The Christian Life"

Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world, Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

(Paul here tells one of his "Preacher Boys" both sides of the Christian Life and I thought with all the new converts we've had lately it would be good if we looked at them also.)

#### I. GOD'S SIDE vs 11 (This is what God has done)

A) Grace (Unmerited Favor) brought Salvation. We are saved by Grace through Faith and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God. God knew we could not save ourselves so He commanded His Love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. (Therefore the first thing God had to do was provide a way for us to be saved and He provided it through Faith in the shed Blood of Christ for our sins)

B) Appeared to all men- God made this Grace available to Whosoever Will. Rich, Poor, Bad, "Good"- Christ provided Salvation to all who would put their Faith in Him.

#### II. MAN'S SIDE vs 12-14 (When this Grace comes into our heart through Faith in Christ it teaches us to:)

A) Leave some things (Repentance in action)

1. Ungodliness- Anything against God's Plan for you. The heart of ungodliness and sin is Rebellion against God

2. Worldly Lust- Desires motivated by the world's opinion

(So one part of the Christian Life is a Change in Control of the direction of your life. As Christians we yield this control to the Holy Spirit)

B) Live in this present world

1. Soberly- on the level, in control (This involves SELF)

2. Righteously- Doing right (This involves OTHERS)

3. Godly- Following the example of Christ (This involves GOD)

C) Look for Christ's Return (The Blessed Hope!)

Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. (I John 3:3). Christ died to Redeem and Purify us and He's coming back for this Peculiar, Holy People. Therefore we're "bubbling" with good works (Not to be saved but because we are saved) so that when He comes we won't be found napping or slack on the job. (See Mark 13:32-37)

Are you willing today to Trust in the Grace of God and show it by Leaving the World's Way, Living God's Way, and Looking for His Soon Coming???

If I can help you then be sure and let me know. My address and phone number are on the top of this paper.

If you're not saved you ought to be. If you are then you ought to show it!

We WELCOME into the Fellowship of the Church Mrs. Greg (Barbara) Cuvelier. Barbara was baptised last Sunday Night (Along with Scott and Kathy Phillips) in a wonderful Service. We thank God for the number of people who have been saved recently in our services and look for more in the near future. Most of them were first contacted thru our Thursday Visitation Program. It's something you ought to be a part of. Since our Visitation is beginning to produce fruit I'm planning to enlarge our Visitation Program to include not only "getting" but also "growing" Christians. I'm trying to put together a 6 week study course that a Visitation Team can give to help new converts get established in the faith. (Since this Newsletter is received by a number of Pastor's I'd appreciate any worable programs or ideas they might have. Please write or call if you think you can help.)

Another new program we've just begun is TEEN FELLOWSHIP. We had our organizational meeting Sunday Night and plan to have our first meeting this Saturday (Feb 21) at 7:00pm at the Pastor's House. We plan for it to be a twice monthly meeting (1st and 3rd Saturday of each month) at various locations (Depending on who invites us!). It will be a time of Bible Study and Discussion with some Recreation mixed in. We've got a fine bunch of Teens here at Jefferson Road and we want to help them develop as good Christians in their Social as well as their Spiritual Life. Brothers Jack Barrett and Wayne Spivey have agreed to lead it.

Our Sunday School Offering this Sunday is to go to the Mission work at Camden. Most of you should already have prayed about what God would have you give and be prepared for a good offering. We're also hoping for a good attendance this Sunday. We've had 90 or more each Sunday in February with a number of people out because of sickness (or sorriiness!) and with the return of good weather we hope to have at least 100 this Sunday. The last few weeks should prove that if you miss Church you miss a Blessing!

Some of you may have wondered why you haven't received your "Journal" lately. Several reasons, The annual conference has kept me pretty busy lately. The books I'm surveying for Bethel Bible Institute have taken a lot of time. We're starting a lot of new programs at the Church, and I was sick for about a week. But one of the main hinderances was that we were out of paper. Now, Thanks to a Gift from Mrs. Mattie Floyd and Mr. Jim Miller we have enough paper to last a while. So if you have someone you'd like to add to our mailing lists then get their address to me. I'm still praying about a folder and a way to get the addresses run off but I'm convinced God wants this ministry and He will provide whats needed.

Our Memory Verse this week- Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

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## ----- "TO Know And To Show Christ" -----

Pastor's Message: "Five Principles to Live By"  
I Corinth. 16:13-14 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity.

We have been studying in the book of I Corinthians the past few months and the Lord has really used the book to help us look at some very practical Christian answers to Problems in the Church, the Place of Believers in the Body, and the Pollution of Sin. We finished the final chapter Sunday Night but there was so much to cover until I could only mention vs 13-14 of chapter 16 so I thought I'd use these great Principles for Christian Growth to "cap off" the Book. (I have a limited number of Outlines of I Corinthians available that go chapter by chapter thru the Book. If you would like a copy I'll be glad to get it to you if you'll contact me.)

### I. KEEP ALERT "Watch Ye"

A) The Devil seeks to destroy you- "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (I Pet 5:8). Christianity is a warfare against Satan. If we "let down our guard" or "sleep on the Job" then Satan will either seek to destroy us or those we're responsible for.

B) The Lord will return soon- "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh" (Matt 25:13). Will He find you with unfinished jobs and defiled by Sin?? Or will your lamp be trimmed and bright as you await His coming??

### II. BE ESTABLISHED "Stand fast in the faith"

A) Be Saved and Sure- "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (II Tim 1:12)

B) Be ready to help others find Christ- "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" (I Pet 3:15) (This is why regular attendance in Church is so important; it's there that you get founded in the Word.)

### III. STICK TO IT "Quit you like men"

A) We walk by Faith not by sight (II Cor 5:7). Are you a "sunhine" Christian that is willing to follow Christ as long as things go your way or are you a Christian that denys self, takes up the cross and follows Christ. (read Mark 4:14-20 about the different "seed" hearers)

B) We are to run with Patience the race that is set before us (Heb 12:1). God's not looking for "stoppers and starters", He's looking for Consistant Christians.

### IV. BE BEING STRONGER "Be strong"

A) Continually Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

B) Stir up the gift of God in you (II Tim 1:6)

### V. LET LOVE REGULATE "Let all things be done with charity"

A) Love God above all and your neighbor as your self (Mk 12:29-31)

B) Remember that Love is the Greatest (I Cor 13:13)

I praise God for His continued Blessings in yesterday's Services. We had set a goal of \$200 in our Sunday School Offering to help the Mission work at Camden and we received over \$250! Then the Church decided to set that so we will be giving \$500 to the Camden Work.

With Yesterday's 97 in Sunday School our adverage for Feb. was 94. We adveraged in the 80's in Jan (86) and 90's in Feb. and hope to be in the 100's in March. We're beginning a study in the Book of John in Sunday School and I believe Sunday School will be a blessing to EVERY member of the family. Be a Sunday School Regular.

We also received 2 new members into the Fellowship of the Church - Son and Kathy Phillips - (WELCOME!) and had 2 Salvation decisions and 1 rededication. Above all else, we praise God for His continued Blessings in Saving and Reclaiming souls. That's 3 weeks in a row that someone has been saved during our Morning Service-- I hope we can make it a habit every week!

Start planning for Revival Services- It's set to begin March 30 and go through April 3 at 7:30pm each night with Rev. Bill Jacobs of the Multnomah Union Free Will Baptist Church as the Evangelist. I'll be giving more details in the future but right now begin Praying that God will use these Services to Save the Lost and Glorify His Name.

Our First Teen Fellowship meeting was a success. We elected officers (President- Tammy Barrett, Vice President- Rusty Conyers, Sec/Treas.- Brenda Welch, and Rec. Comm.- Rusty Conyers, Mike Welch, Kim Conyers.), decided to spend some time in Leviticus 19, and to have our next meeting March 7 at 4pm at Brother Jack Barrett's to play some Volley Ball before the Bible lesson and possibly a weinle roast. We're looking for a good time as we grow together in the Lord. (The Pastor didn't want to mention that around the Volley ball circuit he's known as "Spike" Jones for fear some would fear to show up at the volley ball game!!)

Our MEMORY VERSE for this week is Is. 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

We'll be studying about the HOLY SPIRIT in Prayer Meeting (each Wednesday night at 7:30pm) for a while as we prepare for Revival. We realize that men are dead in trespasses and sin and it takes Supernatural Power to be Born Again. We also know that a Christians Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit but few Christians really seem to know what the Holy Spirit can and will do for them. We hope to look at this in these studies. (Remember that to try to do the work of God without the Power of God is like trying to empty the ocean with a pitchfork, Lots of work but little results!)

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Pastor's Message: "The Worthy Walk" Eph. 4:1-16

We have been studying in the Book of Ephesians the past 2 Sundays at Church about the Wealth we have in Christ, about the Way of access through Christ (Grace through Faith), and about the Wonder of the Church as the Body of Christ. Now we need to look at how this Doctrine translates into Duty.

The last 3 chapters of Ephesians talk about 5 different "Walks" as a Christian before describing our Weapons of Warfare in the last part of chapter 6. I want to look at the first of these "Walks" today and then plan to look at 2 more Sunday (Be sure and be here).

Keep in mind that when the Bible tells us to "Walk" a certain way that it is talking about our manner of Life. It is really giving us some guidelines about how we are to live.

A person will walk worthy when they realize:

I. THEY'RE PART OF THE BODY- "Walk worthy of the vocation (area of service) wherewith ye are called" (vs 1). Every Christian is a part of the Body of Christ and Every part is needed. Find out what your job is and then do what God called you to do! (Some of these jobs are listed in vs 11 but this is by no means all. Rom. 12:- and 1 Cor 12:- give a more complete list.). Many people fail to walk worthy of their job because they either don't know what their job is or else they think it's not as important as someone elses.

II. THERE'S POWER AVAILABLE - "Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ" (vs 7). We are able to walk worthy of our job because God has given us what we need (not what we deserve!) to do the job. Failure is due to lack of Faith- not to God's Supply. "I can do ALL things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil 4:13).

III. PROGRESS IS EXPECTED - vs 13-16 (A Man who doesn't know where he's going seldom gets there- Jones 5:12)

Our Goals include:

- A) Becoming a Perfect, Christlike man vs 13
  - B) BEcoming Mature and settled in Doctrine vs 14
  - C) Rightly relating to the Head (Christ) and the Body (the Church) 15-16
- (The surprising thing to me is that most Christian's goal seems to be to live up to other people's expectations and be good moral people. The Pharisees did this! May Christians realize that our goal is to be what Christ has called us to be- regardless of what we, or anyone else thinks.)

Are you walking Worthy of the Wealth you have in Christ?? Are you walking Worthy of the Salvation you have through Christ?? Are you walking worthy of the Job God called you to?? Or Are you too busy saying "I can't" or "I won't".???

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11



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Special Thanks to Bro. John Hipps for the Basketball backboards for the Church. (Some people may be "gun-shy" of Volley Ball now and may want to try their luck at Basketball.)

REMEMBER REVIVAL! It's scheduled for March 30 - April 3 with Rev. Bill Jacobs of the Mullins-Marion Free Will Baptist Church as Evangelist. I hope you're praying every day for the Lord to bring Revival to you and to those around you. I know that Revival must come from God and that it must be "bathed" in Prayer. Therefore I've scheduled a NIGHT OF PRAYER for Thursday, March 26. Hopefully, we can begin around 5:00pm and go as long as we have people to Pray. (We'll be signing up for 15 minutes time periods, one after the other. You may want to start "Practicing" by having a 15 min. Prayer Period every day between now and Revival. Make a Prayer list of things you want God to do in your life and then add all the people you want to see accept Christ. Take your Bible and spend some time reading Bible Prayers and learn from them. Because this is a Thursday Night it will give you an opportunity to put your Prayers into Practice by visiting those you have prayed for and sharing with them the Gospel of Christ.

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(Thursday, March 19, is my 19th "Birthday" in the Lord and I thought it would give me a good excuse to share my testimony with you.)

I guess you could say it came about because a Deacon cared. Living next door to (at times almost living with) Mr. Buster and Mrs. Josie Poston I saw something in their lives that I wanted. They had problems and pains like everyone else but they also had "something" that even a 14 year old boy knew was different from what the average person had. And they wanted me to have it!

They kept inviting me to Church and made a special effort to get me there during a Spring Revival in 1962. On the Friday night of the Revival, I felt God tugging at my heart but I decided to wait another day before I yielded. Saturday night I came with the intentions of getting saved but (And I don't think I'll ever forget it!) the Lord did not deal with my heart and I left Church confused and frightened. That night as I lay in bed I determined to go to the altar Sunday and beg God to call me again. But, Sunday morning, Dad decided to go to Brown's Ferry Park and all of us had to go with him.

I thought it was all over until the next morning when I learned that those "Fanatical Free Will Baptist" had decided to run the Revival another week! Monday Night, March 19, 1962 as I listened to the Preacher (I don't know what he said except that somewhere in the Sermon he said that Jesus would save me and it seemed to beat in my brain.) I again felt the tug of God on my heart. When the invitation was given I started down the aisle of New Prospect FWB Church but I felt a tug on my coat. Tommy Poston was sitting beside me and wanted to encourage me but I thought he was trying to hinder me so I left my coat and went to the Altar.

I didn't know a lot about Salvation so I just told God I was lost and wanted Him to save me. Then someone leaned over and told me, "Trust Jesus", and that's what I've been doing ever since. I've had ups and

downs, successes and failures, but I've found that not only do you "frust Jesus" to be saved but you can trust Jesus to lead your life. Thank God for a Saviour willing to die for me and people who cared enough to get the Gospel to me.

Soon after I was saved I felt the tug of God to go into service for Him. A number of young people in the Corner had been saved in the Revival and we wanted a place to worship and learn about God. It was too far for us to go to New Prospect so Mr. Buster let us set up a Church in his pack house. We built an altar of 2 by 4's and tobacco sticks and a pulpit of plywood and tobacco sticks. The seats were boards laid across sacks of grain. We decided to meet on Friday night because of school and told all the young people to be there.

Were we ever surprised on Friday night when almost 50 adults and young people showed up. The Lord blessed the services (It was there that my parents answered God's call to commitment to Him) and I answered God's call into the ministry. Services were held at the packhouse for several months and then in the fall work was begun on constructing Mill Branch FWB Church.

I was licensed by the Eastern Conference of FWB of S.C. to preach in Dec. of 1962 and preached in various places during 1963. I was ordained at Hillside FWB Church in Florence, S.C. on Friday night Jan. 10, 1964. I preached at various places until graduating from Hannah High School in May of 1965. I then worked at King Drug Co. in Florence until November 1, 1965 when I joined the Navy.

I was discharged from the Navy in Oct. of 1969 and began pastoring Poplar Hill FWB Church, Hemingway, S.C. on Nov. 16, 1969.

Since then I have been continually involved in Pastoring and trying with all the Wisdom God will give me to get people to know Christ as their Saviour and then to show Him in their lives. (Continued on Back)

(Continued) It has involved pastoring several Churches (Poplar Hill FWB Church: Nov. 16, 1969 - July 1, 1973, Grace FWB Church: July 1, 1973 - Fwb 28, 1977, Beech Springs FWB Church: March 16, 1977 - Oct. 29, 1978, Grace FWB Church: Nov 1, 1978 - Nov 9, 1979, Jefferson Road FWB Church: Nov 16, 1979 -), Teaching in 2 Bible Institutes (Northeast Mississippi Bible Institute- Christian Education, and Bethel Bible Institute- Bible Survey), Weekly Radio programs on up to 4 stations, and a Newsletter ministry. Through ti all God has led and Blessed and done so much seemingly in spite of me instead of because of me. (If you think my sermons now are bad you ought to have heard those first ones! I had to have my arm "twisted" to go on Radio at first and I would never have been asked to teach at a Bible Institute if it weren't for the fact that I was in the right place in Mississippi at the right time.). But my verse in life has been Ps. 16:11 "Thou wilt show me the path of Life: In thy presence is fulness of JOY; at thy right hand there are pleasures forever more.", and I believe that God has a plan for every saved person in the world and if we get in step with Him we'll see His Hand of leadership in all we do.

There have been "valleys of discouragement" and "mountains of Victory" but through it all I've grown to love God More and more and look forward to a million million more years of service for Him. Noone knows how thankful I am that someone cared enough to share the Gospel with me. "Go and do thou likewise".

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

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Praise God for His continued Blessings on the Church. Sunday was a good day of Worship in the Lord with the Sunday Night Service being simply super. Brother Danny Dowless led in a testimony time that still has me rejoicing. Almost everyone who testified told of how someone visited and showed an interest in them before they were saved. Hopefully this will help those who aren't visiting and sharing the Gsopel to do so. Then Brother Jim Braswell led in a time of Special Music that involved the Choir and a number of Church groups. All in all it was a great night in the Lord.

Ladies who are going to the State Ladies Aux. Meeting at New Prospect this Saturday are asked to meet at Shoney's at 7:30am for breakfast and then you'll leave from the Church at 8:15 for the meeting.

Special Thanks to the Jerry McCalls for their gift of a new "White" Blackboard and stand. We really needed it in our Wednesday night work.

(Thanks to Mrs. Paulette Conyers for this article)

Revival comes when:	Gossipers shut up
	Lukewarm folks fire up
	Sleeping folk woke up
	Divided folk make up
	Depressed folk look up
	Dishonest folk 'fess up
	Discouraged folk cheer up
	Disgruntled folk sweeten up
	Soldiers of Christ Stand up

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Message- "Put That on My Account"

I remember a time when I needed new tires on my car and was not able to get them. One of the men of the Church called me and said for me to go to such and such a tire co. and the man would put a new set of tires on my car and charge it to his account (Wasn't that a "Praise the Lord" time!) That illustrates a good point found in the little Book of Philemon (one of 5 Books in the Bible with only 1 chapter. Do you know the other 4?).

It seems that a slave named Onesimus had escaped from his master, Philemon, after having stolen some money and had run to Rome to "hide" in the throng of people there. But he found that you can never run far enough to get away from God (see Ps. 139:-) and somehow met Paul the Apostle (Who was himself a Prisoner of Rome at the time but was allowed the use of a home while he awaited trial). When they met Paul, the "bound" Freeman, told this "free" Slave how to find real Freedom through Faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour. Onesimus accepted Christ as Saviour and began to help Paul in his work for the Lord in Rome.

There was a problem though. Paul knew that Repentance involves Restitution and he knew that Onesimus had to go back to his master, Philemon, and "Face the music" about his running away and robbery. (This was a very serious offense with Philemon having every right to kill Onesimus for his crimes). So Paul wrote Philemon a letter for Onesimus to take with him when he returned home.

In the letter Paul told about Onesimus accepting the Lord and about his service since. Then he made some astounding statements. He asked that Philemon receive Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother; even as Paul himself (vs 17) ! In other words, if you value me then value Onesimus just like you would me. And as if that was not enough, Paul says that any debt that Onesimus owed would be paid by Paul ("Put that on my account" vs 18)! What a way to make peace between these two parties.

This is basically what happened in my life. I had gone astray and turned into my own way (Is. 53:6). I had robbed God of Time and Talents and Money and God had every right to take my life (Rom 6:23). But (Thanks be unto His name) Christ found me one day, took me for His own, and told God to receive me; not on my own merit, but on the merit of Christ! Then He told God to put my debts on His account and God put a big PAID IN FULL on my account!

I'm still a "slave" but now it's a Love Slave. God is not only my Master, He's also my Father (Jn 1:12). And He has written me into His "will" as an heir of God and joint-heir with Christ (Rom 8:17). He'll be glad to do the same for you. Stop running from God and turn to Christ and He'll forgive your sins and say, "Put them on my account". Trust Him as your Saviour today. If you have any questions or if I can help then contact me.

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

(The other 4-1 chapter Books are- Obadiah, II John, III John, and Jude)

Attention!

Revival Services are almost upon us! It begins Sunday, March 29 (This Sunday!!) and is scheduled to go thru Friday, April 3. The Sunday Services begin at 10am and 7pm and the week night services at 7:30pm. The Pastor will speak at both Services on Sunday and REV. BILL JACOBS of Mullins-Marion Free Will Baptist Church will be here Monday thru Friday night. We have special music planned for each night and we're expecting a great week in the Lord.

Revival Spirit has been evident for a while and I hope next week will mean that people who once were in Church and serving the Lord but are now fallen by the way side will be reclaimed for God. We're also expecting to see the Lost saved. Last week was just a sample of what God can do if Real Revival comes. We had a young man come by early in the week to rededicate himself to Christ, we had a young girl saved during Prayer Meeting Wednesday night, we had a young man saved during Visitation Thursday night, and we had a number of Rededications and re-committments to Christ during Sunday's services. God wants to Bless His people if we'll just be "Blessable".

One of the keys to Revival is going to be our Prayers. You never have Real Revival unless it's preceded by Real Prayer. We've therefore scheduled a NIGHT OF PRAYER on Thursday, March 26. Individuals or families will take half hour prayer times and we've already scheduled 6 hours of continuous prayer on our altar for Revival in our lives, in the Church, and in the Community.

With so many things going on we decided to cancel our work day scheduled for this Saturday and clean the Church instead after Prayer Meeting this Wed. night. This means we're also canceling the Teen Fellowship scheduled for Saturday. We'll reschedule them both later.

Our memory verse for this week- Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (We had a number of people who memorized and said our first 6 verses and I hope we'll have even more with this group.)

IF YOU DIED TODAY, WHERE WOULD YOU SPEND ETERNITY??? (I can show you how to make sure.)

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Sunday School 10:00am Sunday Morning Evangelistic Service 11:00am  
Sunday Evening Worship Service 7:00pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30pm

## Pastor's Message - Reflections on Revival

I guess the most common question people ask after a week of Revival Services is "How was the Revival?". To me it's a difficult question because it's almost like asking a farmer how good his crop is going to be the week after he plants the seed. Sometimes I'm tempted to tell People it's going to be good because I have the promise of God - He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Ps. 126:6 (There was a lot of going forth and weeping along with the plain proclaiming of the Word of God last week).

But the most important thing (missing in so many Christians lives) is Patience - For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the Promise. Heb 10:36. My main worry is that people will now say, "The Revival's over" and let the "weeds and wolves" get the crops we've planted for God. As far as I'm concerned, we've just had our spring planting and now have a hard summer's work ahead of us fertilizing, hoeing, cultivating, and looking to God for "good weather and rain" (Some plant, some water, but God gives the increase) so that we'll reap a bountiful crop this year.

Real Revival to me is when people get out of "Stop and Start" Christianity and instead fall so much in Love with God until they're CONSISTANTLY CHRISTIAN - That is, they're not just Sunday Christians but Christ-like every day of the week. And they're not just Revival Soul Winners but people who are constantly on the look out for someone to share the Gospel with (Thank God for the number of these we have at Jefferson Road.). (Case in point- We haven't made a "big splash" or promoted contests above Christ but we've already baptised 3 this year with at least 3 more waiting to be baptised. We only had 6 baptised all last year! And the most any Church in the S.C. Conference baptised last year was 15! We plan to baptise more than that this year because we're looking for a good crop.)

So my Prayer is that we won't let the Revival fires go out but instead make it our goal this year to be a Church that's always in a state of Revival. God wants us to have a faithful, consistant, Gospel Proclaiming, Bible Teaching Church here. It'll be that way when the member are!

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

Special Thanks to the Singers from Home Branch Baptist Church and Mullins-Marion Free Will Baptist Church for the Special Music they brought during the Revival. It blessed our heart. (And a word of Praise to our own special Singers and Choir as well.)



I know someone must have worked inviting people last week because I collected 24 first time Visitor Cards (That's a lot of letters to write!). We were thrilled to have these and our other visitors with us and hope they can come again soon.

Let me share a Blessing that came to me just before and during Revival. On our Night of Prayer just before Revival when I returned from one of my prayer times I found \$40 on my desk with a note telling me to use it to buy my wife some new glasses. Then one night after Revival I found 40 more dollars. (I had made up a Prayer Promises and Requests Booklet to show people before our Night of Prayer and I used the illustration of praying for some new glasses for my wife in the booklet. The Lord touched someone's heart with it and I Praise the Lord for it.)

If you would like to have a Prayer Booklet like I use in my Private devotions then let me know and I'll be glad to get you a copy. (It tells you how to pray, gives you some Prayer Promises, shows some causes of failure in Prayer, and gives an outline of the different Prayer lists I have.)

We have several special events in the near future:

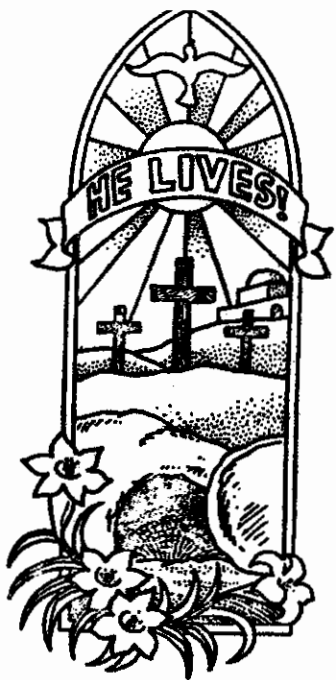
Communion/Feet-washing Sunday, April 12 7:00pm (This will be the first time some of you have had to share in this Blessed service. It will really be appropriate this Sunday, right before Easter.)

Sunrise Service Sunday, April 19 6:30am Guest Speaker- Rev. Ronnie Jones. This is one of my favorite services of the whole year. We celebrate the heart of Christianity, The Resurrection of Christ.

(We will have Sunrise Service instead of Evening Worship Service Easter Sunday. This means we expect a big crowd for Sunrise Service and a BIG crowd for Sunday School and Preaching (at least 125). You'll have all Sunday afternoon to rest or go home for dinner so I'm expecting everyone here for these services.)

Baptismal Service Sunday, April 26, 7:00pm. If you have accepted Christ as your Saviour and haven't been baptised then see the Pastor.

Our Memory Verse for this week is- John 5:24 Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.



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## Pastor's Message: The Man Who Came Back to Life

Easter is normally the time of year when we rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead after having paid our sin debt on Calvary. But I want to look at another man who came back from the dead today and see some examples of what happens when a man is born again.

Lazarus was a friend of Jesus who took sick, died, and was buried and then Jesus came to the grieving family. They were looking for comfort but Christ gave them their dead brother raised to new life.

- I. LAZARUS WAS DEAD Jn 11:14 "Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.". Eph 2:1 says that a person in sin is "dead in trespasses and sins". Romans 6:23 says that the "wages of sin is death". Your body may still be alive but your soul is separated from God and as such is dead.
- II. LAZARUS WAS RAISED Jn 11:44 "He that was dead came forth" All human effort had failed but Jesus simply called and life was restored. Ep 2:4-6 But God who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by Grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: The Gospel call is heard, by Faith we respond and Christ miraculously saves us!
- III. LAZARUS WAS BOUND Jn 11:44 "He that was dead came forth bound hand and feet with graveclothes". Although we're saved from the Penalty of sin we still live in the Presence of sin. There are still old ways we must discard and old habits we must gain the victory over. Salvation is not just a new birth- it's a new life!
- IV. LAZARUS WAS LOOSED Jn 11:44 "Loose him and let him go" Lazarus' friends were commanded to help him. (That's why it's vital for new converts to get into a Bible Teaching Fellowship of Believers. There they will learn to grow in the Grace and Knowledge of Christ and also find friends to help as they learn to overcome problems in the strength of Christ.) I Jn 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.
- V. LAZARUS WAS FEASTING Jn 12:2 "But Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him". We get to feast on the richness of the Word of God and the Presence of God. Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.
- VI. LAZARUS WAS WITNESSING Jn 12:9 "Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead". A changed Life for Christ is a tremendous witness for God's Power and Pardon. "Many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus" Jn 12:11

If you're not saved then I can't think of a better time to receive newness of Life through Faith in Christ than this Easter season. If you need help then contact me.

If you're saved then rejoice in what God has already done for you in Christ, and remember, people aren't looking so much for a "word of witness" but they're seeking a Life changed by the power of God.

# Easter Sunday



We're looking for Easter Sunday to be a BIG day here at Jefferson Road. It all begins at 6:30am (Don't be late! with SUNRISE SERVICE. This is one of the great services of the year and we're looking for a good one. Special Speaker will be REV. RONNIE JONES and special music will be presented by the Adult Choir. Weather permitting we hope to meet on the lawn in front of the Church. Then at 10:00am we hope to have our biggest Sunday School this year (at least 125). We've got a good Sunday School lesson and I hope you'll be here for it. The Morning Evangelistic Service will begin at 11:00am. The message will be about "Looking in the wrong place". (We won't have an Evening Service this week so we're expecting everyone to attend the earlier services.)

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP is scheduled for this Saturday (April 18) beginning at 10:00am. We'll do some work around the Church, have a light lunch and then have Bible Study before we have some activities. I appreciate our Youth and their willingness to work for the Lord.

We had real good services last Sunday with Communion/Feet-washing Services on Sunday night being especially good. After the services we had 3 more people saved bring to 6 the number to be Baptised Sunday, April 26. Let's pray that the Lord would double that between now and then!

A Special THANK YOU to Mr. A.J. Gaughf for his gift of bonds and interest worth \$280.50 to the Church Building Fund, and to Mrs. Gladys Gibbons for her gift of \$5 to help the ministry of the "Jefferson Road Journal". (These aren't members of the Church but they sure were a Blessing!)

If you've never been to a Tent Meeting but have always wanted to then I know when you'll have an opportunity. This Sunday Night at 7:00pm the Pastor will be speaking at a Tent Meeting in Florence sponsored by the Community Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Ned Patillo is the Pastor. The tent will be set up on T.V. Road just off I-95 behind the Florence Convalescence Center.

SOUTH CAROLINA PASTORS AND WORKERS CONFERENCE will be held Thursday, April 23 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Florence beginning at 8:30am. Special Speakers will be Rev. Guy Owens, Rev. Earl Hendrix, and Rev. Gordan Sebastian. This is an all day Conference and I hopw some of you will be able to attend.

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### Pastor's Message: "Profitable Proverbs"

(Proverbs have been my devotionals for the past week and they have blessed my heart afresh. A Proverb is a way of saying a great deal in a few words. (Something a lot of people wish a lot of preachers would learn to do!). I wanted to share a few of these Proverbs with you today and hope you'll take the time to "chew" on their meaning.)

Prov. 26:17 He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears. (The dog gets madder and madder and you can't let go or the dog will get you!!)

Prov. 26:20 Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth. (Don't add fuel to the fire!)

Prov. 27:4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy? (And yet we consider anger a "big" sin and envy a "small" sin!)

Prov 27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend. (Faithful Friction fashions the features of a Friend. Our lives are shaped by those around us. That's why it's so important to pick your companions with care.)

Prov 28:4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them. (It's hard to stand against Sin when you're in it!!)

Prov 28:26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered. (A man who looks within for help is like a drowning man that grabs his right hand with his left and tries to pull himself out of the water!! You need help from without - Grab God's outstretched hand.)

Prov 29:11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards. (I guess that means I's better wrap this message up and stop!)

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps 16:11

(Proverbs will be Profitable to you also if you'll take the time to read and meditate on them. Why don't you read thru Proverbs between now and Mother's Day. That way you'll come to chapter 31 and find out what a Mother should be just in time for Mother's Day!)

**SPEND TIME ALONE**



**WITH GOD'S WORD**

We continue to rejoice in God's Goodness. Easter Sunday was a big day in the Lord with a big crowd for Sunrise Service and a great message by Rev. Ronnie Jones. We only had 110 in Sunday School but there were 125+ in the Morning Worship Service with 2 coming forward to make public their decisions for Christ and several Rededications.

Easter Sunday night I preached at the Tent Revival of the Community Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Florence with 2 Rededications and 1 Salvation. Rev. Ned Patillo is the Pastor of this church and I urge your prayers for this work as they attempt to build a Church in what looks like a needed location.

This past Sunday Morning we had the privilege of WELCOMING into the Fellowship of the Church Ernest and Lunette Skipper and Josette Hipps. Brother and Sister Skipper have been visiting with us for several months and we're glad they're now part of the family. Josette was saved several Wednesday nights ago and we're thankful for her stand for Christ.

This past Sunday Night's Service was one of those really good Services. The fine folks from the Bethesda Free Will Baptist Church in Camden joined us for a Worship and Baptismal Service. Their pastor, Rev Fred Kirby, brought the message (About people who tried to be "Cheapskates in service for the Lord) and then 11 people were baptised (6 from Bethesda and 5 from Jefferson Road). Please remember the Camden work in your prayers as they are in the process of building their Church and we all know how difficult that is in these times of high prices. (With our Sunday Night Offering and a gift from some members living away from "Home" now we were able to give \$150 to the Camden work Sunday.).

May will be a busy month for us here at the Church.

May 3 Home Made Ice Cream Supper following the Sunday Night Service. Youth Fellowship will also have a short meeting.

May 4 Ladies Aux. here at the Church.

May 7 Mother/Daughter Banquet at Florence. (Sponsored by South Carolina District Ladies Aux.)

May 10 Mother's Day (One of the Special days of the year)

May 17 Old Fashion Day at the Church. We're looking for 150 in Sunday School (I'm tried of looking for 125!!). We're asking everyone to dress up in Old Fashion Clothes and expect the Old Fashion Gospel to make Old Fashion Sinners New Creatures in Christ! We'll have dinner on the grounds and an Old Fashion Gospel Singing in the afternoon. (Begin Praying ans Preparing now)

May 24 Baccalaureate Service for our graduates

(See how much you miss by not coming to Jefferson Road regularly!!)

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## *Mother's Day*

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE "A Virtuous Woman" Proverbs 31:10-31

- vs 10 SHE IS NOT THE USUAL "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies."
- vs 11 HER HUSBAND DOESN'T HAVE TO BUY HER LOVE "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil."
- vs 12 HER HUSBAND CAN TRUST HER "She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life"
- vs 13 SHE IS A WILLING WORKER "She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands."
- vs 14 SHE IS A "SHOPPER" "She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar"
- vs 15 SHE IS NOT LAZY "She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens"
- vs 16 SHE HAS "BUSINESS SENSE" "She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard"
- vs 17 SHE KEEPS HERSELF IN SHAPE "She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms."
- vs 18 SHE LOOKS TO THE FUTURE "She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night"
- vs 19 SHE DOES THINGS FOR HERSELF "She layeth her hands to the spindle and her hands hold the distaff."
- vs 20 SHE LOVES OTHERS "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor, yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy"
- vs 21 SHE PLANS AHEAD "She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet"
- vs 22 SHE DRESSES WELL "She maketh herself coverings of tapestry, her clothing is silk and purple"
- vs 23 BEHIND EVERY GOOD MAN THERE IS A GOOD WOMAN "Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land"
- vs 24 SHE HELPS WITH THE BUDGET "She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant"
- vs 25 HER EYES ARE ON HEAVEN AND NOT ON THIS WORLD'S FASHION "Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come"
- vs 26 SHE IS NOT A GOSSIP "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness"
- vs 27 SHE IS A GOOD HOUSEKEEPER "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness"
- vs 28 HER FAMILY PRAISES HER (as well they should!) "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her"
- vs 29 HER FAMILY THINKS SHE'S THE BEST "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all"
- vs 30 SHE IS A GOD FEARING WOMAN "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised"
- vs 31 SHE OUGHT TO BE TREATED SPECIAL ON MOTHER'S DAY (And all year long!!) "Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gate"

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY (From a man who has a wife and a Mother that deserve to be praised in the gates!)

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11





We were happy to receive into the Fellowship of the Church 4 new members by profession of Faith last Sunday. We WELCOME James Michael DeHart, James Michael Phillips, Gloria Lee Phillips, and John David Phillips. We look forward to their growth in the Lord here at Jefferson Road. Remember them in your Prayers.

Special Thanks to everyone who prepared the Home made Ice Cream and cakes and cookies for our Ice Cream Social after Church Sunday Night. It turned out real well and we look forward to doing it again soon. The TEEN FELLOWSHIP met during the Social and decided to have our next meeting on Saturday, May 16 at 4:00pm. We'll meet at the Church for Bible Study and then go play a game or two of Putt-Putt. (Praise God for our Teens. Please Pray for God's Guidance as we plan Bible Study and Activities this Summer)

Are you making preparations for OLD FASHION DAY Sunday, May 17th??? We're looking for our biggest Sunday School of the year; Old Fashion Singing, Old Fashion Preaching, and Old Fashion Conversion during the Worship Service; Dinner on the Grounds, and an Old Fashion Gospel Singing in the afternoon (The Gospel Seven will be the featured group). We're expecting many of the people to dress up in Old Fashion Clothes (That's the way I always dress!!) and we hope to have some Old Fashion objects on display. So make you plans to be here because all of this is being done so you can come hear the Old, Old story of the Old, Old Gospel that will make you brand New in Christ. It begins 10am Sunday, May 17. (And remember we're also expecting a BIG crowd this Sunday as we Honor Mothers. You may get a chance to tell how good your mom is! You Moms don't want to miss that or the message on "Some Advice to Mothers".)

THANKS to Mr & Mrs Marion Tunstall for their gift to the ministry of the "Jefferson Road Journal". We appreciate their interest and Prayers. Thanks also to Mr. Brady Welch for his gift to help start a Cassette Ministry here at Jefferson Road. Brother Bennie Wadford sent us two tapes the other day and I'm praying that God will give us the money needed for a duplicator and the blank tapes to duplicate. That would be another way we could help get the Gospel to our Community.

If you died today. Where would you be tomorrow?????

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

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## Pastor's Message:

I thought I's just kind of "visit" with you this week. Sunday will begin my 7th month of service here and I like to every now and then sit back and see where we've come from and try to decide where we need to go.

The past 6 months have been Busy and Blessed. I've been about as busy as I'm able to be (and have an aggravating ulcer and a very tired body to prove it!) but the Lord has Blessed and we rejoice in His Blessings. (We have done some much needed work in the Parsonage, Painted much of the inside of the Church, and, most important of all, we've received 14 new members into the Fellowship of the Church.). "And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and YET THERE IS ROOM" (Luke 14:22). We rejoice in what has been done but we realize that the job is far from being over.

That leads us to trying to look into the future and determine what God's Will for our continued progress is. That's a difficult business because I'm a Preacher and not a Prophet, but let's see several areas we're working toward.

1) Men (and Women)- A) First of all, many more saved because God "will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (I Tim 2:4). B) Second, these converts given all the needed things to grow as Christians and the training needed to be effective parts of the Body of Christ.

2) Money- The sad thing about living in this present world is that it takes money to do many of the things needed. Already this week I've spent over \$200 on tables and supplies needed for Sunday and the men are treating the Church and Parsonage for termites now at a cost of \$800. And of course we have to keep up our regular bills and bond payments. There is a great deal of trim work and paint work that needs to be done on the Church and Parsonage. We want a P.A. system for the Church singers. I want a folder for the Church Newsletter. There is a real need for a cassette Ministry here (around \$100 needed to get the equipment and tapes needed). We need a new bus that can be used as an activity bus as well as for the Bus route. As you can see, we won't run short of projects for a while!

3) Motivation- (I'm working on a message right now on "The Purpose of Rewards"). We don't want to have cold, formal, dead service. We want people to Want to serve God and to be motivated to do right when they feel good and when they don't, when it's exciting and when it's not. PEOPLE WHO HAVE A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD DON'T HAVE TO BE BEGGED OR FORCED TO COME TO CHURCH!

We don't know what the Future holds but we know who holds the Future and our eyes are on him to lead us right.

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

PS Let OLD FASHION BAY be the start of a new commitment on your part to be in Church every week and grow into the kind of Christian God wants you

# OLD FASHION DAY

SUNDAY MAY 17 10:00 am - 3:00pm

- 10:00am - Our Largest Sunday School of the year. (An important Sunday School lesson will be presented and we want you to be present for it.)
- 11:00am - Old Fashion Gospel Service featuring Old Fashion Singing, Old Fashion Praying, Old Fashion Preaching, and Old Fashion dependence on the Spirit of God to make Old Fashion Sinners brand new creatures in Christ.
- 12:30pm - Old Fashion Dinner on the grounds
- 2:00pm - Old Fashion Gospel Sing featuring the Gospel Seven and our own Church talent.

Many of the Members will be wearing Old Fashion Clothes (Over-alls, Straw hats, Bow Ties, Suspenders, Bonnets, Aprons, etc.). The seats will be covered with Quilts, we'll have Oil Lanterns in the windows, and the Offering will be received in hats. We'll have some tents set up outside to eat under (Courtesy of Elmore-Hill Funeral Home) and we're looking for a Big Old Fashion Dinner.

BE SURE TO COME AND BRING AS MANY PEOPLE WITH YOU AS POSSIBLE.

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Our Memory Verse for this week is II Pet 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen. Make your Memory Verse a Family Affair!

We will have our BACCALAUREATE SERVICE for our graduating Seniors Sunday, May 24, during the Morning Evangelistic Service. More about this later. Also beginning on May 24 we will have a NEW CONVERT CLASS for all those who have been saved recently. The Pastor will teach this class and it will be open to all who have been saved and have not attended a New Convert Class. It will last 6 weeks (after which you will go back to your normal Sunday School Class). We plan to cover such subjects as "How to Know you are Saved", "How to Grow as a Christian", "Questionable Things", "The Indwelling of the Spirit", "How to Share your Faith", "The Duties of a Church Member", and "Free Will Baptist Basics". Hopefully this will help strengthen our New Christians as they go forward for the Lord.

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Pastor's Message: "A Profitable Life" (I preached this message last Sunday but it contained so many Scriptures until I thought it would be good to put it in the Newsletter)

### I. THINGS THAT DON'T PROFIT

A) Wickedness Prov 10:2 Treasures of Wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death. Ask the families where booze or drugs have destroyed the family. Ask the family where Sexual Sins have destroyed homes and left children wondering which parent is which and craving some kind of security. It may be pleasurable but it will not Profit!

B) Riches Prov 11:4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death. Matt 16:26 For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? The love of money is the root of all evil.

C) Labor without God Ecc 2:11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do; and, behold, all was vain and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun. You work and labor and then must die and leave it or circumstances beyond your control cause it to fail. Labor without God's leadership is drudgery.

D) The Flesh Jn 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. Don't spend time caring for and pampering the flesh and neglect the Spirit. Get your priorities right!

#### E) Words

1. Vain words- II Tim 2:14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. LIFE MUST BE LIVED; NOT JUST TALKED ABOUT!!

2. Lying Words- Jer 7:8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. How many people trust the word of a teacher above that of the Bible! How many trust a Doctor above a Preacher!

3. Mere Profession- James 2:14 What doth it profit my brethern, thought a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Faith without practice deceives you, discourages those in the world looking at your life, and demeans the cause of Christ.

4. The Word of God without Faith- Heb 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. There are many people who read the Bible, and talk about the Bible but have not taken it as their rule of Faith and Practice.

### II. THINGS THAT DO PROFIT

A) Inspired Word II Tim 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God; and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. Always be a Student of the Book- it tells you who to marry, how to live, what to do, and most important of all how to meet and fellowship with God.

## II. THINGS THAT PROFIT (Continued)

B) Fellow workers II Tim 4:11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee; for he is profitable to me for the ministry. Some decisions can only be made on your own but seek counsel before making a major decision. No man is an island- you affect those around you and they affect you. So be careful who you hang around with.

C) Spiritual Gifts I Cor 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. You are part of God's Plan- Find out where you fit in the Body of Christ and then be content to be what God made you. When everyone does their job the work goes so smooth!!

D) God's Chastening Heb 12:10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasures; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Tribulation worketh patience. God correction in your life is trying to make you into what you ought to be. Don't get discouraged!

E) Godliness I Tim 4:8 But bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. If you're going to spend eternity with God then you want to be in step with Him! It's profitable to be like God!

Take inventory of your life. What profit will the things you put value in now do when you meet God at the Judgement.

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps.16:11

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S. C. District YOUTH RALLY will be held at Liberty FWB Church in Manning Friday, May 29 at 7:30pm. All those who plan to go should meet at the Church at 6:15pm. Rev. Theron Scott will be bringing a message on "The Christian and Rock and Roll Music". I hope many of our Teens will go.

Teen Fellowship is planned for the Church on Saturday, June 6. Remember your papers will be due on "What Would Jesus be like if He were 16 years old in 1981?"

A new class for ages 11-15 will begin Wednesday, June 3. Mrs. Gail Dowless will teach this new class. Combined with our Children for Christ class for ages 5-10 this gives us an opportunity to help every member of the Family during our Wednesday Night Prayer Service.

Special Thanks to everyone that helped make our Old Fashion Day such a success. I'm thankful for the number that participated (We've got a lot of Old Fashion Folk around here!), the fine dinner that was served and the good Music provided by our own singers and the Gospel Seven. Our next big day will probably be our 10th anniversary Oct. 18.

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(Members of Our Teen Fellowship were supposed to Write a paper on "What I think Jesus would be like at 16 in 1981" for the Last meeting. Many of them had their papers on hand at the meeting and I thought they were so good until I'd share some of them with you.)

### JESUS AT 16 IN 1981

My first impression of Jesus as a young adult in the world today is that he would be the same today, just as he was when he lived 2000 years ago. Even though the Bible doesn't tell us much about his teenage years, his testimony as a grown man gave me a lot of ideas about him as a person and even a young person. For instance, the very first action Jesus displayed when he began his ministry was getting baptized (Matt 3:16-17). He did it openly before men that he might show that he was to do the will of the Father.

In 1981 what would Jesus be like? Well, if we study him as he lived on earth 2000 years ago, we would know him as the same today because Jesus is God, and God never changes.

Even though Jesus was born without sin he was tempted by Satan. Being 16 years old is a very hard age on anyone. Kids at school can really tempt other kids on a lot of things. If a friend came to Jesus at school and dared him to smoke some pot with them, what would he do? The Bible says that Satan tempted him 3 times in the wilderness. Jesus quoted the Bible to Satan (Matt 4:1-11). I believe he would tell him friends the Word of God and live it before them. That is why the word of God is so important. Jesus used it to defeat Satan and Christians need it to defeat temptation and wrongdoings.

In Luke 4:16 I learned Jesus went into the synagogue in Nazareth where he grew up and as his custom was on the Sabbath day. As a child, he went to Church every Sabbath. Jesus would be in Church everytime the doors were opened in 1981 because the Bible says he never changes.

In Luke 2:52 I learned Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. This verse gives me a lot of ideas about Jesus at 16 in 1981. First Jesus would be a willful learner in school. He would study all things of God and man. Because he found favor in God and man, he would carry himself well, always dressing modest and neat. He would be humble, meek, merciful, pure in heart, a peace maker, and would hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Jesus would speak with authority. He wouldn't talk idly, only when he should. If his friends were doing something wrong, he would speak against it by using the Word of God (II Tim 3:16).

Jesus would also pray, each and every day for his family, friends, and people who would despise him. In Matt 6:7-15 Jesus shows us how we should Pray.

Jesus loves nature such as the trees, flowers, the animals, and all the things that are made. He would tell his friends parables of today. He would be easy to understand and listen to because he told stories that were easy to understand.

And finally, Jesus would be a teenager of compassion and with love in his heart. In Matt 5:43-44 He shows us how much he loves everybody. He would know and live the 10 commandments in 1981, by serving God, honoring his parents, and living his neighbors. He would go and be in the places that glorify God.

He would tell other kids the things of his father. If Jesus were 16 today he would have his Bible with him always, telling and showing others how to be saved and what it means.



What I think Jesus would be like at 16 in 1981

I think Jesus would be a good christian, but not perfect. I think he would have some problems just like other tennagers. But I think he would hang aroud with the right people. I believe he would not go to movies or places he shouldn't go. I think he would go to other parties, but ones with other Christians attending, and not wild parties, with drinking and all.

If Jesus was on Earth at the age of 16

I think that if Jesus was on earth now at the age of sixteen he wouldn't be any different now than he was when he was here the first time.

There are a lot of teenagers now that have fallen into drugs and drinking and these type of things, but there are still teen agers who are faithful to God and are out witnessing to people about Christ and I think that Jesus would be with the faithful group.

What would Jesus be like if He Were 16 Years Old in 1981?

I think Jesus would be just like any other person who is saved but He woudl be better in everything. He would go to parties like any other person would do, and He would have fun like any other person would have if they went to a party at the age of 16.

(Several of the Teens were shy so I didn't list who wrote which article but the 4 articles were written by Kim Conyers, Tammy Barret, Wayne Spivey, and Rusty Conyers. You'll have to guess who wrote which!! The articles gave us a lot of ground for discussion and I hope it helped the Teens to realize that Christianity ought to be a part of their everyday life.)

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I want to Thank all of you for your Prayers during my brief Hospital stay last week. All of the test look good and I'm looking forward to many more years of Service for the Lord.

We're in the process of doing some Repair Work around the Church, Spiritually and Physically!!! The Lord really moved during Sunday's Service and many people dedicated themselves to more faithful service for the Lord. Some had begun to get a little careless in their lives but I thank God for His restoring Spirit. We're also trying to repaint and do some repair work on the outside of the Church. A Church is like a Soul- If you begin to neglect it it begins to get run down.

Special Thanks to the Jack Barretts for MEMORIAL GIFTS to the Church Building Fund in memory of Mrs Doris Kirvin and Phillip Schipper. With the work we're doing it's really needful.

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### Pastor's Message: "The X-Rayed Heart"

One of the test that the doctor gave me while I was in the Hospital recently was a Heart Catheterization. In it the Doctor pushed a Catheter up one of my veins into my heart and the vessels around my heart and injected a dye and then watched on a special X-Ray machine to see how the dye spread to determine if the heart was pumping right and to see if there were any blockages in the vessels around the heart. All the time the Doctor was doing this I was able to watch what was happening on a T V screen above my head. (I thought it was "neat" to watch my own heart beat and see the blood as it spread around the vessels.).

After the Doctor had finished and the nurses were getting ready to carry me back to my room I told one of the nurses that I really realized the foolishness now of trying to hide anything from God. And I kept thinking of I Sam. 16:7 For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. Just as that X-RAY machine showed the doctor the inside of my physical heart and how it was working so God can look on my "spiritual" heart and see all the "sinful sickness" hid from men (For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: Matt 15:19. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings Jer. 17:9-10).

This made me realize afresh the need to "keep my heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov 4:23) and it is the pure in heart that shall see God (Matt 5:8). So I cried afresh for God to "Create in me a clean heart" (Ps 51:10) for I knew that "with the heart man believeth unto righteousness" (Rom 10:10) and that the "Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit" (Ps 34:18). I then claimed afresh the promise from God that He would put his fear in my heart, that I should not depart from Him (Jer 32:43) and like the Psalmist proclaimed, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:" (Ps. 57:7).

All of this made ME feel better (A sound heart is the life of the flesh Prov 14:20) and also made it easier for those around me (A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken Prov 15:13). I also found the perfect heart "Medicine" in the Word of God (Thy Words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart Jer 15:16) and in the keeping of the first commandment of all- Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart (Matt 22:37)

Maybe you haven't realized that God will "check your heart" one day and like an ancient king you're doing evil because you're preparing not your heart to seek the Lord (II Chr 12:14). Maybe you think you'll get by because you put on such a good "front" but remember that God sees beyond the outside into the heart. I beg you today to "harden not your heart" so that God will not say to you, "They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways: So I swear in my wrath, they shall not enter into my rest." (Heb 3:8-11). Come to the "Doctor" today who died of a broken heart that He might mend your heart and make you a child of God- Jesus Christ.

If you're wondering why America is in the mess it's in? ...the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart (Jer 12:11)

What we need are some Christians with a case of "Holy Heart Burn". But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing and I could not stay. (Jer 20:9)

The Youth Fellowship will have Pizzas at the Preacher's house this Sunday night following the Evening Worship Service. Mrs. Kathy Phillips will be cooking her famous Home made Pizzas and we'll also have Cokes and chips. Each member of the Teen Fellowship is asked to bring a \$2 contribution.

Praise the Lord for the work we were able to do last week. The outside of the Church looks much better after being painted and the rotten boards replaced. We hope to put up our drip eaves this week so this paint job will last a long time and then work on the Parsonage in the near future. (If some of you "carpenters" are looking for some work to do to help around the Church- we need some garnish work done on the end of the Church eaves and we need a divided shelf in the nursery to help keep the babies clothes and things separate.)

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He never misses services and is usually down near the front of the Church. He never participates in our services. He is first there, cold and unmoveable. He is the heartache of the Pastor and Church leaders. He doesn't sing, doesn't say anything, doesn't cause trouble or hurt anyone. He is just there with a cold, unchanging stare. In the morning service, he is seen by the worshippers present. However, at the Evening service, he intimidates those present. His ghostly shadow brings cold chills into the hearts of the people who see him. Many weep and ask God to remove his cold, expressionless presence from our midst. He is a living testimony that many people don't care. He is evidence of a world without Christ. He is advertising for the Devil. He is an expression of all that the Church is opposed to. He is in direct opposition to God's will. Satan rejoices in him. He is the EMPTY PEWS that are present in our Church.

(From the Sophia FWB Church Newsletter)

The most expensive piece of furniture in the world is an empty Church pew! Great Churches are built around Faithful People. If you're ever going to amount to anything for God then you'll be Faithful to His work in the winter and Summer!!

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"To Know and To Show Christ"

DON'T  
LEAVE  
GOD  
AT  
HOME!



"And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. And they departed into a desert place by ship privately." (Mk 6:31-32)

It's Vacation Time again. Beginning this week end many of the members will be on Vacation. (And those that aren't wish they were!). Vacations are a good thing and recognized by God as a needful part of human life. God recognized the need that man had for rest from the very beginning when He Himself rested on the 7th day and set aside 1 day in 7 for man to rest and renew himself through Fellowship with God (Gen 2:3 and Ex 20:8-11). The Seventh day was changed to the first day with the Resurrection of

Christ and the beginning of the Church (I Cor 16:2) but it still should be a time to come aside from the normal activities of life and fellowship with God and with God's People.

God also saw the need for several "Holidays" during the year to give people more than a single day away from the Daily Routine of Life. (See Num 28:- and 29:- where several of these special times are listed. In the New Testament Era we celebrate Christmas and Easter as times of Religious Rest.). These were times when the usual work ceased and the Family was together. Many of them involved travel and one even involved "camping out" (See Neh 8:14-18). The thing to remember is that these were not times to get away from God but to get closer to God and Family.

With these facts in mind let's look at some Guidelines for a Godly Vacation:

1. Plan time for Church in your travel- and take clothes to wear to Church! (The most often used excuse I hear is, "We would have gone if we'd have had some good clothes." (I have a list of all the FWB Churches in America if you need to know if there's one near where you're traveling.)
2. Set aside a half day to sit on the Beach or Lake or Mountains and read your Bible and commune with God. (Of course, you'll be having a short Family Devotion each morning.)
3. Be aware of opportunities to share Christ with others. (Are you carrying tracts to leave with your tips? Are you praying for God to make you a Blessing as well as to Bless you?)
4. Remember that you're not supposed to take a Vacation from being a Christian!!

I hope you have a good Vacation and come back rested and renewed and ready to go forward for the Lord. After the Rest comes the "Revival" and we're looking for God to do great and mighty things for us in the days ahead.

P.S. Many of you DON'T HAVE VACATION next week. And you're expected to be in the house of God. We know that many will be absent so that makes it doubly important for you to be here. If someone else is on Vacation and visiting you then be sure they come with you to Church.

Begin Praying now for our Big 10th Ann./Home Coming Service to be held Sunday, Oct. 18. Our special speaker will be REV DON PEGRAM, the Director of Evangelism of the National Home Mission Department. Brother Pegram will be speaking 2 or 3 times that day and I'm looking for tremendous blessings from this man of God. We'll have more details as the date gets closer but remember to Pray. (We plan to break our record of 190 by having as least 200 in Sunday School that day.)

Remember that this Sunday is Faith Promise for Missions Sunday. I hope you'll continue to be faithful to God in your giving to help support the Aldridges in Africa, the Cowarts in Brazil, and the Kirbys in Camden.

Special Thanks to Mr Brady Welch for his continued support of our Tape Ministry. We have a number of Tapes available in our library now and we hope to add more in the future. I'll try to give a listing of them in an upcoming "Journal".

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Behold a Ball Team went forth to play a game of Ball. Just as the umpire was saying, "Batter up!", the catcher for the home team arrived and took his place. The center fielder and the second basemen didn't arrive until the second inning. The first baseman didn't come at all, but later sent his regrets saying he had to go to a chicken dinner at Aunt Mary's. The third baseman likewise failed to show up having been up late the night before and he preferred to spend the day in bed. The left fielder was away visiting another ball game across town. The shortstop was present, but he left his glove at home.

Verily, when the pitcher entered the box, he looked around to see his teammates and lo, his heart was heavy when he saw so many empty places in the lineup. The game had been announced and the visitors were already in the stands to see the game. There was nothing left for him to do but go ahead and pitch and hope for the best. So the pitcher tightened his belt, stepped into the box and did his level best to put one over the plate. But for some strange reason he just couldn't find the groove. Some of his team mates began to ride him for wild pitches and loud "BOOS" began to come up from the stands. At the close of the game, the home team (WHAT THERE WAS OF IT!) was mercilessly beaten. After hearing of the disgraceful defeat, the rest of the team decided that a new pitcher should be hired. It must have been the poor pitching that lost the game.

BEHOLD A PREACHER WENT FORTH TO PREACH...but that's another story.

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### ----- "To Know and To Show Christ" -----

#### Pastor' Message- "The Oil of Gladness"

Heb 1:9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

How men long for real Joy and Gladness today! They have more gadgets and less gladness, easier jobs and yet less Joy. How do they get the satisfaction and Joy and Peace their heart so earnestly craves?

First of all, get saved! You can't find light stumbling around in the dark. You can't find Joy in the jail of Sin. You can't find freedom as the captive of Satan. Repent of your Sins, Believe that Jesus Christ died for you and accept Him as your personal Saviour.

But you need to do more than make a profession- you need to change directions (Believing and Repentance go hand in hand- opposite sides of the same door). You need to love righteousness and hate iniquity (Put your hand to the plough and don't look back. Burn your bridges behind you. Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus). (I'm so sick of Nampy-Pamby, Wishy-Washy "salvation". People who claim to be saved and yet won't come to Church and live like the world.) The Oil of Gladness is for those who have not only believed and received Jesus but who also follow His path in their daily life. Christianity is not just a momentary decision, it's a Life! And we need to realize that the "oil of Gladness" can depart from us if we begin to love iniquity more than righteousness. There are numerous Biblical examples of where this very thing happened:

#### A) Some began to love the PRAISES OF MEN more than God

1. God chose SAUL to be the first King of Israel but Saul disobeyed God because of what the people would say (I Sam 15:24) and died on a battlefield a disappointed and disgraced man.

2. Nevertheless among the CHIEF RULERS also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. (Jn 12:42-43)

#### B) Some began to love the PLEASURES OF LIFE more than God

1. SOLOMON started out with a desire to serve God and God made him the wisest man who ever lived and yet as he grew older his wives turned him away from God. He sought happiness in Sin and sinful things and God withdrew His hand from him (I King 11:11)

2. LOT chose the friendship of the world above the friendship of God and lost his family in the destruction of Sodom and we last hear of him committing incest in a cave!

#### C) Some yielded to the PASSIONS OF THE BODY and left God

1. SAMSON was the strongest man in the world but he couldn't control his passions and ended up tamed by a woman's trickery, blinded, chained, and dying among his enemy.

2. DAVID was tremendously blessed of God but he yielded to Adultery and murder and after the death of his child he cried, "Restore unto me the Joy of thy salvation" (Ps 51:12).

God is a Holy God. The Spirit is the Holy Spirit- and God won't bless an unclean vessel (Would you want your best home made lemonade put into a filthy, unwashed glass?). Take a bath in the blood and then God will anoint you with the Oil of Gladness. If you've lost your zeal and Love for God and have grief instead of gladness then you need to examine what's first in your life- Sin or the Saviour? REMEMBER that in the Presence of God is Fulness

Pastor Mircheal Jones



## NEWS NOTES

REV. RONNIE JONES will be our special guest speaker Sunday, July 19, while the Pastor is away at the National Association. He will speak during the 11am and 7pm services. Come expecting a Blessing. (Although I'm by far the better looking one, he's the better Preacher so I hope we'll have a large attendance for both services.)

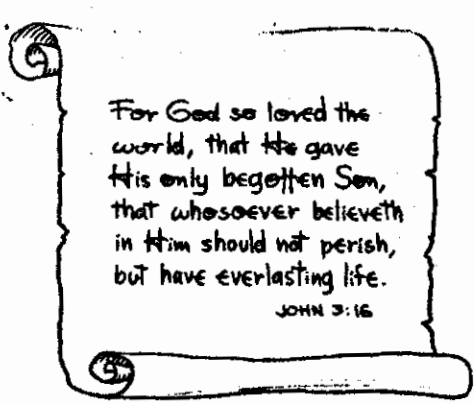
This week we're supposed to know the 10 Commandments for our Sunday School Assembly time. (I was impressed by the number who could name all the books of the Bible last week. If you didn't get to say them this week then continue to learn them and we'll give you another opportunity soon.)

This is the week-end when many of our "regulars" will be on vacation so I hope you're making a special effort to invite someone to attend Church with you this Sunday. There are multitudes of people who need to hear the Word of God but they're waiting on YOU to invite them to Church. The good Lord willing, I plan to speak on "Beware of Trees" this Sunday Morning and "Brother against Brother" in the Evening Service.

We really enjoyed our Prayer Meeting Service at Brother Carson Welch's home last Thursday night. We had a good turn out and a blessed Service. Hopefully we can plan some more Home Prayer Meetings in the months ahead. This gives us an opportunity to carry the Church to the people and also makes for good Christian fellowship.

Keep in mind that we'll have Communion and Feet-washing after the Evening Worship Service this Sunday and we'll have Church Conference Wed. July 15.

Special Thanks to Brother Wayne Spivey, Brother Scott Phillips and Scottie for putting the drip eave on the Church. Special Thanks also to Brother Herbert Robinson for all his work in repairing the Lawn mower. By everyone doing his part the work is not hard on any one person.



For God so loved the  
world, that He gave  
His only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth  
in Him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.

JOHN 3:16

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Pastor's Message: "The Twenty-Third Psalm"

Our Memory work for Sunday School Assembly this week is the 23rd Psalm. This is one of the favorite passages of Scripture of many people and one of the most often read Scriptures for people who are in distress and need. I thought it would be easier to memorize if it were broken down into its various parts.

Dr. Charles Allen used this Psalm to help a man who had everything and was dissatisfied with anything. He told him to read it 5 times a day for 7 days and it would affect his whole life. IT DID! And if you will hid it in your heart then it will affect your life also.

I. THE PERSONAL SHEPHERD "The Lord is MY Shepherd". Jesus knows his sheep by name, He gives His life for them, and they will not follow another Shepherd. (Jn 10:3, 11, 5)

II. THE PLENTY "I shall not want" He gives us day by day our Daily Bread. We find the satisfaction for our hunger and thirst in Him.

III. THE PASTURES "He MAKETH me to lie down in green pastures" It was necessary for the sheep to lie down to "Chew the cud". They couldn't graze all the time, time was required to digest the food. Christians have greater access to Bible knowledge than ever but the world gets worse and worse- we have forgotten that "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength" and we seldom seem to use what we get!

IV. THE PICTURE "He leadeth me beside the still water" In order that I might see myself as I really am as I drink from the water of life. (One of the greatest needs in this day of everyone demanding their personal rights is for people to see again that apart from the strength of God we are utter and absolute failures. A sinner is dead in trespasses and sin and it takes Power and not personality to raise him to newness of life!)

V. THE PSYCHIATRY (Healing of the inner man) "He restoreth my soul" Doctors say that from 50 to 75 per cent of the people who come to them for a physical ailment are really bothered by inner turmoil caused by a heart that's not right with itself or with God. You need a visit with the Shepherd.

VI. THE PATHS "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake" My Goings are for His Glory!! (After you get a Personal relationship with the Shepherd, become satisfied with his supply, take time to digest what He give you, see yourself as you really are, and have him bring peace to your inner man then you can be shown the Path He wants you to follow.)

VII. THE PRESENCE "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" He gives me Companionship and protection. We have no fear as long as HE is with us.

VIII. THE PREPARATION "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over". He also gives me Security, Healing, and Satisfaction.

IX. THE PROMISE "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever" The Shepherd puts His 2 "Guard dogs" of Goodness and mercy behind me to help me and promises that if I will follow the Path He has for me then I'll rest in His house for ever. What a Promise!!!

One of the Shepherd's Sheep,  
Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

Our guest speaker this Sunday will be REV RONNIE JONES (From Crow Corner, S.C.!!). He will be speaking in both the morning and Evening Services. I believe his messages will be a challenge to your heart and I'm expecting a large attendance for both services.

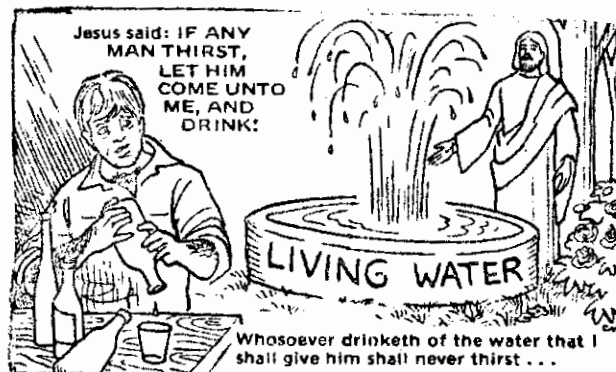
We're also looking forward to having Rev. Norwood Gibson with us for both services on Aug. 9th. Brother Norwood is the state promotional Sec. and has been doing a great work for God. He will preach during the morning Service and show a slide presentation of the state works in the Evening Service. This should be another great day in the Lord.

Our Deacons and Trustees plan to recommend to the Church during our Church Conference this coming Wednesday night (July 15) that:

1. Brother Jerry McCall replace Brother Jack Barrett as Trustee with term to expire in 1983.
2. The Evening Offering on Sunday, Aug. 9 be given to Brother Norwood Gibson and the State Promotional Office. (I Hope you will pray and plan to give a good offering to this worthwhile work.)

Thanks again to Brother Wayne Spivey and Brother Scott Phillips and Scottie for taking another Saturday Afternoon to finish putting the drip eave around the Church and installing two wind turbines in the Church roof to try to help cut our cooling bills. They did a hot job when I know they were tired and I appreciate their dedication.

Thanks also to Jim and Summerstorm Miller for 3 big boxes of food that they gave to the Children's Home. It was really appreciated.



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Pastor's Message: "Why is this Happening to Me?"

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Many times things happen in our lives that we can't understand and our hearts are troubled as we seek an answer. Sometimes the problems continue to grow until we feel like crying with the Psalmist, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me,..." (Ps 22:1). Other times the problems seem to make no "sense" no matter how many different ways we look at them. And then there are times we look back on problem areas in our life and see with amazing clarity the hand of God at work. The thing we need to get firmly planted in our hearts today is that ALL things work together for good to them who are in the will of God. This will bring peace in the midst of problems and help us to maintain a sweet Christian testimony during times of trial.

With that basic fact in mind, let's look at several reasons God may allow troubles in your life:

1. TO SHOW US OUR DEPENDENCE ON GOD "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. ...most gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (II Cor 12:7, 9b). It is only when we learn that "when I am weak, then am I strong" (II Cor 12:10) that we can ever be an effective worker that brings Glory to God and not to us as Servants of God. Is your problem caused by Pride in your own ability?

2. TO SHAPE US INTO THE VESSEL WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE The Sculptor hammers at the stone- not to harm it, but to make it into a thing of beauty. It was persecution that drove the early Church from the "safety" of the "nest" at Jerusalem to spread the Gospel around the world (Acts 8:1). It is the file, and not the feather, that sharpens the ax!!

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.

Ps 119:71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

3. TO SAVE US FROM OUR OWN CARELESSNESS Ps 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

Heb 12:10 But He (chastened us) for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

I didn't like it when I was growing up that my dad made us work all the time. But now I rejoice that it's part of my character to work. Anyone who doesn't have a "boss" to look over their shoulder all the time needs that to avoid becoming careless at his work.

It's hard to smile in the valley sometimes. But remember that God knows how many hairs are on your head, He knows when a sparrow falls to the ground, and He works all things together for good to them that Love Him and stay in His will. Faith trusts the Love of God without knowing Why!!

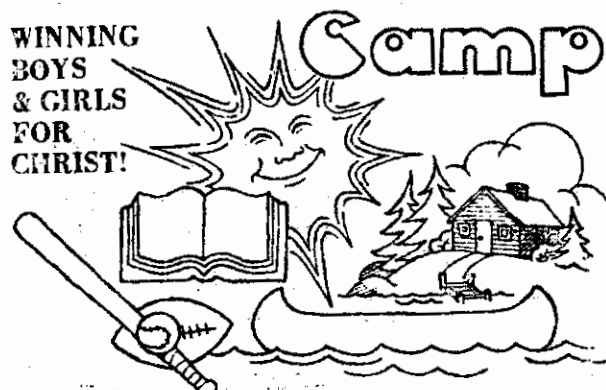
Remember that our guest speaker on Sunday, August 9 will be REV. NORWOOD GIBSON, the State Promotional Secretary. He will be speaking in the 11am service and showing a slide presentation of the State work in the 7pm service. The Evening Offering will go to help Brother Norwood in his work so I hope you'll give VERY generously.

Praise God for his blessings this past Sunday. We had 1 Salvation decision and 3 rededications and a great time in the Lord. We also had around 40 members of the John Hipps Family visit with us and we appreciate them.

I'm thankful also for the work everyone did while the Pastor was away at the National Association. Everything seemed to have gotten along fine. (In fact, one fellow said it went so well that he wouldn't have known I was gone if it wasn't for the fact that the preaching was so much better than usual!) A Special Thanks to Brother Joe Wilkie for mowing the grass

At a short Business meeting Sunday Night we decided to:

1. Renew Brother Bennie Wadford's license to preach for 1 year.
2. Send \$100 to the National Executive Office to help pay for the 1981 National Association.



A number of Church Members will be attending Youth Camp next week as Campers or Councilors. Please Pray for them in this important work. Youth Camp is one of the best activities a young person can go to to learn how to Know the Lord Jesus as Saviour and then to Show Him in their Life. Brother R.L. Conyers will be in charge of the Wednesday Night service in the Pastor's absence.

Dead Doctrine will never show a Living Christ

He who can change plain water into good wine can change plain people into spirit filled disciples.

Our problem is not that we don't know enough. It's that we don't do enough with what we know!

Maybe we have a hard time getting people to accept our "product" because they aren't impressed with the "samples".

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### Pastor's Message:

Having just returned from a week of Teen Youth Camp I am more burdened than ever with the need of getting people to really LISTEN to what is being said by the Man of God as he proclaims the Word of God. I know that "youngens will be youngens" and it's difficult to hold their attention for great lengths of time but so many of them are so very disrespectful to the Word of God being proclaimed and seem to think nothing's wrong with that attitude. (I remember especially the last night when a boy was passing notes and trying to "sign language" a message to a group of girls and even when I moved beside him and admonished him he still tried to do these things when I would get my attention on what the preacher was saying. The amazing fact is that when the Preacher asked at the end of the service for those that had agreed to let Christ be Lord of their lives during Camp to please stand up that this boy stood!)

But the problem is far from being confined to Young People. Many adults "have ears to hear and hear not" and leave the Services blaring the Preacher, the Church, or someone else and wonder why they have to push themselves to go to Church. What can we do to get more out of the Teaching and Preaching of the Word of God?

### I. PRAY

A) For the Preacher- Many times the sermon is dull because the Preacher is trying to preach and no one is "holding up his arms" (See Ex 17:11-12). Remember that the main thrust of the message is to awaken the dead in Sin and that takes supernatural power.

B) For the Congregation- Sometimes I hear a sermon on a subject that I don't really need (For instance, "How to be Saved". I'm SAVED and sure of it so this gives me an opportunity to pray much for the lost as the message is delivered.).

### II. PARTICIPATE

A) Open your Bible to the Scripture text (That allows you to see as well as hear and you remember more). I am astonished at the number of Christians who do not bring their Bibles to Church.

B) Take Notes- People all over know me as the Preacher with the Clip Board. I've carried a Clip Board to Church since shortly after I was saved and have taken notes of what the Preacher or Teacher says. If it's important enough to be said by a man of God then it's important enough for notes. (I can tell you who preached what in almost every service I've been in over the past 20 years). This allows you to keep the chain of thought of the message clearly in mind. (I have some services where I wrote down the date, speaker, and text; and that's all! But that, in itself, tells me something)

III. PRACTICE What is preached. Figure out ways to do what the messenger was exhorting you to do. (For instance, Brother Norwood said Sunday Night for us to "Provoke one another to Love and Good Works". Instead of quarrelling about the fact that we don't love one another as we should and we don't do the good we're supposed to we should "stir one another up" to do it.)

IV. AND FINALLY, PERSONAL APPEARANCE is necessary to hear the Message and Worship in the Service. The vast majority of Church members who have to be Begged, or Bribed, or Bullied into coming to Church on a regular Basis will have a "tough row to hoe" when they stand before God and try to say they were sold out to the cause of Christ.



I Praise God for the good Services we had with brother Norwood Gibson, the State Promotional Secretary. Both messages Brother Norwood gave really spoke to my heart and the slide presentation of the state work seemed to be really appreciated by everyone. It was a very good presentation and I highly recommend it to any Church who hasn't seen it.

We received an offering of \$179 for the Promotional Work and I believe the people now see the need to do more than ever for this office. If Free Will Baptist in the State can learn to cooperate together then we can turn this state upside down for Christ.

We will have a Baptismal Service on Sunday, August 23 for Brother Bill Ewing who was saved recently. If you're a Born again Child of God and you haven't been Baptised then I urge you to contact me before this service and let's "follow the Lord in Baptism".

Special Thanks to Brother Ervin Conyers and Brother Herbert Robinson for completing the repair of the Lawn mower and helping cut the grass around the Church Saturday

## NOTICE!

GET READY FOR REVIVAL. Begin to Pray, invite, and get your heart ready for God to use.

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| Sunday, Aug. 30, 7:00pm  | Rev. Rick Rasberry                                   |
| Special Music            | Brother Rick & his Wife/ Teen Choir                  |
| Monday, August 31 7:30pm | Rev. Robert Hagler, Pastor of Poplar Hill FWB Church |
| Special Music            | Brother Robert & his wife                            |
| Tuesday, Sept. 1 7:30pm  | Rev. Joe Cagle, Pastor of New Prospect FWB Church    |
| Special Music            | Adult Choir  |
| Wednesday, Sept 2 7:30pm | Rev. Theron Scott, Pastor of New Town FWB Church     |
| Special Music            | Brother Theron and his wife                          |
| Thursday, Sept 3 7:30pm  | Rev. Lamar Smith, Pastor of Sand Hill FWB Church     |
| Special Music            | Jefferson Road FWB Church                            |
| Friday, Sept 4 7:30pm    | Rev. Talmadge Brown, Pastor of Horse Branch FWBC     |
| Special Music            | Jefferson Road FWB Church                            |

These are men of God who will deliver the Word of God if we'll just get the people here to hear it.

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# REVIVAL



Special Services to draw Christians back to their first Love for God and to win lost people to a Saving Knowledge of Jesus Christ will be held at the Church beginning this Sunday (Aug. 30 ) and continuing thru Friday, Sept. 4 . The Sunday Night Service will be at 7:00pm and the week night Services at 7:30pm. Invite everyone you know to these Services that God might do in their lives that that will bring Glory to HIS name.

- Sunday-** Rev. Rick Rasberry will speak with special music by Brother Rick and his wife and the Youth Choir. (The Bethesda Church of Camden will be our special guest during this service and will hold a Baptismal Service immediately following the Revival Service.) (We will also give the Offering received during this Service to the Bethesda Church to help them on their Building program. Please Pray and plan to give generously)
- Monday-** Rev. Robert Hagler, Pastor of Poplar Hill FWB Church of Hemingway will be the speaker. Brother Robert and his wife will also sing for us.
- Tuesday-** Rev. Joe Cagle, pastor of New Prospect FWB Church of Pamplico will speak with special music by the Adult Choir
- Wednesday-** Rev. Theron Scott, pastor of New Town FWB Church of Lake City will speak and Brother Theron and his wife will sing
- Thursday-** Rev. Lamar Smith, pastor of Sand Hill FWB Church of Coward will speak with special music by one of the groups from here at Jefferson Road.
- Friday-** Rev. Talmadge Brown, pastor of Horse Branch FWB Church will speak with another of the Jefferson Road groups singing.

The Lord has already begun to work in the lives of people as evidenced by the number of people on our altar during both services last Sunday. Most people I talk to are hungering to see God really do something in their own lives and in the lives of their lost loved ones. It's not God's will that any perish and God will send us a Great Revival - IF WE'RE WILLING TO RECEIVE IT.

If you miss these Services, we will miss you but YOU will miss the Blessings.

At a short Called Business Meeting meeting on Sunday Night, August 23, the Church decided to:

- 1) Give the entire Sunday Evening, August 30, Offering to the Bethesda FWB Church of Camden to help them in their building program
- 2) Increase our monthly giving to the State Promotional Office from \$5 per month to \$25 per month.
- 3) Agreed to buy a new water fountain for the Church (Around \$350)
- 4) Accepted Robert "Scotty" Phillips II into the membership of the Church.

Special THANKS to Mr Bill Bradford for his generous gift to the Church and to Mr Marion Tunstal for his gift to the Newsletter. Also Thanks to Mr Brady Welch for his gift to the Tape ministry of the Church.

A big "Well Done" to all who helped during the Church Clean-up last Sat.. The Church is "almost sparkling" with all the dusting and mopping and sweeping done inside; and the yards look the best they've looked all year. Everyone who came had a "mind to work" (Neh 4:6) and I appreciate the effort put out. We're still in the process of building new doors for the storage shed but we hope to have those up and painted and the water cooler installed by Revival time.

Hopefully, we will be able to finish most of the projects on my list by Home-Coming (Oct 18). This includes painting the bathrooms and putting in new tile, painting the class rooms and putting a shelf in each room, finishing the boxing in of the eaves, and putting in a new walkway on both ends of the Church. (If you'd like to help on any of these projects then contact the Pastor).

Remember to Pray for Bill Ewing and Scotty Phillips as they live for the Lord. They made the public step of Baptism Sunday.

### THREE THINGS NEED IF WE ARE TO HAVE REAL REVIVAL:

1. Cleanness- (Holiness) "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." (II Cor 6:17). Revival is the time to lay aside the filthiness of the flesh and become a vessel sanctified and meet for the Master's use.
2. Concern- "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul" (Ps 142:4). Revival means Christians look on a world as God sees it- lost and doomed for destruction- and then put that concern into action thru Prayer and witnessing.
3. Conviction- "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him;" (Jn 6:44). Lost people are DEAD in trespasses and sin (Ep 2:1). Fancy Preaching or Fancy Programs won't stir them to Life but the Power of God will! Unless God's convicting Power is here all our efforts will be in vain. Don't be guilty of grieving or Quenching the Spirit.

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# JOURNAL

## ----- "To Know and to Show Christ" -----

Pastor's Message: "Things that Keep us from Enjoying the Blessings of God"

It seems that the mark of Christianity today is Restlessness, Rebellion, and Wickedness. We hear tell of men in days gone by who have had a zeal for God and reaped the Blessings of God but they seem to be little in evident today. What has caused Christians today to "hang their harps on the willows" (Ps 137:2) and mourn sore like doves? What causes Christians to jump from one Church to another seeking that elusive "something" that most seem never to find? What keeps us from enjoying the Blessings of God? I'd like to look at 4 areas that caused Israel problems in their attempt to enjoy the Blessings of God in the Promised Land and see if they aren't our problems.

I. THE FEAR OF GIANTS-- 10 of the spies brought back a glowing report of the Blessings of the land but they also told of the Giants that they must face in order to obtain the Blessings and their Fear overcame their Faith (See Num 13). They missed God's Plan for their lives and died in the desert because they looked to their own strength instead of Gods. I wonder how many Church members today are living lives of "Quite Desperation" waiting to die in the desert instead of enjoying the milk and honey of God because they refuse to say like Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil 4:13)?

II. THE FURY OF JORDAN-- The first thing Joshua had to face when he began to lead the Children of Israel into the Promised land was the Jordan River blocking their way- and it was at the highest it would be all year long! (Josh 3:15). Is this where you fail at? You thought that as soon as you "Claimed the Blessing" of God for strength that all the obstacles would be removed and the Road would be easy. Instead, you find Jordan at its worst! My brethern, count it all Joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing (Ja 1:24). If you'll just press on by Faith the waters will open and Victory will be yours.

III. THE FORTRESS OF JERICHO-- Now you're into the Promised Land and you realize that Blessings involve Battles and you begin to want to work and scheme to "help" God gain the victory. Instead, God asks you to "make a fool of yourself" by Faith. Day after day the only thing you do is walk around the city (Josh 6:3). It makes sense to build weapons, and dig tunnels, and train to fight but all you do is trust God! Until the walls come down and God gets the Glory and you realize afresh that the battle is not yours but the Lords. (After all, the real battle is not against flesh and blood but against spiritual wickedness Eph 6:12).

IV. THE FAILURE OF AI-- This final Killer of Blessings is so subtle and yet so deadly. Giants and Jordan and Jericho have all fallen before your constant Faith and now you look forward to enjoying the Victorious Life when suddenly you're brought to crushing defeat. Your Prayers and soul searching bring the knowledge of a secret hidden sin. It seemed so small and insignificant at first until you overlooked it but now you've lost the Blessed Fellowship of God and you hear Him say, "neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you" (Jos 7:12). The overwhelming truth that Sin Separates has come home to you and you realize that only as you remove the Sin can the Blessing of Victory be yours again. I wonder how many Christians and Churches today have Defeat and Despondence instead of Blessing and Bounty because they have not dealt with Sin their midst?

"The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whos heart is perfect toward him" (II Chrin 16:9). The Lord WANTS to Bless His people if they will just be "Blessable". What hinders you from enjoying the Blessings of God???

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps 16:11

Praise the Lord for His Blessings during Revival. There was a good moving of the Spirit every night and a number of people recommitted themselves to the Lord and His work. The Special Music was outstanding, we had a number of visitors (Special Thanks to Bethesda FWB Church, Walker's Chapel FWB Church, and New Town FWB Church for their participation), and the Preaching was very very good. I marvel at how the Lord gave each of the messengers the exact message that was needed for that night.

The revival Spirit was still in evidence this past Sunday and, hopefully, we'll continue to go forward for God. If the Church will keep themselves on the Altar and faithfully do their job for God then by the time our 16th Ann Home Coming arrives on Oct. 18th we'll find it a Joy instead of a Job to have 200 in Sunday School. Our Special Speaker for Home Coming, Rev Don Pegram, is a man that God has His hand on and he can really preach and since he's going to drive over 1000 miles round trip to be with us on that day he deserves to have a Church "jam full" to preach to. You Plan to be here and Pray for God to give us a great harvest.

To get things off to a "running start" we're going to have a 3 night Revival just before Home Coming (Oct 15-17) with Rev Fred Kirby as Evangelist. Brother Fred started Jefferson Road Church 10 years ago and I'm looking forward to his return to celebrate 10 years of growth in the Lord and to stir afresh the Vision and Vigor for the Lord the Church had when it began. (Let me give a Special Thanks to everyone who gave so that the Church could give \$378 to help Brother Fred build the new Church in Camden).

If all the details can be worked out, we also hope to have the Ordination Service for Brother Bennie Wadford during the Afternoon Service on Home Coming day. It looks like it's going to be a great day in the Lord and I can hardly wait.

The Youth Fellowship is excited about their upcoming trip to Carowinds on Sat., Sept. 19. We plan to leave around 8:00am and return around 9:00pm. Everyone is asked to bring 2 sandwiches. (We'll eat sandwiches for dinner and a Wendy Burger for supper on the way back.). Remember that Girls will wear dress or Culottes (How do you spell that??) and Boys will wear appropriate clothes (No see thru shirts and no shirts with advertisement for the world when you're supposed to be a witness for Christ.)

Special Thanks to Brother Ervin Conyers for his work on the Church Eaves, to Brother R.L. Conyers and Brother Ernest Skipper for putting 2 new doors on our storage building, and to Brother Jim Braswell for his work in installing a new water cooler for the Church. (Brother Jim is presently recovering from a light heart attack and we want to continue to pray for him. I don't guess he's using that as an excuse to keep from putting a filter on the water cooler!!!)

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# JOURNAL

## "TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

In our Wednesday Night study of the book of Revelation I have noticed that some seem to be having problems grasping the order of events during the Tribulation. I thought it would help if I gave a brief outline of what will probably huring the first 3½ years of the Tribulation. (I am not a Prophet, nor even a scholar, and I learn new things every time I read God's Word so I don't claim that this will have to happen exactly as I've written it but I believe, after much Prayer and study, that this is the basic outline of what will happen.).

After the Rapture of the Church, America is bombed by Russia (destroying, for all practical purposes, all of North America). The European Common Market Countries become one basis unit for Security and Economic survival (Rev 13:1-4). (The center of this community will become Rome- The Catholic Church will be the center of "Christianity" as most Protestant denominations are headquartered in America. They will also take the lead in the Peace effort- Remember the U.N. will be destroyed and Washington can no longer do this- and because of their wealth they will help to stablize the area).

Antichrist will sign a peace treaty with Israel ensuring the stability of the Mid-East. The Jews will rebuild the Temple and it will appear that Peace has finally come to the world. This will be a time of tremendous "natural" catastrophe that men will want to blame on the Atomic destruction of America but will actually be caused by God (Rev 6:12-17).

This will be a time of great Famine (Rev 6:5-8) as the "Breadbasket" of America is lost to the rest of the world. Millions of people will die from hunger, war, disease (again remember that the center of relief effort for disease has always been America), and attack by wild beast (as all food is taken from them so people can survive). (Around 1 Billion will die. The Bible says ¼ of Population which is presently slightly over 4 Billion.).

During this time 2 great Witnesses of Christ will appear in Jerusalem and proclaim Christ as Messiah by Word and Wonder (They will call for droughts, cause water to turn to blood, and devour anyone who seeks to harm them with fire. Rev 11:3-6). By their preaching they will win 144,000 Jews to Christ who will become Sealed Servants to carry the Gospel of The Kingdom to all the world (Rev 7:4, Matt 24:14). These 144,000 Witnesses will win many to Christ from among every nation, kindred, people, and tongue (Rev 7:9-17). These Gentile converts will suffer martyrdom for their Faith with many being tortured (Imagine how cruelly they will be treated by the forces of Communism and Moslems. Read about the unspeakable tortures of Christians in Russia and China when Communists took over and see the hatred of Moslems today). Many will also die of starvation as food and water will be strictly rationed with only those who carry the mark of the Beast being allowed to buy and sell (Rev 13:16-17). There will not be any among these Converts who have had the opportunity to respond to the Gospel before (II Thess 2:8-12). (If you live in America your chances of being saved after the Rapture are slim and none. If the bombs don't get you, hardness of heart will!)

At the end of the first 3½ years of Tribulation the Beast will enter into the rebuilt Temple at Jerusalem and proclaim himself God to be worshipped (Dan 9:27, Rev 13:11-15). This will cause Russia to decide to make its move to conquer the Mid-East and become overall ruler of the world. They will join with Persia (Iran), Ethiopia, and Libya (Ez 38:3-5) and seek to wipe out Israel once and for all (Ez 38:14-16, Dan 11:40-44). When all seems lost, God will intervene in Israel's behalf and Russia will be defeated with only 1/6 of it's army remaining (Ez 39:1-3) and so many dead until it will take 7 months to bury them all (Ez 39:11-13).

(Concluded on back)



This is some of the basic things that will happen during the first half of the Tribulation. Still to come is the "Great Wrath of God" when the Religious and Economic centers of the world will fall (Rev 17, 18), the invasion by the 200 million man Chinese Army (Rev 16:12), and the Return of the King in Glory (Rev 19). This will be followed by the 1000 year reign of Christ and then there will be the White Throne Judgment where sinners will be sent to the Lake of Fire forever. During this time the Children of God will be enjoying the Blessings of God with many more to come!

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

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In order to have at least 200 in Sunday School on Oct. 18 (Homecoming/10th Ann.) we have designated that Sunday as "Pack-a-Pew" Sunday. Each family in the Church is being asked to sign up for at least 1 pew (we figure 8 people per pew) and make an effort to Pack that Pew. Most people can Pack 1 Pew with family members alone and so they need to sign up for several Pews. As an added incentive we will give cassette tapes of sermons by Rev. Bobby Jackson and Rev Don Pegram to the person who brings the most visitors and the second most (Minimum of 10 visitors required. A Visitor is someone who is not a member of our Sunday School). Rev Don Pegram, Director of Evangleism and Church Growth of the National Home Mission Department, will be speaking to the Teens and up during the Sunday School hour- so tell you Visitors to come expecting some rich Bible teaching and preaching.

There will also be many other activities that Sunday. A brief history of the Church will be given, Pictures of past events will be on display, Brother Don Pegram will bring the Morning Message, dinner will be served on the grounds, special music will be presented, and brother Bennie Wadford is scheduled to be ordained to the Gospel Ministry in the Afternoon service. I'll give you a complete program later but you begin Praying now for a great outpouring of God's Blessings.

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# JOURNAL

## ----- "TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST" -----

Many times when God calls someone to do a job that person will begin to make excuses for not doing the job. This is a common problem today. Everyone wants to see something done until it becomes evident that it will mean THEM getting involved! I want to look today at some of the Excuses Moses gave God when God called him and see if they can't answer your excuse.

### THE EXCUSE

### THE ANSWER

#### 1. NO ABILITY Ex 3:11

"Who am I? that I should go unto Pharaoh?" (Preacher, you know that I'd be glad to do that job but I don't have the ability that others have)

#### PROMISE OF HIS PRESENCE Ex 3:12

"Certainly I will be with thee;" (I can do all things through Christ. It is not by Ability but my availability that God desires.)

#### 2. NO MESSAGE Ex 3:13

"What shall I say unto them?" (I'd be glad to teach or to witness but I don't know what to say!)

#### PROCLAMATION OF HIS PERSON Ex 3:14

"Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you." (And I, brethern, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. I Cor 2:1 Christ is the Answer)

#### 3. NO AUTHORITY Ex 4:1

"They will not believe me" (They will believe you if you have been born again and your life has been transformed by the Power of God)

#### PROVING OF HIS POWER Ex 4:2-9

Moses' Rod turned to a serpent, his hand is made Leperous and healed.

#### 4. NO ELOQUENCE Ex 4:10

"I am slow of speech" (Paul said, My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. I Cor 2:4)

#### PLACEMENT OF HIS PRONOUNCEMENTS Ex 4:11

"Who made man's mouth?...I will be with thy mouth" (Jesus said it would be given us what to say. God's not after Fancy Words but He wants Feeling Hearts!)

#### 5. NO INCLINATION Ex 4:13

"Send who you will" (I know I could go, and should go but, frankly, I don't want to go. Let the Preacher or someone else go.)

#### PROVIDING OF A PARTNER Ex 4:14

Aaron will go with you to help (Christ said He would not leave us alone but would send the Holy Spirit to be with us. And I believe He also has someone to help a child of God in time of discouragement and trial and sometimes to "Prod" us when we're lazy!)

WILL YOU FACE GOD WITH EMPTY EXCUSES?? OR WILL YOU DO WHAT HE HAS CALLED YOU TO DO??

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps 16:11



*Write these dates on  
Your Calendar!*



October will be a Busy month but we're also looking for a BLESSED Month.

Thursday Oct. 1 Pastor in Revival at New Town FWB Church  
Fri- Sat Oct 2-3 Ladies Aux Retreat at Look Up Lodge  
Friday Oct 2 First District Quarterly Meeting at Oates FWB Church  
Saturday Oct 3 S.C. Conference Sunday School Convention at Beulah FWB  
Sunday Oct 4 Our Sunday School begins to build toward the giant turn  
out on Oct 18. Messages from the book of Revelation  
Monday Oct 5 Ladies Aux at the Parsonage  
Thursday- Saturday Oct 15-17 REVIVAL at Jefferson Road with Rev Fred  
Kirby. We're looking for a great time of souls being  
saved and hearts being renewed.  
Sunday Oct 18 OVER 200 in Sunday School. 10th Ann/ Homecoming Service  
with Rev Don Pegram. Dinner on the grounds. Ordination  
service for Brother Bennie Wadford.  
Sunday Oct 25 An extra hour to get ready for another big turnout in  
Sunday School.  
Monday- Friday Oct 26-30 Pastor in Revival at SandHill FWB Church

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Our PACK-A-PEW Theme for Home Coming is coming along well. We now have all the pews signed for and 2 extra signed for !! (Being the big hearted fellow I am I will still let you sign up and put out extra shairs to handle the overflow!). Now the work begins to get people signed up for all the pews. Remember that the person with the most Visitors gets a set of 12 tapes by Rev Bobby Jackson and the second highest total gets 7 tapes by REv Don Pegram on "The King is Coming". (Be sure to PRAY, PRAY, PRAY because the main reason we want these people here is to make sure their relationship is right with the Lord.)

We had 42 to go to Carowinds with us and had a real good time except my van drivers kept getting lost!! Next time I'll have to put CB's on everyone.

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# Jefferson Road Free Will Baptist Church Invites You To Attend...



## REVIVAL

Oct. 15 - 17

7:30pm nightly

REV FRED KIRBY, the founder of the Church, will be the guest Speaker. There will be Special Music each night and a Nursery will be provided. Come expecting God to do something in your heart and life.

## 10th ANNIVERSARY/HOMECOMING

You are invited to celebrate with the Church 10 years of God's Blessings on Sunday, Oct. 18.

You can begin by being 1 of 200 in Sunday School at 10am.

REV. DON PEGRAM, Director of Evangelism of the Home Mission Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptist, will be the speaker to the Teens and up during the Sunday School hour and then will be the Keynote speaker during the 11:00am Worship Service.

Old Fashion Dinner on the grounds will be served at 12:30pm.

Items and Pictures about the past history of the Church will be on display.

The 2:00pm Service will include the Ordaining of Brother Bennie Wadford into the Gospel Ministry.

The Church is located between Airport Road and Highway 521.

Pastor Micheal Jones and the entire congregation invite you to these special services. For more information call 469-2445.



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Message- "Remembering" Ps 20:7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses:  
but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

This coming Sunday we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the work of God here at Jefferson Road. We're expecting a tremendous time of Blessing as we look back at what God has done and look forward to what He's going to do. It's a time of Revival, Remembering, and renewal of past fellowships. I thought it would be a good time to look at what the Bible says about Remembering and gain some spiritual truths that will help you in your life.

First of all, it's not wrong to have a time to look back and remember past events that have been a blessing to us because God does the same thing- Mal 3:16-17 Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another and the Lord harkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Just as we have a "Remembrance Book" here at the Church with past events pictured in it, so God keeps records of our talk and thoughts about him. (There is something that the Lord won't remember- He will cast all our sins into the depth of the sea and will remember them no more! Praise the Lord!)

Then there are some things the Church needs to remember- Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. We need to remember that we can't take God's Blessings for granted. God has done great things here at Jefferson Road but if the fire goes out and we become lukewarm God will spue us out of His mouth.

There are also a number of Practical things we need to Remember:

1. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy- Too many Church members do not attend Church regularly on Sunday. Faithfulness is a primary requirement for a Christian to be used of God.
2. Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth- Young people need to get their priorities in order and keep God's will in first place in their lives. Otherwise you'll look back in days to come and remember what you could have done for God and see instead wasted days and opportunities.
3. Remember Lot's Wife- Here was a woman who had escaped the wrath of God and yet she turned back and became an everlasting memorial to the dangers of putting your hand to the plow and looking back. Sad to say, one of the things we remember here at Jefferson Road are the people who were once faithful to God and His work and now are wandering in the world.
4. And, as our text says, Remember that our confidence is in God and not in material things. We're thankful for all the Physical Blessings here at Jefferson Road but the thing we must remember is that God came to save People and not buildings.

We're looking for a good week this week in Revival and HomeComing but the thing we're looking for most of all is to hear lost sinners cry to Jesus, "Remember me when thou comest to thy Kingdom" instead of hearing God say to them in days to come, "Remember that thou in thy life time received good things but now thou art tormented".

Don't forget to Remember to be here for all the Services this week!!

We WELCOME into the Fellowship of the Church EDWARD L. POPE JR.. Eddie was saved several weeks ago and followed the Lord in Baptism Sunday Nite. (If my memory serves me right that's either 17 or 18 new members this year. Let's continue to reach out with the Gospel.)

We have almost finished our study in the Book of Revelation. (I hope to finish up on Oct. 25 when I plan to preach 2 messages on "The Future". This will, hopefully, show you what it's going to be like after the Judgment and we begin our stay with God.). If you would like a copy of the notes I have given out in this study then get me your name and address and I'll be glad to send them to you.

Remember that because of Revival we will not have Prayer Meeting this Wednesday Night but we're expecting a LARGE crowd every night in the Revival. It will be Thursday thru Saturday night at 7:30pm each night with Rev. Fred Kirby as the Evangelist.

Here is a Basic outline of the Order of Service for Home Coming Sunday:

10:00am Sunday School

Opening Song and Prayer

Presentation of Sermon tapes by Rev Bobby Jackson and Rev Don Pegram to the people who brought the most Visitors to our Pack-A-Pew Promotion.

(Remember a Visitor is someone who is not presently a member of our Sunday School. A Visitor can only count for the first person to invite him.)

Bible Study Time- Teens and up will remain in the Auditorium for Bible Study with Rev. Don Pegram.

11:00am Morning Evangelistic Service

Hymn, Prayer, Sunday School Report

Hymn, Offering, A Brief look at our first 10 years

Special Music by the Gray Family

Home Coming Message Rev Don Pegram

Invitation to trust Christ as Saviour and Lord

12:30pm Dinner on the Grounds Fresh Air, Food, and Fellowship

(Remember Ladies that the Church will supply 2 turkeys and a ham. The tables will be set up outside before Sunday School and Designated Ladies will arrange things at the beginning of the Worship Service)

1:45pm We reconvene for a time of Special Music with the Gray Family

2:00pm (Approximately) Ordination Service for Brother Bennie Wadford

Hymn

Ordination Message Rev Don Pegram

The Questions

The Ordination Prayer

The Charge Rev Fred Kirby

The Presentation of the Bible Rev Mircheal Jones



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### "TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

Pastor's Message: "The Aim of Christ's Atoning Work"

Col 1:21-23 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister.

Paul has been telling the Colossians about the Preeminence of Christ and about the fact that we can now be reconciled to God thru the shed blood of Christ. Now he lists 4 factors about this atoning work (Atonement= At-one-ment: God and man able to fellowship again because the sin question has been dealt with.)

1. WHAT WE WERE- "You were sometime alienated (apart from) and enemies (at war with) in your mind by wicked works". God hated sin and we loved sin. The problem was not just what we did (our sins) but the fact that the source of this sin was deep within us (We were sinners at heart). Notice that the problem was "in the mind". That was why Christ tried to show the Pharisees that Adultery, murder, and covetousness could take place without anyone else knowing it because it was done in the mind! (Matt 5:27-28, 15:16-20). That's why men need to realize that we are going to be judged by a God who knows every thought we think and who won't be fooled by the act we put on for the world.

2. WHAT HE DID (And how He did it)- "Now he hath reconciled (us to God) in the body of his flesh through death," The wages of sin are death (Rom 6:23) and Christ paid that price for us when he died on the Cross. Now we can come to God with the debts paid and have true fellowship. What a marvelous thing that God would love me so much until Christ would die in my place!

3. WHY HE DID IT- "To present you holy and unblameable and unreprouable in his sight;" God is a Holy God and His people must be Holy People (I Pet 1:16). We could not be Holy on our own because all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags (Is 64:6) to God so Christ shed His cleansing blood for us. Because of Christ I can stand before God without blame or reproof- Praise His Name!!

4. WHAT'S REQUIRED OF US- "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel," Faithfulness to Faith in Christ. We were saved by Faith (Ep 2:8-9) and we live by Faith (Gal 3:11). Don't fall into the trap of thinking you can live good enough for God since you're saved. You get grounded and settled and stablished in Faith in Christ and whatever you do don't you make shipwreck of FAith (I Tim 1:19). By the way, don't you dare think I'm saying by this that you can live like you please. Faith in Christ means living like God Pleases.

This is the very heart of our message here at Jefferson Road. God loves us and has provided a way for us to have fellowship with Him thru the shed blood of Christ. Our responsibility is to continue to look to God in Faith trusting Him for Pardon, Power, and Provision.

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

PRaise THE LORD!! For His blessings during Homecoming. WE had the largest attendance in the history of the Church- 211 in Sunday School and nearly 250 for the Worship Service and the Fellowship Dinner. We enjoyed good Special Music by the Gray Family of Kingstree and some outstanding Preaching by Brother Don Pegram. And most important of all, we had a number of Decisions for Salvation and Rededication. Special thanks to everyone for their hard work in making this the biggest day we've had so far- now we're looking toward that 250 mark in Sunday School.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Herbert Robinson for winning first prize in our Pack-A-Pew promotion with 30 visitors and to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilkie for taking second place with 19. Almost everyone put forth a lot of effort to get people here and we can see the results when we really try.

#### SEVERAL DATES IN NOVEMBER TO REMEMBER:

- Nov 3- Ladies Aux at the Church (There seems to be a new interest in the Ladies Aux. They have a well put together display in the Church and, hopefully, all the Ladies in the Church will become a part of it.)
- Nov 7- Teachers Meet at the Western Sizzlen Steak House 5:00pm  
(All Teachers- Sunday Morning and Wednesday Night- are asked to come. Their wives are invited also. We will have a meeting to discuss helps and new ideas and then have a meal)
- Nov. 9-13- Pastor in Revival at Camp Branch Free Will Baptist Church.
- Nov 15- 7:00pm Singseparation Service with Special Music by the Church Choir and the Special Groups from the Church.  
Cideon Presentation by mr Don Barber
- Nov 25- Special Praise Service as we render Thanksgiving to God for His Blessings to us.

Special Thanks to Levia Dowless and Eddie Pope for painting their Sunday School Class Room. Now if the rest of the rooms could just get Painted!!

Men, if you were to die tomorrow, the company you work for could replace you in a week; but your wife and family would feel the loss for the rest of their lives. Yet, many of us pour ourselves into our jobs instead of our families... an unwise investment. Copied

The husband returned home one night to find the whole house in a mess and no dinner ready. Astounded, he asked: "What on earth happened?" "Well," his wife answered, "you've always wondered what I do all day. Now you know. Today I didn't do it!"

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"Remedy for a Prune FACE"- Under this caption in the Detroit Free Press appeared this new prescription for retaining beauty. IT concluded with the following, "Ladies, do you want to stay young? Then join a church choir. Women who sing stay younger looking. A singer's cheek muscles are so well developed by exercise that her face will not wrinkle nearly so soon as a non-singer."

This is the article we have been waiting for. Now, women...and men...if you don't want to look like a prune, JOIN THE CHOIR. (From Pulpit Helps)

**CHOIR CONCERT-** Sunday, Nov. 15 7:00pm

The Choir will be giving a mini-concert at the beginning of the Sunday Evening Worship Service this Sunday. (With all their beautiful faces!!). Then some of the Special groups in the Church will sing before we have a special Gideon presentation by Mr. Don Barber. We're expecting a great time.

**TEACHER TRAINING COURSE**

Mon. - Wed. Nov. 16-18

**Monday- "The Teacher"**

7:00pm- 7:40pm Teaching: It's Importance and it's People

7:50pm- 8:30pm Motivation and Methods

**Tuesday- "The Tools"**

7:00pm- 7:40pm Aids to Teaching

7:50pm- 8:30pm How to Get Student Involvement

**Wednesday- "The Task"**

7:00pm- 7:40pm Preparing a lesson/ Sample lessons

7:50pm- 8:30pm How to Win Students to Christ

These lessons are the result of 2 years of teaching Christian Education at the Northeast Mississippi Bible Institute and have been given at a number of Churches in years past. (I was just looking at a note from a Teacher who won 5 of her students to the Lord in the 4 monthsh after she took the course). The lessons are designed to encourage and help the Teacher but they will also be of help to every person who is interested in a greater knowledge of the Bible. We also welcome anyone from other Churches to attend.

**PASTOR RESIGNS-** Pastor Mike Jones resigned the Pastorage of the Church following the Wednesday Night, Nov.4, Service. He gave a 60 day notice and urged everyone to make the next 2 months the best in the history of the Church.

The Church elected a Pulpit Committee consisting of Danny Dowless (Chairman), Herbert Robinson, and Rev. J.N. Young following the Sunday night, Nov 8, Service. Pray for these men as they seek God's leadership in selecting a new pastor. (Also remember to pray for Pastor Jones as he seeks God's leadership in his life and ministry.)

"Where do Church Members Come From?" Win Arn, a new evangelical church group expert, states the following in Christianity Today for March 27, 1981:

Over the course of numerous church-growth seminars we have conducted across the country, we have asked more than 10,000 people how they came to faith in Christ and membership in their churches. Our findings relate directly to mass evangelistic methods. We found that usually 3 to 5 percent say they simply walked in and stayed; another 3 to 4 percent list the program as the reason they are now in their churches; the pastor accounts for 4 to 6 percent; special needs are listed by 2 to 4 percent; visitation accounts for 1 to 2 percent; the Sunday School brings in 3 to 6 percent; crusades account for .01 percent; friends and relatives are listed by 75 to 90 percent of the lay people as the reason they are now in Christ and the Church. (If this is true, the greatest potential for soulwinning in our churches is in the influence over family and friends by those sitting in the pews.)

"How's your Christian Example?" A study once disclosed that if both Mom and Dad attend church regularly, 72% of their children remain faithful. It also showed that:

...if only Dad attends regularly, 55% remain faithful.

...if only Mom attends regularly, 15% remain faithful.

...if neither attend regularly, only 6% remain faithful.

The statistics speak for themselves. The example of parents and adults is more important than all the efforts of Church and Sunday School! If we believe that religion is important for our children, then we must demonstrate that it is important to us as well. FAMILY WORSHIP each Sunday is the most important experience in the growth of any child. (Warren Mueller) (From the Sophia FWB Church Bulletin)

These two articles should show us the importance of Faithful Church attendance and witnessing for the Lord. All the Programs and Promotions in the world will not accomplish what genuine Love and Concern for others will.

"The Parable of the Hunter and the Bear"

As the hunter raised his rifle, the bear called out, "Can't we talk this over like two sober human beings?"

The hunter lowered his gun. "What's to talk about?" he asked.

"Well, for instance," said the bear, coming closer, "what do you want me for?"

"Simple!" grunted the hunter, "I want a fur coat."

"All I want is breakfast," sampled the bear, "I am sure we can get together on this."

So they sat down to work out an agreement. After a while the bear got up all alone. They had reached a compromise. The bear had eaten his breakfast; the hunter was in a fur coat!

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