

## I'M SO WEARY OF LIVING HERE BELOW

Have you ever been so tired of the sin in the world that you just wanted to leave this world for Heaven? I think many godly saints have felt that way a few times. However, the darker and more sinful this world becomes makes it more necessary for us to be busy in the Lord's work.

God has not given up so neither can we. I pray we will see each person as the soul that they are not the sins they commit. We should remember clearly, "but for the Grace of God, there goes I." We should feel like Paul, "Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me." (1 Corinthians 15:8-10 ESV).

God will use us to accomplish His great work. He provides the increase when we plant and water. It should break our hearts to see the sinner headed for judgment day. It should motivate us to action.

Lord, God, I am so weary of what seems to be insurmountable wickedness in our world. But I know that the powerful word is able to accomplish what you send it to do. Give me the courage, strength, and desire to take your message to those who are lost in sin. Grant me the days and hours of strength to do what you have clearly bidden me to do. Lord, please send me fellows who have the same desire to win souls for Jesus. It is in His precious name that I beg these petitions. (Joseph D. Chase, North Loop Church of Christ, Gladewater, TX., via BulletinGold Extra 9/07/2020)

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*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."(Matthew 5:16)*



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##### Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

12:30 P.M. last Sunday of month

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Sunday Morning

10:15 A.M.

Wednesday Evening

7:00 P.M.

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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

## "GOSPEL MEETING TIME"

*Edward L Anderson*

Before the next issue of *Smith County Light* our gospel meeting will have begun and be nearing the end. Lord willing, Gary Hampton will have faithfully preached the gospel of Christ, which is God's power to save sinners (Rom. 1:16). The gospel is always relevant because sin is still very prevalent. It had the power to cleanse the corrupt Corinthians (1 Cor. 15:1-4), and it still has that same power presently when preached, believed, and practiced!

Solomon penned a line well remembered: "To everything there is a season..." (Eccl. 3:1) Paul admonished Timothy to "preach the word...in season, out of season" (2 Tim. 4:2). The good news is never out of date nor out of place. In the first century it was preached to "every creature" (Mark 16:15; Col. 1:23). It was preached in villages, on desert roads, in the temples of Jews and Gentiles, and even the house of Caesar!

Gospel meetings are a time for **REAPING**. It is "harvest time" for "the fields...are white already to harvest" (John 4:34-35). The Lord's charge to preach the gospel to all the world is still in effect because the end has not yet come (Mat. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16). Following Jesus and walking in His footsteps involves seeking and saving the lost (Luke 19:10). Evangelistic meetings provide a great opportunity for the lost to learn what to do to be saved. Let's invite them!

Gospel meetings are a time for **RESTORATION**. It is sad that some have "fallen from grace" (Gal. 5:4); "departed from the faith" (1 Tim. 4:1); and, consequently, "from the living God" (Heb. 3:12). These will not be allowed to "enter into his rest" (Heb. 3:18-19). All such need to be lovingly restored (Gal. 6:1-2), that their souls might be saved (James 5:19-20). Encourage the erring ones to turn from their wandering and prodigal ways back to the Father's house (Luke 15:11-32; 1 Tim. 3:15)

Gospel meetings are a time of **REVIVAL**. Through and by the preaching of the word our eyes are enlightened, and we are given a measure of revival (See Ezra 9:8). David wrote, "Revive me according to your word" (Psa. 119:25). Perhaps Habakkuk's prayer will motivate us: "O Lord, I have heard your speech and was afraid; O Lord, **revive your work** in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years **make it known; in wrath remember mercy**" (Hab. 3:1-2).

Gospel meetings are a time of **REFRESHING**. It is refreshing when souls are saved (See Acts 3:19.). It is refreshing when the erring return. Remember the prodigal! Fellowship with brothers and sisters is likewise refreshing. Paul mentioned it often (Philemon 20; Rom. 15:32; 1 Cor. 16:18; 2 Cor. 7:13; 2 Tim. 1:16).

## FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

VISITORS! A warm welcome is extended to you. We are delighted you came our way. If you are traveling, may your travels be safe and may God cause His face to shine upon you (Num. 6:24-26). If you recently moved to this area, we hope you will be with us regularly. "Come now and let us reason together" (Isa. 1:18).

Attendance held steady this past Sunday except for the PM service. We were way down – 57! All who are able-bodied should put forth every effort to be present for all services. God would be glorified, others would be encouraged, and you would be edified! In addition, personal periods of study, prayer, and reflection throughout the week will add to your spiritual health. If you are not already doing so, become a daily Bible reader (Acts 17:11).

Our Gospel Meeting is almost here! Please read carefully and prayerfully the article elsewhere in this bulletin. Gary Hampton, his wife Teresa, and perhaps her mother, will be with us, Lord willing. Gary is the preacher for the Siwell Road church in Jackson, MS. He is a studious, capable, and faithful proclaimer of the gospel. **September 18-21** is the date. Mark your calendar and plan to attend every service. Begin now to invite your friends. Pray for the success of the meeting and for brother Hampton in his preparation, his health, and his travel to be with us.

I failed to mention the fact of Jeremy Hassler's earlier resignation as a deacon due to becoming the preacher for the Brush Creek congregation. We are thankful for his service as a deacon and appreciate his work in the Bible school program and other areas as well. He, Kristi, Makenna, Ainsley, and John Dallas will be with us for our Sunday PM and Wednesday night services. We miss them but wish them well in their new work at Brush Creek.

The Wednesday night Summer Series, which began June 15, is winding down with two sessions remaining. We are grateful to all the brethren who volunteered to teach a lesson: Andy Rutherford; Steve Bray; Jeremy Hassler; Barry Cohoon; Dusty Whitaker; Eric Swann; Justin Mauldin; Michael Hackett; Josh Brown; Chris Hicks; and Seth Hackett. Thanks to each one for their preparation and delivery of lessons on a variety of important topics.

A big "THANK YOU" is due to all who assisted with the purchasing and packing of items for the MAGI boxes (about 70), for children in Honduras. The boxes were delivered to Maple Hill on Tuesday.

I trust everyone had a nice break for the holiday and I trust you will have a good rest of the week! I hope to see you Sunday morning a little before 9:00!

*Edward L. Anderson*

## NEWS & NOTES:

**BAPTISM:** We rejoice in the baptism of John Christopher Klamm by his father, Chris, on Sunday Aug. 28. We pray for him many years of faithful service in the kingdom.

**SICK:** Josh Dillard has been in Vanderbilt due to lung/breathing complications. Steve Harper is able to be back with us. Bobby King, Lola's husband is now at home after a hospital stay. Lola had a chemo treatment last Friday. Keep both in your prayers. Faye Maberry was unable to be with us Sunday. Barbara Anderson had stitches removed Tuesday. Dwayne Oldham has requested prayers on behalf of his granddaughter, Annika, who is very ill. Janice Hicks suffered a fall recently with injuries to her head. Ciera Haffner is still not feeling well. David Goolsby of Cookeville, Patty Piper's cousin, is very ill. Brittany Hackett is back with us after COVID. Continue to remember Sharon Halliburton, Tony Hackett's sister, needs our prayers. Sally Russell, Carolyn Harris, Helen Davis, and Frances Stewart are all back with us. Bob Fisher, Ruby's son, has completed his treatments for cancer. Good to have Gordon and Barbara Jenkins back with us. Prayers are requested for Michael and Janice Hicks and grandson, Cody Setzer. Remember Jerry and Mary Phillips in prayer. Prayers are requested for Colton Ferrell; Josh Dillard; Derek Bush; Denise Griffin, Jean White; Mark Goad (Bagdad) is to begin radiation; Janice Wilson (stroke); Ted Gaw; Mike Shoulders; Brenda Brawner; Dwight Fuqua; Drew Gallagher; Joy Conner; Barry and Teresa Harville; Scott Bane; Jerry Driver; Brenda Aikens; Janet Rose; Ruby Anderson; Joe Armistead; Wayne Hall; Brenda Forrest; Bea Davis.

**NURSING HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING/ SHUT-INS:** Wilma Richardson; Mary Lou Smith; Ricky Branham (SCHR); Lonetta Bains, Robbie North, Barbara Billington (Pavilion); Mary Searle, Knoxville nursing home; Pat Paysinger (Shut-in).

**IN THE MILITARY:** Korrey King – USMC (Grandson of Bobby & Lola King); Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (Army); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) and Landon Carter (Coast Guard); PFC Samuel Burton (USMC), Darlene Fariss's grandson; Benjamin Gentry (USMC).

**SHE'S HERE!** Congratulations to Allen and Alexis White as Elizabeth Ann, made her grand entry Tuesday, August 30! She weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in. long.

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me...'" (Matt. 19:14).

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is expressed to the following families: Lucas Wakefield, son of Randy and Mary Leslie, who passed away August 28; Hoyd Edward Bowman, brother to Richard; Edna Meadows, wife of E.C. (Comer); Shirley Blankenship, who passed on August 28.

**EVENTS CALENDAR:** *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November (as permitted by covid regulations), 2:00 PM; *Fifth Sunday Pavilion Devotional:* 10/30/2022, 2:00 PM; *4th Sunday Schedule- 8/28/2022:* Fellowship meal, following the morning services, followed by the second service at 12:30 PM.; *Run4Don:* September 17 (Register ASAP); *Gospel Meeting:* Gary Hampton preaching, September 18-21; *Bible Bowl:* October 8 at TTU.

**AREA EVENTS:** *Girls' Day:* East Main church of Christ, September 10, with Travena Rogan, 8:30 Registration; Lunch will be served; Youth Event: Gordonsville church of Christ, Sept. 10-11, with Will Harrub, Cody Michael, John Griffin; Smith County Youth Night will be at 5:00 PM Sunday; *Gospel Meetings:* Flat Rock church of Christ, Sept. 11-14, with Tyler Alverson preaching, 7:30 PM; Watertown church of Christ, Sept. 11-14, with Josh Pierce preaching, 7:00 PM; Red Boiling Springs church of Christ, Sept. 11-14 with Jerry Cherry, Drew Stafford, and Ben Smith preaching, 7:00 PM; Philadelphia church of Christ (Lebanon), September 25-28, with Edward L Anderson preaching, 7:00 PM.

**COMMUNION PICKUP:** Anyone wishing to volunteer to pick up used communion cups for a month in 2023, please contact Elaine.

*You Are Invited to Attend a Series of*

## **GOSPEL MEETINGS**

with

**Gary Hampton**  
(Preacher at Siwell Road in Jackson, MS)

**September 18-21, 2022**

**Sunday Services: 9:00 and 10:15 AM; 6:00 PM**  
**Monday – Wednesday: 7:00 PM**

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