

GOSPEL – It's the Power of God!

The Bible is an amazingly tremendous and powerful book. It can penetrate any heart and draw that person to Jesus.

Consider T.B. Larimore of Mars Hill School. On one occasion he preached in a country congregation on Sunday not knowing that an escaped prisoner was hiding under the pulpit. Larimore preached powerfully that day telling of God's grace, forgiveness, salvation, and heaven.

When the Gospel invitation was extended, to everyone's surprise, the prisoner crawled from his hiding and was baptized into Jesus. That illustrates the power of the gospel. Romans 1:16, *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."*

The gospel gives me roots for stability and wings to fly high. The world is certainly bad enough with the gospel, but imagine what it would be without it. (Copied, author not known)

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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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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

12:30 P.M. (Last Sunday of Month)

Bible Study

Sunday Morning

10:15 A.M.

Wednesday Evening

7:00 P.M.

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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

"GO AHEAD AND FOLLOW ME"

Edward L Anderson

We stopped at a restaurant recently for the evening meal. Two nice hostesses greeted us. One checked the seating chart while the other collected silverware and menus. The latter one was to take us to our table. She politely said, "Go ahead, and follow me" as she began walking. The other hostess was still smiling when I discreetly said to her, "Now that would be difficult!" "It would be, wouldn't it", she replied.

Jesus imploringly invites us to come to Him and to follow Him (Matt. 11:28-30; 16:24). Matthew records Jesus' invitation to fishermen Peter and Andrew: **"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men"** (4:19). A similar invitation resulted in James and John, who were also fishermen, following Him (4:22). Matthew, the tax collector, became a follower, when Jesus said, **"Follow me"** (Matt. 9:9).

Not all followed Jesus so willingly. An inquiring "rich young ruler" walked away when Jesus told him, "If you would be perfect, go and sell what you have, and give it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven: and come and **follow me**" (Matt. 19:21). He went away sorrowful because he had great possessions (v. 22). He loved earthly gold more than eternal glory.

When it comes to following Jesus, you should, by all means, do it! However, we must remember following Him means we do not run ahead of Him. He **leads** and we **follow!** Far too many want to "go ahead" of the Lord. A solemn warning is sounded at the very end of inspiration regarding adding to or taking from what is revealed (Rev. 22:18-19). There is a heavy price exacted for so doing. Those who "add" will suffer the "plagues" revealed in the book. Those "taking away" will have taken away their "part out of the book of life, the holy city, and the things written in the book"! It is never wise "to think above that which is written" (See 1 Cor. 4:6). Because God's word is truth (John 17:17), it requires neither additions nor subtractions.

It is dangerous to get ahead of Christ, but it is also hazardous to "follow Him afar off". Remember Peter (Matt. 26:58)?! Either can result in our being lost. Stay close to the Shepherd (John 10:11; Psalm 23). Sheep who stray are easy prey for the "lion" and his "wolves" (1 Peter 5:8; Matt. 7:15-16).

If you are sin-sick and tired of the accompanying misery, go ahead and follow Jesus. He will lift you up and set you in heavenly places beginning with His kingdom, the church (Acts 2:47). Ultimately you will live eternally in that sweet home of the soul on which His faithful followers have long placed their affection upon hearing, believing, and obeying the gospel (Col. 3:1-2).

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

Everyone Is Invited to Hear the Word of
Life in a Series of:

GOSPEL MEETINGS

With Evangelist:

Clarence Deloach
(Baxter, TN)

April 11-14, 2021

Sunday A.M.: 9:00 and 10:15

Sunday P.M.: 1:00

Monday-Wednesday: 7:00 P.M.

Please bring your Bible and Study with us the
Unsearchable Riches of Christ presented in His
Glorious Gospel.

(Clarence Deloach has been preaching the word for more
than seventy years. He has preached for churches in
Middle Tennessee in Cookeville, Lebanon, and Dickson.
Clarence has preached in hundreds of evangelistic efforts
and spoken on numerous lectureships,)

Jesus' message of salvation is desperately needed in a very
sin-sick world (Romans 1:16).

All services will be at 711 North Main Street, Carthage,
Tennessee. For more information call (615) 735-0114.

NEWS & NOTES:

WELCOME VISITORS: A warm welcome is extended to all our
visitors. We are honored to have you and your family. Come again!

THANKS, DUANE: Our gratitude to Duane Gossett for an
informative study of Bible lands, times, and events! Blessed
indeed!

SICK: Lola King began chemo treatments last Friday. Patricia
Brooks began radiation last Wednesday. Janice Hicks begins
chemo this Friday. Sally Russell is suffering with a hernia. Hattie
Branham has been suffering with back issues. Josiah and A. J.
Hackett have had viral infections. Dayne and Taylor Swann and
John Dallas Hassler are doing well after being ill. Carolyn Harris is
awaiting eye surgery. W. A. Gibbs continues dialysis. Barbara
Jenkins was with us Sunday. Peggy Denton continues to improve.
Remember Joe Hensley in prayer. Gary White, Allen's grandfather,
is feeling better. Faye Maberry continues to do well. R. W.
Vincent's brother, Darrell Vincent, is now at his home. Dennis
Hackett's aunt, Joyce Kilgore, is improving. Joyce Burford, Carol
Woodard's sister-in-law, is now at home. (Please call 615-735-0114
with updates and news items.).

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED/LIVING/SHUT-INS: Lovell Chaffin;
Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; Mary Lou Smith; Frances
Glosser; Ricky Branham (SCH&R); Loneta Bains (Pavilion); Hattie
Branham and Pat Paysinger (Shut-ins).

SYMPATHY: Sympathy is expressed to the following families:
Myron Paul Tittsworth, of McMinnville, cousin of Carol Woodard;
June Futrell of Nashville, former member here. A memorial is
scheduled for April 24, 2:00 PM at the Woodmont Hills building.

NEW BABY: Congratulations to Ryan and Cierra Haffner on the birth of
their daughter, Madeline Rose, Thursday, March 18. Maddie weighed 6
lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 inches long. Congratulations also to great-
grandparents Kenneth and Debbie Kidd.

APRIL BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Peggy Faustina (3);
Kieran Jax Maberry (4); Faye Maberry, Jonah Mauldin (8); Darlene
Hackett, Hale Wright (12); Alexis Dillard (17) Josh Brown (20);
Janice Anderson (23); Bridget Austin, (24); Sandy Harris (25); John
Dallas Hassler (26), Tammy Harper (28). Brian & Misty Smith
(4/10/2010); Barry & Linda Cook 4/22/1996); Steve & Kim Bray
(4/23/2009).

THANK YOU: Notes of thanks received/read from Barbara
Jenkins and Heritage Christian University.

PRAYER LIST: Ron Gibson; Steven Linville; Pete Williams;
Donald Eskew; David Tucker; Mark Scudder; Zander Dixon; Andy
Futtrell; Patricia Nye; Buddy Hyatt; J.B. Dailey; Dustin Justice
(lymphoma); Faye Massey; Joe Hensley; Barbara Dixon; Conner
Hackett; Gary White; A. J. Purkey; Tammy Crockett; Josh Dillard;
Lavern Hardee; Alan Fitts; Dan Winkler; Steve Higginbotham;
Wayne Lankford; Sandy Waggoner; Nancy Hicks Bane; Michael
Parsons; Wendy Williams; Ruby Anderson; Roslyn Fox Stout;
Wanda Hailey; Denise Griffin; James Hix; Rylee Winfree; Rebecca
Huffines Thompson; Tommy & Linda Ashburn; Jerry Hutchins;
Danny Claire; Bill Ross; Scott Bane; Emily Moss and children;
Lucas Wakefield; Linda Dennis; Gary Anderson; Bob & Donnieta
White; John Conditt; Duane Hesson; Billy Woodard; Tammy Bush;
Jerry Glenn; Bentley Cowan; David Lipe; Louie Gray West; Taylor
& Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn; Emily Allen; Will Gregory;
Rick Blankenship; Ken Miller; Tom Brown; Alicia Haynes; Joey
Black; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Pattie Birdwell; Mary Ellen
Lawrence; Donna Kemp; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Sawyer Cole;
Richard Rhoten; Earl Carter; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich; Jimmy
and Carolyn Rigsby.

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

EVENTS CALENDAR: *Smith County Health Care/Rehab
Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August,
November (To be resumed when permitted); *Fifth Sunday Pavilion
Devotional* (To be resumed when permitted); *Fish Fry*, April 10;
Gospel Meeting: Clarence Deloach, of Cookeville, April 11-14;
Vacation Bible School: June 7-11; *Jackson/Smith County Youth
Camp:* July 18-23.

AREA EVENTS: *Ladies Days:* East Main (Murfreesboro), April
10, with Lori Boyd; McCoinsville (Jackson Co.), May 9, with
Shanna Anderson (Amanda Scoggins and Vanessa Netherton -girls'
classes). *Young Men's Seminar:* East Main, April 17, 8:45 –
Noon; Josh Pierce, keynote speaker.

VISITATION/GREETING PROGRAM: If willing to greet newcomers
to the community, please let Josh Brown know. It involves a simple
greeting and delivery of a "Welcome Packet".

TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME: Please bring **liquid laundry
detergent, toilet paper, and paper towels**. Truck will be here April 15
(Thursday). Place the items in the annex. Optional \$20.00 for perishable
items. Thanks for your generosity!