



Leon Baker
(Cousin of Randy Baker)
Betty Barclay
Jacob Boyd
(Sammy McLemore's g'son)
Jay Gibson
Linda Gibson
Betty Griffin
Wayne Griffin
Snow Howard

John Howard
Debbie Looney
Robert Mills
Jay Moreland
Beverly Morris
(Jay Gibson's daughter)
David Paden
Tony Rogers
(Joyce's brother-in-law)
Donald Spry
Estelle Terry
Joe Tucker

PANTRY ITEMS – MARCH

*Box of Crackers • Pork n Beans
Cereal • Pop Tarts*

SERMONS/LESSONS SCHEDULE:

March 3, AM – A Study Of Ephesians
4:4-6 – The Ones

March 3, PM – “You Have Heard That It
Hath Been Said” (Part 2)

GOSPEL MEETING @ Bethel

Everyone welcome for the March 31–April 3 meeting with **Victor Eskew** at the Bethel congregation (26772 Capshaw Road in Athens, AL). Theme is “Seeking Direction For Eternal Life.”

**Bible Questions #26
For Family Study**

- Whom did Christ call “that fox”?
- Christ sent who to restore Saul’s sight?
- Did Elisha receive gifts from Naaman?
- Unto whom is the gospel the power to save?
- Who is the author of the gospel?
- Where was Elijah last seen?
- To what five classes _____
- _____ did Christ say He _____
- _____ came to minister?
- _____ (Luke 4)
- _____
- How many flocks does Jesus have?
- Who said, “We ought to obey God rather than man”?
- _____
- Who compared the old law to a schoolmaster?
- Who hid a hundred prophets in a cave and fed them by bread and water?
- What is known as the “faith” chapter?
- What is known as the “resurrection” chapter?
- Who is “the way, the truth, and the life”?
- What is known as the “love” chapter?
- What Old Testament character was noted for his dreams and interpretation of dreams of others?

ANSWERS To #25: 1. David; 2. 40 years; 3. Sin; 4. Brother and sister; 5. 276; 6. 200; 7. God; 8. Moab; 9. 50; 10. Fire; 11. God; 12. Mammon; 13. Simon, a tanner; 14. “Woman, behold thy son”; 15. Word of God; 16. Jesse; 17. Gath; 18. Levi; 19. 110 years old; 20. 71 sons.

LEADERSHIP *March - 2024*

TO SERVE	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Announcements	Randy Baker (for the month of March)				
Song Leader	Newell Graham	Richard McLemore	Newell Graham	Richard McLemore	Nwewell Graham
Reading (AM)	Randy Baker (for the month of March)				
Reading (PM)	Gavin Trousdale (for the month of March)				
Open Prayer (AM)	Randy Baker	Newell Graham	Richard McLemore	Paul Sain	Jackie Looney
Close Prayer (AM)	Jackie Looney	Pat Holland	David McLemore	Pat Holland	David McLemore
Lord’s Supper	Richard McLemore (for the month of March)				
Open Prayer (PM)	David Romine	Bryce Romine	Gavin Trousdale	Randy Cain	Gavin Trousdale
Close Prayer (PM)	Randy Cain	Jay Gibson	Paul Sain	Donald Spry	Jay Gibson
Wed. Open Prayer (6 th)	Paul Sain	(13 th) Randy Baker	(20 th) Newell Graham	(27 th) Richard McLemore	
Wed. Close Prayer (6 th)	David Romine	(13 th) Bryce Romine	(20 th) Donald Spry	(27 th) Randy Cain	

Attendance: Barry Bedingfield / Jackie Looney •• **Sign:** Randy Baker •• **Close & Lock:** Randy Baker & Barry Bedingfield
Bulletin Board: Jessica & Katie McLemore •• **Communion:** Randy & Marlene Baker •• **Wed Night Singing:** Randy Baker
Door Greeter & Welcome: Wayne Griffin / Randy Cain •• **Sound Room:** Barry Bedingfield / Clay Tucker

March 3, 2024



*The Cedar Grove Church ~ A place where
Jehovah is exalted,
Jesus Christ is Savior,
the Bible is respected,
Christians love one another
and heaven is our final goal.*

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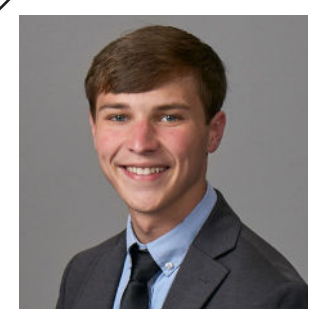
Newsletter

Building The Future April 13th
2024 Cedar Grove Lecture Day **Of The Lord’s Church**

For Our **Fourth Annual Lecture Day**, We Are Thrilled To Give Emphasis To Many Talented, Faithful Servants In The Church Today – Those Young In Age But Devoted Workers To Our Lord.

**Mark Your Calendars - April 13th
Plan To Be A Part Of This Wonderful Day.**

Over the next several weeks we will highlight one (or more) per week of those who will (Lord willing) speak, lead singing, read Scripture and lead us in prayer during our Lecture Day at the church at Cedar Grove.



Brandon Blackwell

Brandon Blackwell, from the Thyatira congregation in Senatoba, Mississippi, will be speaking on “**Reaching Our Soul’s Potential**” from the text of 1 Timothy 1:12-17. He will challenge us to rise to the best we can do in serving our Heavenly Father.

Brandon was born in Statesville, NC and grew up in Charleston, SC. He is a third generation gospel preacher, an outstanding 23 year old young man who has served faithfully His Lord in various ways. His parents are Don and Sherri Blackwell (Cookeville, TN). Brandon is a 2022 graduate of Memphis School Of Preaching and presently serves as the pulpit preacher for the Thyatira congregation in Mississippi.

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Plan To Be A Part Of This Wonderful Day.**

Spread the news about this **SPECIAL DAY** - April 13th - at the church at Cedar Grove (Rogersville, AL). There will be **FIFTEEN YOUNG MEN** who will direct the entire sessions for our **4th Annual Lecture Day**. We are **SO VERY EXCITED** to have talented, spiritual, faithful young men direct the activities of the day. Our special emphasis is “*Building The Lord’s Church For the Future.*”

Visit our Web Site: www.cedargrovechurchofchrist.org (Sermons, Materials, Updates)	Schedule Of Services Sunday Bible Study 9:00 AM Sunday AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday PM Worship..... 5:00 PM (Every 3 rd Sun – 1:00 PM Service) Wed Bible Study..... 6:00 PM	Elders Randy Baker – (256) 247-9784 Newell Graham – (256) 247-2421 Richard McLemore – (256) 627-8858 Paul Sain – (931) 580-8868
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There Is No Denying!

CHANGES / DEPARTURES ARE OCCURRING

It is a fact that many who have been faithful followers of Christ in the past **have departed** from the simple and powerful gospel of Jesus Christ. Either they no longer believe the Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God and thus reject it, or they are choosing to reject certain precepts and facts. There is **NO DENYING** that many do not hold to "sound doctrine" any longer (2 Tim. 4:3; Titus 1:9; 2:1). They have changed their beliefs. They have changed their messages from the pulpit or in personal conversation.

The truth is – those who have left the simple, powerful, saving gospel of Christ are lost. They are now promoting a "strange doctrine" (Heb. 13:9) which is contrary to the doctrine (teaching) of Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son.

You were taught the truth; raised in a faithful godly home and lovingly pointed to the Saviour and His saving truth – but tragically you have abandoned the truth, turned away, now going after ungodly false ways of the devil. You not only will ultimately receive the condemnation from your Creator but you likely will be responsible for influencing many others and they too will be lost because of your foolishness.

To whom are you listening? From what source are you drinking? You certainly are not listening to the Christ, God's only Son! Are you hearing the doctrines and commandments of men (Matt. 15:7ff)? Are you ever learning and never coming to the knowledge of the truth (2 Tim. 3:7)? Can you possibly believe that you will receive the great and precious promises (2 Peter 1:3-4) from your Father by pursuing your present course of action? Are you any different than those in the long ago who wanted to do things in their own way (Deut. 12:8; Judg. 17:6)? They were not right in God's sight and neither are any today who follow a similar course of action!

AN ABSOLUTE FACT – If we will do today what they did in the first century, we will be today what they were then, just a Christian. For indeed, the Bible only makes Christians only and the only Christians.

Conditions That Exist

In Joshua 24 we learn of the death of Moses. In the first couple of chapters of Judges, we read the same thoughts being expressed regarding Moses' death and how those contemporary with him remained faithful. The powerful example and influence of Moses made a major impact on the lives of those close to him. His immediate contemporaries remained faithful.

In Judges 2:10 we read the following commentary on what followed:

And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: **and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD**, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

It is unbelievably sad that today we have raised a major portion of a generation who do not know God. Plus many others have a "form of" religion (godliness), but deny the power thereof (2 Tim. 3:5).

There is such disrespect (almost hatred) for the "old paths" (Jer. 6:16), the first century Jerusalem gospel (Acts 2). There is a craving for something new and different that meets the so-called needs of this new age. Millennials especially have turned from the truth found in the New Testament to the new ways and creations of man. Since there are little or no roots of knowledge in what is right and wrong – it becomes to them whatever is right in their eyes. It becomes "I like it, it feels good to me, thus it is OK to do it that way."

The conditions that prevail at this time can be described as...

Some are already totally gone from the doctrine of Christ and others are in various stages of departure.

Many are involved in community churches, denominations of men; others have started new religious movements with their own fashioned teachings and doctrines. These have rejected the Bible as **THE** authority, they no longer consider Jehovah God as **THE** only God.

Have we been so blind as to forget who God is, what He has done, what He has said and what He demands? Have we forgotten that God is the Creator and that we are the created. We are "for his pleasure" (Phil. 2:13). We must be submissive, humble, obedient followers in order to reach heaven.

Justice Antonin Scalia (1936-2016) said:

God assumed from the beginning that the wise of the world would view Christians as fools... and He has not been disappointed.... If I have brought any message today, it is this: Have the courage to have your wisdom regarded as stupidity. Be fools for Christ. And have the courage to suffer the contempt of the sophisticated world.

IN OLD TESTAMENT DAYS

Tragically the children of Israel rejected the instructions of God and wanted to be like the nations around them. They were punished for their actions.

With grave consequences God's people long ago refused to obey God and married the heathen ones from other nations.

God's wrath fell upon many in ages past when they did whatever they chose, that which was right in their eyes, not that which was right in God's eyes.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God's direct command to not eat of the fruit of one single tree – God punished them.

Uzzah touched the ark of the covenant – though God had explicitly told them not to touch it – he died.

Achan took of the accursed thing, though God had instructed otherwise. Achan and his family died as a consequence of their rejection of God's command.

The book of law had been neglected (lost). Josiah had the law read, repented and the nation turned back to God.

IN NEW TESTAMENT DAYS

Recall when Festus declared to the apostle Paul (after Paul spoke of his own conversion to Jesus Christ)

Acts 26:24

And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; **much learning doth make thee mad.**

What We Learn From Scripture

- (1) Long ago, Festus determined that studying and learning (especially from the wrong source) made Paul mad (crazy).
- (2) Today, many who listen to so-called scholars and theologians instead of God's word may become lost and confused in their thinking.

Reflect also on the events on the day of Pentecost when the proclaimers of truth were accused of being drunk.

Acts 2:13

Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

What We Learn From Scripture

- (1) Because of the new sound, revolutionary things taught by Christ, some in the first century thought the ones speaking were drunk.
- (2) People often mock at the teaching of Jesus Christ – and still do so even today.
- (3) The old Jerusalem gospel is still THE way of Christ, the way of salvation, the only way that leads to heaven.

2 Timothy 3:7

Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

What We Learn From Scripture

- (1) It is wonderful to be always learning – the Bible can never be mastered.

(Continued Next Week (Lord Willing))