

March 10, 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.



Bryce Woodard

Bryce Woodard is the son of Mark and Heather Woodard, and the grandson of Paul and LaDon Sain. He worships at the East Hill congregation where he serves as the youth minister and help with Christian Student Ministry at UT Southern. He also leads singing on a regular basis as well as teach teen Bible classes. Bryce is a Junior at the University of Tennessee Southern in Pulaski, TN where he plans to get his bachelor's degree in accounting along with his CPA license.

Bryce will present a lesson entitled *"Weathering The Storms Of Life"* from the text (Matthew 7:24-28).

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As the special day draws near, we are getting more EXCITED and LOOK FORWARD to this **SPECIAL DAY** - April 13th - at the church at Cedar Grove (Rogersville, AL). **FIFTEEN TALENTED YOUNG MEN** will direct the entire sessions for our **4th Annual Lecture Day**. The special emphasis and theme is *"Building The Lord's Church For the Future."* It will be clear that the future of the Lord's church is in good hands and secure for holding to the faithful will of our Father.

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**www.cedargrove
churchofchrist.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 3rd 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

Part Four...

- (2) Sadly, many are learning from sources which contradict the Bible.
- (3) We will NEVER come to the knowledge of the truth while listening to and seeking knowledge from man.
- (4) In Bible times this was a problem – it is still a problem today.

Luke 18:9

And he spake this parable unto certain which **trusted in themselves** that they were **righteous**, and despised others

What We Learn From Scripture

- (1) In New Testament times there were those who who put their faith in themselves – not God.
- (2) They went to the wrong source for help.
- (3) They considered themselves righteous, but it was not the righteousness of God.
- (4) The same is happening today.

IN OUR TIME, TODAY

It would be natural to think that today many would make the same mistakes, have the same attitudes, feel they were the elite and more knowledgable ones – as those long ago.

Times have changed – advancements have been made in medicine, technology, transportation, communication, etc. – but tragically, the problem of man is still:

- thinking too highly of himself
- believing they know best (even over what God has said)
- thinking they have “discovered” a new, exciting and awesome doctrine
- believing the Bible is no longer THE only source in matters of religion
- considering themselves to be the “god” who knows more than all others

What Is Required?

OF FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST?

A student of the Bible quickly learns that faithful followers of Christ must be humble, submissive obedient followers. Only those who do the will of the Father will be saved (Matt. 7:21).

2 Timothy 3:10-14

But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, long-suffering, charity, patience, ⁽¹¹⁾ Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. ⁽¹²⁾ Yea, and **all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.** ⁽¹³⁾ But **evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving**, and being deceived. ⁽¹⁴⁾ But **continue thou in the things which thou hast learned** and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

What We Learn From Scripture

- (1) Paul’s life was “known” throughout the land.
- (2) Paul states plainly that those who live godly in Christ WILL SUFFER persecution. There is a cost to discipleship.
- (3) Evil ones will do evil things against those who follow Christ.
- (4) They will be deceitful.
- (5) Paul urges Christians to continue in the truth, what you have learned from God.

Matthew 5:43-44

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. ⁽⁴⁴⁾ But I say unto you, **Love your enemies, bless them** that curse you, **do good to them** that hate you, and **pray for them** which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

What We Learn From Scripture

- (1) Love not only our friends, but also those who are enemies.
- (2) Bless, do good and pray for our enemies.
- (3) Often these who have left the faith cry against being judgmental – yet they do the same!
- (4) Many cry out to be tolerant – but they are the most intolerant!
- (5) Reflect on HOW many deceivers, false teachers and many following the New Age doctrines are UNLOVING, JUDGMENTAL, HATEFUL toward ones who plead for first century Christianity.
- (6) They teach we should accept any and all in whatever condition – yet they are unwilling to even be civil to ones who follow Christ in truth.

What Is Our Focus?

THIS STUDY IS NOT ABOUT...

That all ways lead to heaven, and we can choose our own way, while others choose their way

Being old-fashioned and not wanting to adapt to a modern and new age

A personal attack against another person or their way of life.

THIS STUDY IS ABOUT... (in random order)

The Bible is **THE** authority, The **ONLY** authority
Not man's preference or mere whims
Not according to the majority opinion
Not seeking something new for this age
Accepting **ONLY** what God has dictated

Worship has been prescribed / detailed
We are not at liberty to change the commands
We **MUST** worship in spirit and in truth
It is not archaic to worship as prescribed

Mechanical music is sinful - damning

Years past we rightly opposed this in denominations

Now it is introduced / advocated among us

Women's role restricted / abused

Holy Spirit - does not work miraculously today

All religions can NOT be right

Fellowship is restricted –

Just to believe in Christ does not mean we are brethren

God has spoken **ONLY** through His Son

Not through Allah, Buddha, etc.

Lord's Supper weekly - first day of week

Not on weekdays / quarterly, etc.

Not celebrate so-called holy days

Christmas • Easter

Dedication of babies

What We Should Be Focusing On...

Our Almighty Father and seeking diligently to serve Him as He has designed and defined for His followers in this the Christian era.

Jesus, our Saviour, and His love for us as shown by His death on the cross. By acknowledging His love we realize it is not about us, but submissively serving Him until our departure from this life.

Salvation's Plan – What God has done for all mankind, while we were yet in sin (Heb. 5:8-9). While we were unloving, God and Christ loved us deeply. We are sinful, and Christ was without sin (Heb. 9:22) yet He died for our sins.

What Can We Do in loving submissive response to the love, mercy and grace of the Godhead? We can live for them, serve them sacrificially, worship them according to their commands – everything required in Scripture. As Paul stated in Colossians 3:17, whatever we do, we are to do so to their glory.

(Continued Next Week (Lord Willing))



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

Bible Questions #27 For Family Study

1. What Old Testament preacher called his hearers "vipers"? _____
2. With whom did Paul lodge at Corinth? _____
3. How many times should we forgive? _____
4. Why should we study the Bible? _____
5. What made the Bereans noble? _____
6. Christians are a _____ generation.
7. Christians are a _____ priesthood.
8. Christians are a _____ nation.
9. Christians are a _____ people.
10. Who adds one to the Lord's church? _____
11. How many churches did Christ build? _____
12. Jesus prophesied for the church to be established in what city? _____
13. Where in Proverbs do we find, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue"? _____
14. How many of God's children are in the church? _____
15. How much authority does Christ have over the church? _____
16. Where do we find "Prove all things"? _____
17. Who is the head of the "one" body? _____
18. Does being a Christian mean one is "in Christ"? _____
19. Into what are we baptized (1 Cor. 12)? _____
20. Into whom are we baptized (Gal. 3)? _____

ANSWERS To #26: 1. Herod; 2. Ananias; 3. No; 4. Every one that believeth; 5. Christ; 6. Transfiguration of Christ; 7. The poor; 8. Brokenhearted; 9. Captives; 10. Blind; 11. Bruised; 12. One; 13. Peter; 14. Paul; 15. Obadiah; 16. Hebrews 11; 17. 1 Corinthians 15; 18. Jesus; 19. 1 Corinthians 13; 20. Joseph.

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."



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