

Sunday Sermon

AM - Priorities are Important - Matthew 6:25-34 - Ray Pack

PM - In Due Season - Galatians 6:9



South Jackson Beacon

"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

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South Jackson Events

Today

Forest Cove Devo - 2:30 p.m.

Jan 10th

Youth Devo

Jan 12th

Dorcas Class Begins - 10:00 a.m.
(Remember that if schools are closed
we do NOT meet)

Jan 17th

Men's Business Meeting

Jan 24th

Forest Cove Devo - 2:30 p.m.

Feb 7th

Forest Cove Devo - 2:30 p.m.

Feb 14th

Youth Devo

Feb 20th

Ladies Day here at South Jackson

Feb 21st

Men's Business Meeting - 3:30 p.m.

Pantry Item - Beef Stew

Those Privileged to Serve

Jan 3rd - MORNING WORSHIP

6 A.M. B. Richardson, Seth Newell

Announcements: Marion Thomas

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture: Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer: Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion:

B. Richardson, Q. Green, P. Hatcher

L. Farough, B. Landers, S. Lewis

Greeters: M/M Billy Landers

Nursery Att: **A.M.** Loretta Shaw

P.M. Kim Ross

Jan 3rd - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Seth Newell

Opening Prayer: Freeman Kidder

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Walter Ferguson

Communion:

Ray Pack, Gaylon Cooper

Jan 6th - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Seth Newell

Opening Prayer: Quantum Green

Invitation: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jonathan Orr

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~News and Notes~

Weekly Record

6 a.m. Worship	10
Sun. Morning Bible Study	95
Sunday Morning Worship	155
Sunday Evening Worship	91
Wed. Bible Study	100
Contribution	\$3883

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Cindy Kidder had to go to ER last Sunday. She was sent home with an appointment with her cardiologist after being given something for pain.

Ron McDonald had an MRI on Monday. They found irregularities and now he has an appointment with a neurologist.

Members: Iva Hopper, Teresa Yearwood, Mary Bolen, Ted Lingren, Inez Rigsby, Helen Avent, Freddie Stewart, and Cindy Kidder

Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.
— Ecclesiastes 8:1 (KJV)

THANK YOU

Helen Avent wishes to thank everyone for the cards, visits, sunshine basket and fruit basket. She misses seeing everyone.

Those Privileged to Serve

Jan 10th - MORNING WORSHIP

6 A.M. Les Farough

Announcements: Marion Thomas

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture: Costel Ghimpu

Opening Prayer: Joseph Johnson

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jeff Cogdell

Communion:

B. Richardson, Q. Green, P. Hatcher
L. Farough, B. Landers, S. Lewis

Greeters: M/M Stennis Lewis

Nursery Att: A.M. Bonita Staggs
P.M. Carol Swader

Jan 10th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas

Opening Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Seth Newell

Communion:

Ray Pack, Gaylon Cooper

Jan 13th - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas

Opening Prayer: Ray Pack

Invitation: Seth Newell

*We shall not all Sleep,
but we shall all be Changed.*
1 Cor 15:51

A New Year in Christ

Robert Johnson (adapted)

The beginning of a new year brings about change. How do we deal with change? To be oblivious to it can court disaster. For example, changes in how one feels physically can be signs that something needs to be addressed with one's health, and to ignore them can bring about unwanted issues with which to deal. The same can also be said spiritually. In a new year, we should be striving to grow into a deeper, a more committed and a more serving relationship with God in Christ. Do we take time to evaluate where we are spiritually, and where we want to be? Paul did. He told the Philippians, "I have not already attained, and I have not yet been made complete, but I press on, if I might lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I have not yet laid hold, but I am doing one thing: forgetting the things behind, and stretching forward to the things ahead, I press toward the goal, toward the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12-14).

The writer of Hebrews also reminds us how to deal with what we face through the todays of our lives, whether good or bad. "Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the originator and finisher of the faith. Because of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding the shame, and he sat down at the right side of God's throne. Consider carefully the One who endured such hatred by sinners, lest you lose heart and give up" (Hebrews 12:2-3).

We should always match whatever changes are happening to us in the here and the now with an ever-growing relationship with the Father and Son, because not to do so guarantees we will be regressing spiritually, not moving forward. We should always remember the things of today are temporal and should never rule our feelings, our priorities or our motives in living. Life spiritually in Christ, and the promise of eternal life, should always govern life in the here and the now. "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). The life we live in the flesh should be lived by faith in the Son of God (Galatians 2:20). Christ should be what life is all about (Colossians 3:4). Is He our priority for living? Is He the focus for how we will approach whatever changes happen to us this year? Is He such an integral aspect of our lives that, in Him, no change in life can dull our hope for tomorrow?

God equips us with what we need to address both the good and bad in a new year. We have the avenue of prayer, the opportunity to hear Him speak to us through His Word, the path of fellowship with Him and fellow Christians, the encouragement of worship, and the renewal of service. Will we just let life happen, or will we seek His way for life, allowing Him to mold and shape us closer to His image? No matter what happens in life, God is more than adequate to equip us to handle any change, as He works to perfect His changes in us. Will you take advantage of all the possibilities God wants to provide for you? "Therefore, we take courage. Though our outer person is wearing out, our inner person is renewed every day. Our momentary light suffering continues to work for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison. We continue to look, not at things visible, but the invisible. Visible things are temporary, but the invisible are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:16-18). Have a blessed new year, no matter what, in God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice."