

Sunday Sermon's

AM - Super Bowl Christians - 1 Corinthians 9:25 - Ray Pack

**PM - Moments with the Master - A Transforming Moment
Mark 1:40-45 - Ray Pack**



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.

Feb 14th

Youth Devo

Feb 20th

Ladies Day at South Jackson
Registration 8:30 a.m.
Speaker: Becky Gardner

Feb 21st

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

What It Means to Be a Christian

- ▶ Be persistent.
- ▶ Our goals and objectives are different from those who are in the world.
- ▶ Our ultimate goal is to go to heaven (Phil. 3:13-14).
- ▶ This world is not our home.
- ▶ We must be confident: "Yes, I am going to heaven!"
- ▶ Satan is our enemy and will make our life hard (1 Pet. 5:8).

Please Note: Bro. Ted Lingren changed his mind about a new phone number, please revert to his old number which is 205-260-4611

Those Privileged to Serve

Feb 7th - MORNING WORSHIP

6 A.M. Bobby Richardson, Seth Newell

Announcements: Jonathan Orr

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer: Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion:

F. Kidder, Q. Green, K. Wadley,
M. Thomas, H. Davis, G. Phifer

Greeters: Bobby & Jorita Richardson

Nursery Att: **A.M.** Debi Helton
P.M. Sandra Jordan

Feb 7th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Chip Thomas

Opening Prayer: Freeman Kidder

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Walter Ferguson

Communion:

Les Farough, Alex Farough

Feb 10th- WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer: Joseph Johnson

Invitation: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

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~News and Notes~

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Please continue to pray for **Dot Eddleman** as she is entering hospice care. Also, please pray for all of her family.

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

Friends & Family: Horace Yearwood, Leon Morton (Mary Lewis' brother), Jean Goad (Gowan's neighbor)

Bro. Don Rhodes, minister at Sardis, had a pace-maker installed Wednesday at JMCGRH. Please pray for him and Sister Ann.

Everyone Has A Story in Life

A 24 year old boy seeing out from the train's window shouted... "Dad, look the trees are going behind!"

Dad smiled and a young couple sitting nearby, looked at the 24 year old's childish behavior with pity, suddenly he again exclaimed... "Dad, look the clouds are running with us!"

The couple couldn't resist and said to the old man...

"Why don't you take your son to a good doctor?" The old man smiled and said... "I did and we are just coming from the hospital, my son was blind from birth, he just got his eyes today."

Every single person on the planet has a story. Don't judge people before you truly know them. The truth might surprise you.

Those Privileged to Serve

Feb 14th - MORNING WORSHIP 6 A.M. Ray Pack, Gaylon Cooper

Announcements: Jonathan Orr

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture: Costel Ghimpu

Opening Prayer: Joseph Johnson

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jeff Cogdell

Communion:

F. Kidder, Q. Green, K. Wadley, M. Thomas, H. Davis, G. Phifer

Greeters: Charlie & Sandi Richardson

Nursery Att: **A.M.** Carlet James
P.M. Jeanette Morris

Feb 14th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Seth Newell

Communion:

Les Farough, Alex Farough

Feb 17th- WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer: Joseph Johnson

Invitation: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Weekly Record

6 a.m. Worship	6
Sun. Morning Bible Study	85
Sunday Morning Worship	148
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Wed. Bible Study	97
Contribution	\$3907

VICTORY



Hearts beat faster. Shouts and cheers go up. Team colors are presented. Words such as training, preparation, talent, valor, courage and strength are used with much enthusiasm. Excitement is in the air over playoff and championship games. When your team wins your chest swells and you stand a little taller. But when defeat is snatched from the "jaws of victory" then there is that feeling that has been aptly referred to as "the agony of defeat." Such things are all in good fun and a joy to be so engaged. But in the end, the trophies on a shelf, the rings on a hand, the titles won in the arena of sports will not be remembered on the Day of Judgment.

Sports are used as metaphors in the Bible as an exhortation to spiritual victories.

Corinth was the home of the Isthmian Games. In 1 Corinthians 9:24-26 Paul speaks about those who run in a race. He speaks of being temperate (in control of one's self) in all things in order to obtain the imperishable crown. In verse 26 Paul said that he was not practicing for nothing, for that which has no value. But he brought his body into subjection so that he would not be disqualified - judged unworthy of the crown and the victory.

Lay aside the weight that hinders. In Hebrews 12:1 the writer speaks of the snare (pitfalls) that would hinder one in running the race that is set before them. Then he reminds us to run with endurance the race that is set before us.

The Christians at Galatia had begun the race, and were running well. But they were not finishing the race. Paul said, Galatians 5:7, "You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?" They were falling from the saving grace of God and losing their crown.

You must compete according to the rules. Paul said, "And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules: (2 Timothy 2:5). In 4:7-8 of this same book, Paul said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." Are you running for the eternal crown?

The victory that will provide the eternal crown is God's to give and can be only Jesus Christ. The race is this life. The reward is heaven. "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57). Now that is a victory worthy of your greatest excitement and enthusiasm.