

## Sunday Sermon's

**AM - Life in a Million Years - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 - Ray Pack**

**PM - Grace Anatomy - Ephesians 1:6 - 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**  
Youth Devo

**Each Tuesday Morning**  
Dorcas Class 10:00

**March 20th**  
Men's Business Meeting 3:30 p.m.

**March 27th**  
Forest Cove Devotional 2:30 p.m.

### Area Events

**March 27th - 31th**  
Memphis School of Preaching  
Lectureship

**April 2nd**  
Ladies' Day at Ripley

**April 16th**  
Ladies' Day at Austin Chapel

**April 23rd**  
Ladies' Day at Middleton

Courage is what it takes to  
stand up and speak.

Courage is also what it takes  
to sit down and listen.

Sir Winston Churchill

### Those Privileged to Serve

**Mar 13th - MORNING WORSHIP**  
6 A.M. Les Farough

**Announcements:** Heath Stewart

**Lead Singing:** John Smith

**Read Scripture:** Costel Ghimpu

**Opening Prayer:** Joseph Johnson

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Paul Hatcher

### Communion:

G. Cooper, J. Eddleman, Malik James  
Ken Ross, Luther Merritt, Van McConnell

**Greeters:** M/M Mike Wages

**Nursery Att:** A.M. Melissa Phifer  
P.M. Jeanette Morris

### Mar 13th- EVENING WORSHIP

**Lead Singing:** Seth Newell

**Opening Prayer:** Carleton Kidder

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Quantum Green

### Communion:

Mike Wages, Ray Pack

### Mar 16th - WED BIBLE STUDY

**Lead Singing:** Les Farough

**Opening Prayer:** Joseph Johnson

**Invitation:** Ken Ross

**Closing Prayer:** Seth Newell

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# ~News and Notes~

## PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

**Joe Venable** is still recovering from pneumonia

**Rachel Epperson** fell and cracked some ribs. She is at home now, but is still fighting infections.

**Inez Rigsby** is very sick and needs our prayers.

**Members:** James and Dot Eddleman, Ron and Nadine McDonald, Teresa Yearwood, Ted Lingren, Helen Avent, Freddie Stewart, and Cindy Kidder

**Friends & Family:** Horace Yearwood

## SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to Leroy Carnal upon the death of his nephew, Jimmy Carnal, who passed away on Friday in Abbeville, AL.

We also express our deepest sympathy to Betty Cooper upon the death of her aunt, Odessa Austin, who passed away on Wednesday.

## 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 (KJV)

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

<sup>17</sup> Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

<sup>18</sup> Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Pantry Item this week is for Tennessee Children's Home: Little Debbie Snack Cakes

## Those Privileged to Serve

**Mar 20th- MORNING WORSHIP 6 A.M.** Joe Venable, Mike Wages

**Announcements:** Heath Stewart

**Lead Singing:** Mike Wages

**Read Scripture:** Seth Newell

**Opening Prayer:** Eddie Anderson

**Sermon:** Ken Ross

**Closing Prayer:** Chip Thomas

## Communion:

G. Cooper, J. Eddleman, Malik James Ken Ross, Luther Merritt, Van McConnell

**Greeters:** Carolyn Callis, Gail Crabb

**Nursery Att:** A.M. Celeste Rose  
P.M. Carolyn Callis

## Mar 20th- EVENING WORSHIP

**Lead Singing:** Les Farough

**Opening Prayer:** James Eddleman

**Sermon:** Mike Wages

**Closing Prayer:** Alex Farough

## Communion:

Mike Wages, Ray Pack

## Mar 23rd - WED BIBLE STUDY

**Lead Singing:** Seth Newell

**Opening Prayer:** Freeman Kidder

**Invitation:** Mike Wages

**Closing Prayer:** Walt Ferguson

## Weekly Record

6 a.m. Worship	4
Sun. Morning Bible Study	81
Sunday Morning Worship	123
Sunday Evening Worship	81
Wed. Bible Study	77
Contribution	\$3799

## “Fear Not...” (Matthew 10:28).

Ricky Kelley

Have you ever known someone who seemingly had no fear? We can do two things with fear: we can charge at it like a bull, or recoil from it. We will utilize both of these responses depending on our own inclinations and experiences. We press toward some fears, while we shrink from others.

One gets the impression when studying the life of Jesus that he was never really afraid of anything. He wasn't afraid of demons. He wasn't afraid of evil people. He wasn't afraid to offend those who wanted him dead. He wasn't afraid of tumultuous storms. He wasn't afraid of lepers. He practiced what he preached. He charged at life-fears like a bull.

The only time he even hints of fear is when facing the execution that lay before him at Calvary. But even then, in what is probably his most human – and weakest – moment, he received strength from heaven, and resigned himself to the will of God. After his third prayer in the Garden, he rose up, accepted God's plan, and resolutely died for you and me without uttering a cross word or complaint (1 Peter 2:21-25).

When Paul told Timothy, “God has not given us a spirit of fear,” (1 Timothy 1:7), he meant it literally. This means just what it says. A Christian has absolutely nothing to fear – not other people, not circumstances, not pain, not suffering, not even death.

Here's a fact people do not like to acknowledge (even me at times), but it is true nonetheless: our fears are inextricably related to our faith. Although exceptions may exist, it is generally true that our level of fear is commensurate with our level of faith. More faith, less fear, and vice-versa. Since it is true that God works all things together for good, to those who are the called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28), as faith grows, fear shrinks.

We can fret and worry ourselves right into poor health and paralysis. This is not what God intends for his people. Some concern is inevitable, but we must learn from Christ to fall on our knees in our moments of greatest despair, and beg God – again and again – for strength beyond our own, to rise above our fears and accept God's will. There is no other option to our anxieties, than to cast those burdens upon him (1 Peter 5:7), and repeatedly when necessary – and many times it will indeed be necessary.

Medications can numb. Entertainments can distract. Busyness can deceive. Only submission can soothe. Divine is the prerogative to provide a remedy for our fears – heavenly is the salve, and it can only be applied by the hand of the Father.

The Christian is the only person on earth who can truly escape the prison of fear (Romans 8:15; Hebrews 2:15). There is no power over us anymore because of Christ – not enemies, not falsehoods, not condemnation, not suffering, not pain, not even death. The victory is sure, and the entrance to our eternal home will not be slight, but abundant through Christ Jesus our Lord (2 Peter 1:11).