

Sunday Sermon's

AM - Batter Up - Ephesians 6:10-18 - Ray Pack

PM - HOTF - At Calvary - Luke 23:33 - 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 Devotional 2:30

Each Tuesday Morning

Dorcas Class, 10:00 a.m.

April 10th

Youth Devo

April 17th

Men's Business Meeting 2:30 p.m.

Area Events

April 9th

Ladies' Day at Plainview

April 10th - 13th

Gospel Meeting at
North Jackson with
Steve Higginbotham speaking

April 16th

Ladies' Day at Austin Chapel

April 20th - 24th

37th Annual Phillips Street Lecture
Ladies Day on Saturday, the 23rd

April 23rd

Ladies' Day at Middleton

Those Privileged to Serve

Apr 3rd- MORNING WORSHIP
6 A.M. Ray Pack, Gaylon Cooper

Announcements: Mike Wages

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture: Quantum Green
Opening Prayer: Gaylon Cooper
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion:

Joe Venable, Philip Love, Jonathan Orr
F. Kidder, Ken Wadley, Harold Davis

Greeters: M/M Harold Davis

Nursery Att: **A.M.** Panda Green
P.M. Nijerika Green

Apr 3rd- EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Seth Newell
Opening Prayer: Carleton Kidder
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Joseph Johnson

Communion:

Chip Thomas, Walt Ferguson

Apr 6th - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Seth Newell
Opening Prayer: Ken Ross
Invitation: Walt Ferguson
Closing Prayer: Quantum Green

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~News and Notes~

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Barbara Ray is now at home doing a lot better but not well enough to get out yet.

Inez Rigsby is still seriously ill and she is under hospice care, but right now she is having better days.

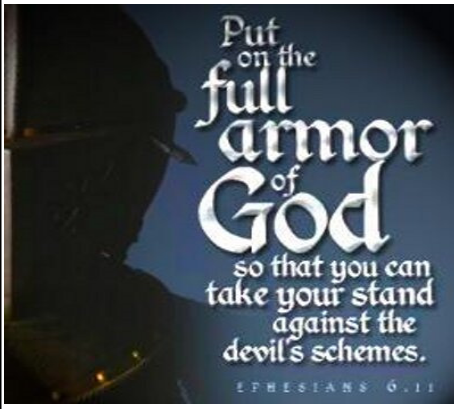
Members: Diana McConnell, Ron and Nadine McDonald, Teresa Yearwood, Ted Lingren, Helen Avent, Freddie Stewart, and Cindy Kidder

Friends & Family: Horace Yearwood, Matthew Howard

Send your cards this week to:

Barbara Ray
3324 Riverside Dr.
Jackson, TN 38301

Freida Phifer
165 Bellmeade Dr.
Jackson, TN 38301



Pantry Item this week
Creamed Corn

Those Privileged to Serve

Apr 10th- MORNING WORSHIP
6 A.M. Bobby Richardson, Seth Newell

Announcements: Mike Wages

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture: Costel Ghimpu

Opening Prayer: Bobby Richardson

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Les Farough

Communion:

Joe Venable, Philip Love, Jonathan Orr
F. Kidder, Ken Wadley, Harold Davis

Greeters: M/M Costel Ghimpu or
Lana Ghimpu, Reba Donaldson

Nursery Att: A.M. Carlet James
P.M. Debi Helton

Apr 10th- EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Les Farough

Opening Prayer: Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Seth Newell

Communion:

Chip Thomas, Walt Ferguson

Apr 13th - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Les Farough

Opening Prayer: Gaylon Cooper

Invitation: Freeman Kidder

Closing Prayer: Walt Ferguson

Weekly Record

6 a.m. Worship	5
Sun. Morning Bible Study	82
Sunday Morning Worship	144
Sunday Evening Worship	70
Wed. Bible Study	74
Contribution	\$3540

VBS - June 20th - 23rd

Victories That Really Count

John Baker

Having proper values is not always easy. Most people live and die believing that wealth, fame, and popularity are keys to success. In contrast, our Lord rightly asked, "what shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul, or what would a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36-37). A soul is the most precious thing in the world, and yet the world gives very little thought to what really counts. God's word affirms, "He that wins souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30).

In his famous poem *Invictus*, the infidel poet William Henley wrote: "I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul." And yet, like the Jews of old, those who live in sin would no doubt be surprised to find they are slaves to sin (cf. John 8:34-36)! The unrepentant sinner practices the greatest form of self-deception — he lives his life as a slave while telling himself that he is free.

Christians are people whose souls have been purchased at the infinite price of Jesus' blood (1 Peter 1:15-19). A sinful world tries without success to imitate the peace, joy, and satisfaction that only comes from Christian living. Romans 8:37 boldly proclaims that we are, "more than conquerors through Him that loved us." The apostle also wrote by inspiration, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13). What have we conquered through Christ? Consider:

Victory over sin — "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Without Christ, unbelievers have no means of removing their sin. Apart from His blood, there is no sacrifice to save us (cf. Heb.10:26). Being a "good person" morally speaking wasn't enough to save the rich young ruler (cf. Luke 18:18-23), nor was it enough to save Cornelius (cf. Acts 10:1-7). The souls of all who have sinned bear a permanent stain which can only be removed by Jesus' sacrifice. In Him, we have the gift of eternal life and freedom from the wages of sin which once condemned us. "Thanks be to God which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" (1 Cor 15:57).

Victory over self — "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5-6). In a culture where self-actualization and self-realization are held up as noble pursuits, God's word advises us to lose ourselves in Christ (cf. Gal 2:20). What really counts in life is not the victories we win over others, but the victories we allow God to win over ourselves. Humility, integrity, and righteous living characterize those who have truly decided to follow Jesus. "He must increase, and I must decrease" (John 3:30).

Victory over Satan — Since Genesis 3, Satan has been trying to frustrate God's plan to save man. That old serpent's head was crushed as Jesus lived a perfect life, died, and rose again from the grave (cf. Gen 3:15). When we are buried and raised with Christ in humble obedience to His will (cf. Rom 6:3-4), we too will have won the victory over Satan. Won't you come to Christ today? The victory is His, and it can be yours too if you open your spiritual eyes and see what's really valuable!