

Those Privileged to Serve

Aug 7th - MORNING WORSHIP

6 A.M. Ray Pack, Gaylon Cooper

Announcements: Jonathan Orr

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture: Carleton Kidder

Opening Prayer: Ken Ross

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: James Eddleman

Communion:

J. Venable, K. Wadley, M. James
E. Anderson, G Phifer, A. Vaughn

Greet: Charlie & Sandi Richardson

Nursery Att: A.M. Carol Swader

P.M. Faye Venable

Aug 7th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer: Darrell Cunningham

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Bobby Richardson

Communion:

Carleton Kidder, Ray Pack

Aug 10th - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer: Ken Ross

Invitation: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Freeman Kidder

Aug 14th - MORNING WORSHIP

6 A.M. B. Richardson, John Smith

Announcements: Jonathan Orr

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture: Costel Gimphu

Opening Prayer: Joseph Johnson

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion:

J. Venable, K. Wadley, M. James
E. Anderson, G Phifer, A. Vaughn

Greet:

Nursery Att: A.M. Paula Wadley

P.M. Leah Wages

Aug 14th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer: Eddie Anderson

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion:

Carleton Kidder, Ray Pack

Aug 17th - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer: Ray Pack

Invitation: Mike Wages

Closing Prayer: Freeman Kidder

Weekly Record

6 a.m. Worship	7
Sun. Morning Bible Study	105
Sunday Morning Worship	144
Sunday Evening Worship	93
Wed. Bible Study	94
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"It Is Finished" Clay Bond

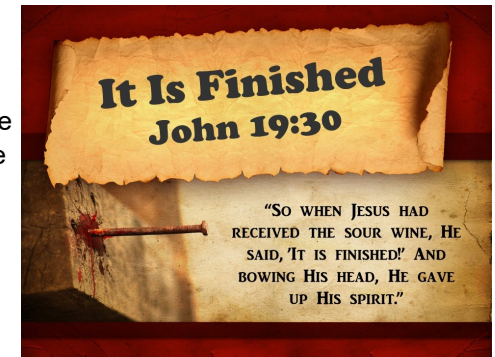
In looking at Jesus' various statements from the cross, we have noticed that our Lord taught us a lot about how to live in these seven simple phrases. The first two statements were recorded in John 19, "Woman, behold thy son" which teaches us to honor and requite our parents and "I thirst" which teaches us that our Savior and God was fully human and can sympathize with our weaknesses.

Today we want to examine another of Jesus' cross sermons: "It is finished."

One of the great blessings of living in this age is that we have the complete revelation of God's Word. We have the full picture of God's redemptive plan recorded on the pages of our Bibles. James once declared, "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world" (Acts 15:18). As recipients of the New Testament of Jesus Christ, we too know the works of God. What an amazing blessing!

Beginning in Genesis we read of the devil's work. We see how he tempted Eve who heard a lie, believed a lie and obeyed a lie, violating God's holy commandment. While Genesis records the entry of sin into the world, it also records God's first promise to man that He had a plan to redeem mankind. In God's plan the "seed of woman" would ultimately destroy the works of the devil (Genesis 3:15).

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Throughout the New Testament we see God's seed promise fulfilled in Jesus Christ and His redemptive plan brought to fruition (Galatians 3:16). Just as woman brought sin into the world, she brought forth the Savior (1 Timothy 1:15). Our Savior partook of flesh and blood so "that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Hebrews 2:14). When Jesus said, "It is finished," He declared to us that by the grace of God, He tasted death for every one of us so that He might bring us back to God (Hebrews 2:9; 1 Peter 3:18).

Jesus made statements throughout His earthly ministry that show us, as the omniscient God, He knew His part in the scheme of redemption. Two such statements are "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" and "I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 4:34; John 5:30). When Jesus spoke these words, He knew that He was going to offer Himself on the cross. Our Lord slowly revealed the fact of His sacrificial death to His disciples; "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12:24). Even though His task was so difficult that He prayed; "let this cup pass," Jesus was set on doing the Father's will because He saw a glorious end for us. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die" (John 12:27, 32-33).

Jesus came to abolish death so we could have eternal life and immortality (2 Timothy 1:9-10). As was His purpose, Jesus went willingly to the cross, laying down His life and dying in our stead (John 10:18; 1 John 2:2). Jesus came to restore us to God and each of us should be eternal grateful that He completed His mission and declared, "It is finished."

Look "unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2). Let's not neglect the sweet salvation offered through Jesus Christ. Our Lord showed us how to press toward the finish line and stay faithful to the end (Philippians 3:14; Revelation 2:10). Jesus finished His work; won't you finish yours?

Sunday Sermons

AM - It is Finished - John 19:28-30 - Ray Pack
PM - Eternal Life Insurance - Revelation 22:14 - Ray Pack

Congregational News and Notes

Prayer Requested

Teriyaki Anderson was released from the hospital on Thursday.

Sandra Jordan was released from the hospital on Wednesday.

Leroy Carnal was released from the hospital on Wednesday.

Members

Harold and Doris Davis, Ron and Nadine McDonald, Teresa Yearwood, Ted Lingren, Freddie Stewart, and Cindy Kidder

Friends & Family:

Horace Yearwood, Loretta Stanfill, Holly Richardson,

Addresses for New Members

Andy Vaughn
787 Skyline Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Cards to Send this Week

Barbara Ray
3324 Riverside Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Teriyaki Anderson
715 Mifflin Ave Ext
Henderson, TN 39340

Pantry Item

Vienna Sausage

Directory Picture

We will be taking pictures for the new members and anyone else who would like a new one taken on August 14th.

Happenings

South Jackson

Fall Series
FHU Students
Wed Nights in Oct–Nov

9/30-10/2
Ladies Retreat

Area Gospel Meetings

8/7-8/10
Cherryville Road church of Christ
Bells, TN
Various Speakers

8/7-8/10
Maury City church of Christ
David Powell

8/7-8/11
East Jackson church of Christ
Jackson, TN
Samuell Pounds

Other Events of Interest

8/11
Community Blood Drive
Maximum Health and Fitness
2-6 PM

8/25
Apologetics Press Dinner
Henderson church of Christ
6:00 PM
Sign up sheet on bulletin board

Thanks to all who stayed and enjoyed a wonderful period of fellowship last Sunday. Attendance was 134. That is the most who have stayed in a very long time.