

## Those Privileged to Serve

**Sept 17th - MORNING WORSHIP**  
6 A.M. B. Richardson, M. Wages

**Announcements:** Gaylon Cooper

**Lead Singing:** Mike Wages

**Read Scripture:** Marion Thomas

**Opening Prayer:** Joseph Johnson

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Carleton Kidder

**Communion:**

K. Ross, A. Vaughn, W. Ferguson  
E. Anderson, C. Richardson, P. Love

**Greet:** Ken & Paula Wadley

**Sept 17th - EVENING WORSHIP**

**Lead Singing:** Marion Thomas

**Opening Prayer:** Carleton Kidder

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Freeman Kidder

**Communion:**

R. Pack, J. Adams

**Sept 20th - WED BIBLE STUDY**

**Lead Singing:** Marion Thomas

**Opening Prayer:** Freeman Kidder

**Devotional:** Darrell Cunningham

**Closing Prayer:** James Eddleman

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**Sept 24th - MORNING WORSHIP**  
6 A.M. J. Lewis, J Smith

**Announcements:** Gaylon Cooper

**Lead Singing:** John Smith

**Read Scripture:** Paul Hatcher

**Opening Prayer:** Darrell Cunningham

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Joseph Johnson

**Communion:**

K. Ross, A. Vaughn, W. Ferguson  
E. Anderson, C. Richardson, P. Love

**Greet:** Doris Crow & Lisa Thompson

**Sept 24th - EVENING WORSHIP**

**Lead Singing:** Jeff Lewis

**Opening Prayer:** Bobby Richardson

**Sermon:** Jonah Adams (Devo)

**Closing Prayer:** James Eddleman

**Communion:**

R. Pack, J. Adams

**Sept 27th - WED BIBLE STUDY**

**Lead Singing:** Jeff Lewis

**Opening Prayer:** Ray Pack

**Devotional:** Ken Ross

**Closing Prayer:** Jonah Adams

### Weekly Record

6 AM Worship	10
Sun. Morning Bible Study	81
Sunday Morning Worship	121
Sunday Evening Worship	79
Wed. Bible Study	75
Contribution	\$ 3688



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## Attractive Christianity

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Nothing attracts like attractiveness. This is true in so many areas of life. Individuals and sales people put much thought, effort, time, money, etc., into making a product attractive to others. Inspiration states, "Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ" (Philip. 1:27). Consider our political parties in America—each tries to be more attractive than the others. Their advertising, slogans, and conventions are filled with attractiveness. Sometimes, if I may express a personal opinion, there is no substance with their attractiveness.



Satan used attractiveness with Eve. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food . . . she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat" (Gen. 3:6). God uses appeal to sinners with the crucifixion of Jesus. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Me" (John 12:32). Stop, think, and reflect—if God makes Christianity attractive, then each Christian is to live the life of Christianity with attractiveness.

Good Works Make Christianity Attractive. Some deny the importance of the Christian's works, but fail to understand the Scriptures. "Having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation" (1 Peter 2:12; cf. Matt. 5:16). When we think of the needs and opportunities around us there is

little reason for the Christian not to make their Christian life attractive. Remember, "faith without works is dead" (James 2:26).

Love Makes Christianity Attractive. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall men know that you are My disciples, if you have love one to another" (John 13:34-35). Bitterness, strife, hatred, and continual bickering among ourselves does not make Christianity attractive to others and certainly does not please God. Neither does indifference or a "ho-hum" attitude make Christianity attractive and appealing to others. Tragedy occurs on this earth when the love of Christ is demonstrated by His children with coldness and indifference. The windows of heaven are opened when we can learn and practice deeply that "we love Him, because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

Our Speech Makes Christianity Attractive. Consider, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one" (Col. 4:6). At the circus we admire and are amazed at the animals who respond to their trainer's commands to perform great feats. James reminds us: "For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is trained, and has been tamed by mankind" (James 3:7). Of our speech, James states: "But the tongue no man can tame" (James 3:8).

Our Peace of Mind Makes Christianity Attractive. The peace of mind or the inner mind is the quest for all men. Paul writes: "the peace of God, which passes all understanding, comes from, those things which you have learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do: and the God of peace shall be with you" (Philip. 4:7, 9). One of the best definitions of peace of mind is: "Life at its best." When I am at peace with God and with myself, can life really be any better? Nothing is greater than to enjoy the peace of mind that passes all understanding.

How are you living your Christianity? Is it attractive to God, as well as, attractive to those outside of Christ? Make it so and please God.

### **Sunday Sermons**

AM - Making Christianity Attractive - Matthew 5:13-16 - Ray Pack  
PM - Have Mercy on Me - Luke 18:35-43 - Ray Pack

## **Congregational News and Notes**

### **Prayer Requested**

#### **Members**

Harold and Doris Davis,  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Sammy Puckett, Rachel Epperson,  
Ted Lingren, Billy Landers,  
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,  
Iva Hopper, Tom Crow,  
Freeman Kidder, Doug Crouse,  
Margie Montgomery, Tommye Siegler  
Margie Whitehead, Helen Avent,  
Louise Buck, Gwen Smith,  
Jorita Richardson, Barbara Ray,  
Jerry Crabb, Jeanette Morris

#### **Friends & Family:**

Horace Yearwood, Tim Boyd,  
Al Stewart, Ruth Cox,  
Judy Jennings, Raymond Cagle,  
Beverly Martindale, Rosie Love,  
Bethany Tims, Nancy Anderson,  
Donald & Christa Smith,  
Bill and Gladys Gowan,  
Loretta Stanfill

#### **Cards to Send**

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Henderson, TN 38340

Gwen Smith  
495 Medon-Malesus Road  
Jackson, TN 38301

Lisa Thompson  
14 Gregg Street  
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### **Happenings**

#### **South Jackson**

##### **Today**

Men's Business Meeting at 3:30

##### **9/24**

Forrest Cove Devotional at 3:30 PM

#### **Area Events**

Numerous area events are posted on the bulletin board.

#### **Pantry Item**

Mayonnaise

#### **FHU Student Series**

Beginning September 20th.

The series will run for 8 consecutive Wednesday nights.

Please come and support these young men who are training to become servants in the Kingdom.

Let your  
**Light So Shine**  
before men, that  
they may see your **GOOD WORKS,**  
AND *Glorify* your **FATHER**  
which is in Heaven.