

## Those Privileged to Serve

### Dec 11th - MORNING WORSHIP

6 A.M. M. Wages, J. Smith

**Announcements:** Mike Wages

**Lead Singing:** John Smith

**Read Scripture:** Costel Gimphu

**Opening Prayer:** Freeman Kidder

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Carleton Kidder

#### Communion:

B. Richardson, P. Love, J. Orr

J. Johnson, C. Richardson, J. Cogdell

**Greet:** Darrell & Baleri Cunningham

**Nursery Att:** A.M. Carlet James

P.M. Sissy Orr

### Dec 11th - EVENING WORSHIP

**Lead Singing:** Jeff Lewis

**Opening Prayer:** Eddie Anderson

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Kenneth Moody

#### Communion:

Joe Venable, Ken Ross

### Dec 14th - WED BIBLE STUDY

**Lead Singing:** Jeff Lewis

**Opening Prayer:** Joe Venable

**Invitation:** Tyler Naes

**Closing Prayer:** Jonah Adams

### Dec 18th - MORNING WORSHIP

6 A.M. B. Richardson, J. Smith

**Announcements:** Mike Wages

**Lead Singing:** Mike Wages

**Read Scripture:** Jerry Hennings

**Opening Prayer:** Jeff Lewis

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Gaylon Cooper

#### Communion:

B. Richardson, P. Love, J. Orr

J. Johnson, C. Richardson, J. Cogdell

**Greet:** Paul & Brenda Hatcher

**Nursery Att:** A.M. Charnae James

P.M. Stephanie Pack

### Dec 18th - EVENING WORSHIP

**Lead Singing:** Paul Hatcher

**Opening Prayer:** Carleton Kidder

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Marion Thomas

#### Communion:

Joe Venable, Ken Ross

### Dec 21st - WED BIBLE STUDY

**Lead Singing:** Paul Hatcher

**Opening Prayer:** Ray Pack

**Invitation:** Jeff Lewis

**Closing Prayer:** Freeman Kidder

### Weekly Record

6 a.m. Worship	11
Sun. Morning Bible Study	81
Sunday Morning Worship	122
Sunday Evening Worship	71
Wed. Bible Study	92
Contribution	\$ 4818

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## You Gotta Ask for the Sale

People who are getting into the selling business are reminded frequently, "You gotta ask for the sale!" If you don't ask for the sale, the sale is rarely made. That is the point.

The power suggestions of the salesman are: "How many of these could I sign you up for today?" or "How many could I deliver today?" It is not gimmickry, it is the power of suggestion, and there are many more.

I was taught as a door to door salesman to reach for the door, that the power of suggestion would prompt the potential client to open the door. All of this is a part of asking for the sale.

It occurs to me that we are not asking for the sale on Jesus Christ enough. We talk in platitudes or of even goodness and good moral living, but we fail to ask like we mean it for someone -- anyone -- to make a positive response to the Master's call.

The message of the New Testament is as much "take the message" as it is the message. If the message is never taken, the message is of little value.

Jesus said, "Come unto me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." To his disciples he said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:15,16). In another place (Matt. 28:19,20) he said to them, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." These two passages involve the idea of asking for the sale.



If a car salesman doesn't ask for the sale the only thing that happens is that he is not a car salesman very long. Someone else will make the sale, and the people who have need of a new car will soon drive off the lot with it. If not, not much is lost. It is different with the salvation message.

The problem with not asking for the sale toward obedience in Christ is that it might be a one-time opportunity and the change will be forever lost for any number of reasons. Hearts are like that -- today they might be ready, but tomorrow may be too late.

Jesus told a parable about a rich man and Lazarus. The rich man lived sumptuously. Lazarus begged for the crumbs that fell from his table. They died, as all humans will someday.

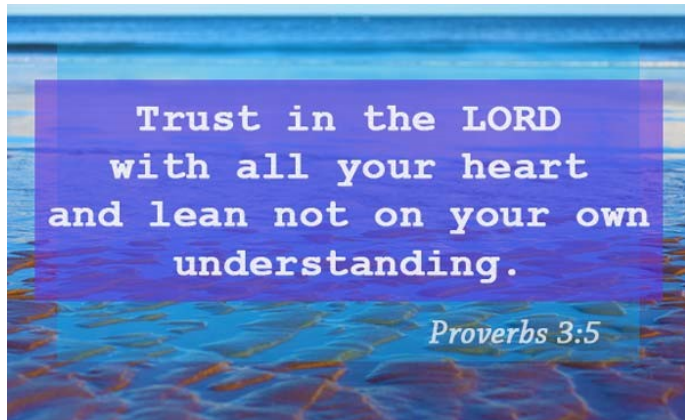
While Lazarus went to a good place, the rich man wound up in hell. Seeing the good position that Lazarus was in, the rich man begged that Lazarus be sent back to tell his kinsman to change their ways. It was not possible, the rich man was told. It was too late.

In the same way, it is important that Jesus' "Come unto me" invitation gets out and nowadays it is up to those who believe the message to do that, but it needs to be more than a blind broadcast, it needs to be done in a down and personal way.

For the believers, remember that Jesus said, "You are light" and "You are salt." Light illuminates and salt seasons. Both cause those who see to "praise your Father who is in heaven."

Bottom line, the buy is up to the receiver of the word about the Savior. The sale cannot be forced, but it should be tried. I say that many of us with the message can do a better job.

*Chuck Owen  
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## **Congregational News and Notes**

### **Prayer Requested**

Jean Harber is in room 815 at General Hospital with blood clots in her lungs.

Theresa Yearwood is in room 204 at General Hospital following heart valve surgery and having a pacemaker installed.

### **Members**

Harold and Doris Davis,  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Jean Harber, Rachel Epperson,  
Louise Hopper, Teresa Yearwood,  
Ted Lingren, Fredie Stewart,  
Cindy Kidder, Iva Hopper,  
Bill and Gladys Gowan,  
Teriyaki Anderson, Tom Crow

### **Friends & Family:**

Horace Yearwood, Loretta Stanfill,  
Sammy Snead, Tim Boyd,  
Teresa Carpenter, Al Stewart,  
Hilda Beats

### **Cards to Send This Week**

Mary Lewis  
15 Oakwood Drive  
Jackson, TN 38301

Helen Avent  
82 Will McKnight Drive  
Jackson, TN 38301

### **Happenings**

#### **South Jackson**

**12/11**  
5th Grade and Under Holiday Party  
3:30 PM

**12/18**  
Teen Holiday Party

**12/25**  
Forrest Cove Devotional

**Pantry Item**  
Small Jars of Mayonnaise

### **Directory Picture and Updates**

We would like to take pictures for new members, along with anyone else who wants to change theirs on December 11th and 18th.

Also if you have any changes that need to be made, just write it down and give to Ray.

### **Special Thanks**

Thanks to Gaylon and Betty Cooper for providing the food and to the Donaldson girls for decorating for the Adult Holiday party.