



# **SOUTH JACKSON BEACON**

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## ***Paul's Motivation In His Writings***

The history of the life of David is recorded in three Old Testament books, but it is in the book of Psalms that we begin to understand the heart of David. His heart is so important because it is so much like the heart of God (1 Sam. 13:14). There is somewhat of a parallel to David in the life and writings of Paul.

It is in the book of Acts we learn so much of the details of the life of the great apostle, but there are historical events revealed in his epistles. In a similar way, the heart of Paul is revealed in his letters, and they often give us insight as to the spiritual depth of his devotion to God and the truths of God showing the nature of his heart in serving God. Consider the following to see some of these truths.

**I AM PERSUADED** that neither death nor life...nor things present nor things to come...shall be able to separate us from the love of God" (Rom. 8:38-39). Do you wonder how he could give up so much and endure such suffering? Do you struggle in your trials and seek motivation for all that is around you? Write these words from Paul on your heart. Be fully persuaded that there is nothing on this earth, neither in the demons of hell, which can keep God from loving us.

**I AM NOTHING.** "Though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I

am nothing “(1 Cor. 13:2). Imagine having complete understanding of all things and having all faith. Paul emphasizes something far greater than these and that is love. It was not that he was just persuaded of God’s eternal love. Written deeply on his heart was his responsibility to place love above all of these. Write these words on the depths of your soul as you seek to imitate Paul as he imitated the Lord (1 Cor. 11:1).

**I AM PERSUADED** that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day” (2 Tim. 1:12). The life of every person on this earth is committed to something. We are investing all of our time and energy to self, to sin or to things much higher. Paul looked at every decision he made as an investment and knew the Lord would never forget them. You may, like Paul, have to turn the other cheek to those around you. You may have to bless those who are cursing you and to make decisions about what you must give up to follow Him. Think about these choices as being registered in a heavenly book which some day will be opened. Trust God to remember it all, even to as small a matter as a cup of cold water.

As you read Paul’s doctrinal discussion in his writings, remember to discover hidden truths which show his heart.

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# ***Congregational News & Notes***

## **Prayer Requested**

### **Members**

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Sandra Jordan, Fredie Stewart,  
Cindy Kidder, Garmelia Ellis,  
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,  
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell  
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,  
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson  
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,  
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,  
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis  
Charles & Ruby Malone,  
Jeff Bliss, Ronald Clouse,  
Phillip Mulins, Gordon Love,  
Jerry Crabb

### **Friends & Family**

Horace Yearwood, Helen Morris  
Beverly Martindale, Betty Turner  
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,  
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,  
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen  
Kenton Lancaster, Glenn Lovell,  
Marilyn Ferrell, Justin Puckett  
Ramona Thurston, April Richey  
David & Nell Briley

### **Today's Sermons**

AM - Samrit Kammanee  
Speaking

PM - Paul's Faithful Sayings  
1 Timothy 1:15

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

#### **January 10**

Dorcas Class meets  
at 10:00 AM

### **Cards to Send**

Nell Briley  
175 Lesters Chapel Road  
Jackson, TN 38301

Charles & Ruby Malone  
6140 Highway 100 East  
Henderson, TN 38340

### **Weekly Record**

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| 6 AM            | 6     |
| Bible Class     | 51/6  |
| AM Worship      | 85/26 |
| PM Worship      | 63/13 |
| Wed Bible Study | 47/5  |
| Contribution    | 4758  |

### **New Arrivals**

Emberlyn Rose Mullins was  
born at 7:40 PM on January 1.  
Weight - 7lbs, 5 oz  
20 inches long

Congratuations to proud mother  
Brooke Mullins.

# Those Privileged to Serve

## Jan 8 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Van McConnell

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

## Jan 15 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jeff Bliss

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: Ken Ross

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer: Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Joe Venable

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer: Ray Pack

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Ken Ross

## Jan 11 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Ray Pack

## Jan 11 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Marion Thomas

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## Service Times

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|---------------------|----------|
| Early Worship       | 6:00 AM  |
| Sunday Bible Class  | 9:30 AM  |
| Sunday AM Worship   | 10:30 AM |
| Sunday PM Worship   | 5:00 PM  |
| Midweek Bible Study | 6:30 PM  |