



# SOUTH JACKSON BEACON

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## ***Jesus and the Father in the Book of John Dan Jenkins***

What word comes to your mind when you think of the writings of John? I suppose that the first word which comes to mind is that the disciple whom Jesus loved speaks so much about love. He does. He uses the word love, in its various forms, almost sixty times as he writes about the life of Jesus. The remarkable thing is that there is a far greater emphasis in this book. He uses the word father 132 times, and in all but eleven passages he uses the word to refer to Deity!

In this fourth gospel John records the words of Jesus. Jesus used the phrase “My Father” 34 times. He not only thought of God as a father, but He thought of Him personally. There is a profound difference in thinking of God as a father, and viewing Him as “my” father!

Jesus knew that His Father was one who loves. After describing Himself as the good Shepherd, Jesus said, “Therefore My Father loves Me . . .” (John 10:17). This was the nature of the Father! God is love and Jesus lived His life cognizant of the fact that our Father is one who loves!

Jesus knew that His Father is one who gives. When he taught the Jews about true manna He said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven” (John 6:32

When our Master lived on this earth He was comforted knowing that His personal Father is one who gives! Would to God that we all lived every day remembering this trait of the nature of God.

Jesus knew that His Father was one who had a house of many mansions. Who does not think of His words when we face death? “Let not your hearts be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions . . .” (John 14:1-2). What difference does it make about our dwelling places on this earth when we have a Father’s amazing house awaiting us!

Jesus knew His Father in a way no other one has ever known Him. He is a righteous Father (John 17:25) and a holy Father (John 17:11). He is one who seeks men to worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). He is a Father who works in the lives of men (John 5:17) and one who should be honored (John 8:49).

So how do you know your Father? The way we view God determines how we serve Him. How do you see the God you serve? The right way to think of God is to think of Him as Jesus did. He saw Jesus as a Father. More importantly, He saw Him as a personal Father. Don’t ever forget, we have the same Father!

# *Congregational News & Notes*

## **Prayer Requested**

### **Members**

Mary Bolen, Luther Merritt  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,  
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  
Phillip Mulins, Jerry Crabb,  
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis  
Gaylon & Betty Cooper

### **Friends & Family**

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,  
Beverly Martindale,  
Allen Thompson, Glenn Lovell,  
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,  
Brandi Rogers, Marilyn Ferrell,  
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen  
Kenton Lancaster,  
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,  
Margaret Davis

### **Today's Sermons**

AM - Salvation - Jesus Death  
Hebrews 2:9

PM - Christians Must Have  
Compassion  
1 Peter 3:8

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

#### **Today**

Ladies's Meeting following AM  
Service

#### **January 21**

Men's Business Meeting  
following AM Service

#### **Cards to Send**

Freeman Kidder  
95 Sugar Creek Drive  
Henderson, TN 38340

Faye Venable  
1065 Forrest  
Henderson, TN 38340

#### **Weekly Record**

6 AM	5
Bible Class	51/6
AM Worship	70/16
PM Worship	52/13
Wed Bible Study	55/6
Contribution	3706
Budget	4014

#### **Calendar Corrections**

Stephanie Pack - February 11  
Gail Crabb - August 28

# Those Privileged to Serve

## Jan 14 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jerry Butcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jonathan Orr

Communion: Van McConnell

Contribution:

Tommy Williams

## Jan 21 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - PP. Hatcher, J. Butcher

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Tommy Williams

Opening Prayer:

Carleton Kidder

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ron Clouse

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Carleton Kidder

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Joe Venable

## Jan 17 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Devo - Marion Thomas

## Jan 24 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Ray Pack

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## Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - Fox 16	9:30 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