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Am I Your Enemy?

*"Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?"
Galatians 4:16*

Christians share in the blessed opportunity to share the Good News of Christ to the world. So many wonderful stories exist of lives which changed to the better because of the influence of the Gospel. Where hope did not exist, fullness of future expectation abides. Where confusion of purpose pervaded all that could be seen, clarity of life's objectives came into view. Such is the power and direction of the mind of God when shared with hearts that will open. Sadly, not all hearts are open.

Some people of the world walk about clapping their ears and humming to themselves. They want to hear nothing, but their own world view. They do not understand God; other than superficially, they do not want to try. The truth is many of those who claim Christianity are the same (2 Timothy 4:3). Their mind stays closed to Biblical instruction. They would rather hear themselves wax esoteric than truly study and learn (2 Timothy 2:15). Therein, if they cannot express their thoughts, their opinions, and their conclusions, their behavior and thoughts turn into stewing, fretting, and composing their responses full of vitriol and degradation. Those suggesting they possibly consider a different thought become the enemy. Kind reaching out by others to truly engage dialogue, answer questions, or provide clarification is met with what appears to be preparation for battle rather than a focus on discovering unity. Along the side they gossip, slander, grumble, and hate (John 15:18). This behavior can be seen on most study forums, found on social media, and heard in the corners of places of worship.

Peter established there will be Christians who suffer by living and sharing the truth (1 Peter 4:16). At times, it will come from the lost of the world. Sometimes this comes from countrymen (See Jeremiah and the prophets). Sometimes the conflict comes from reaching out to family in concern for their souls. At other times, the attacking will come from those that claim the same savior as you do – your spiritual brothers and sisters. You can choose to war with them or you can choose to respond with proper Christian behavior (Colossians 4:6; 1 Peter 3:1-2). If you choose to keep your distance, maintain your love for them (Matthew 5:44). Often with time, maturity, and plenty of heartache which commonly follows their behaviors, people realize their destructive behavior which they foolishly wielded and can change. We see this with young people who grow up and we see this with arrogant hearts which finally decide to listen. Remember, you are not the enemy unless you choose to be. Be strong and continue to share the truth (2 Timothy 4:2, Ephesians 4:14-15).

*Travis Main
Sparta, OH*

Sympathy Extended

We extend our deepest sympathy to John and Gwen Smith on two deaths in their family.

Gwen's brother, Harold Manley, passed away last week. His service were held on January 13th.

Their grandson, Jason Washington, passed away suddenly in Georgia last week. His services were held on January 15th.

New Directory

Plans are to have a new church directory in you hands by March 1st. We will begin taking new pictures on January 23rd.

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,
John & Gwen Smith,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley,
Diana McConnell,
Clara Williams, Janet Taylor
Charles & Ruby Malone

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood,
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Jeffrey Smith, Betty Turner,
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,
Jeanette Manley, Wayne Warren
Kenton Lancaster,
Bettye Kennon, Marilyn Ferrell

Sunday Sermon's

AM - I Am
John 14:6

PM - Am I
Romans 12:1-2

Happenings

South Jackson

Today

Men's Business Meeting

January 30

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal

Cards to Send

Betty Cooper
201 Ed Moore Road
Beech Bluff, TN 38313

Pearl Johnson
119 Autumn Valley Drive
Jackson, TN 38305

Janet Taylor
219 Parkburg Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Pantry Item

Canned Green Beans

Weekly Record

6 AM	0
Bible Class	36/14
AM Worship	57/23
PM Worship	42/13
Wed Bible Study	44/4
Contribution	3802

Those Privileged to Serve

Jan 16 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM. - R. Pack, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Carleton Kidder

Contribution:

Jonathan Orr

Jan 23 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM. - M. Wages, G. Cooper

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Costel Gimphu

Opening Prayer:

Freeman Kidder

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jerry Crabb

Communion: Mike Wages

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Matt Williams

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: Ray Pack

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Ray Pack

Jan 19 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Devotional: Ray Pack

Jan 26 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devotional: Marion Thomas

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Service Times

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