



# ***SOUTH JACKSON BEACON***

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## ***Hebrews, Faith, & Martyrs***

The writer of Hebrews could so easily see the dangers faced by those Jewish Christians. The nation that killed God's Son turned its wrath on the church almost from the day it began. Jesus had warned them about the trials that were coming. Obviously, they persecuted those Gentiles who had become followers of Jesus, but their persecution was even more fierce on the Christians addressed in this epistle.

They had begun their walk with Jesus and faced many trials which came their way. Hebrews chapter ten describes this: "After you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings...you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations." The author then adds, "You became a companion of those who were so treated" (10:32-33).

How did they emotionally respond to all of this? "You joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods" (10:34). Earthly possessions are meaningless when viewed from the eternal truth about our existence. They could so easily give up that which was temporal. "Knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven."

Living faithfully on this earth for many years is so difficult. We understand the faith of those who are martyrs for the cause of Christ. At that last moment they reached deep within their souls and their faith sustained. What we may have done is overlooked the depth of the faith of those who face not a momentary trial, but serve Him for years and years. We rightly honor the faith of martyrs, but perhaps it takes a deeper faith

to serve Him for years and years.

When this letter was written their devotion was weakening. Look again at this chapter and the admonition given to them. “Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God you may receive the promise...if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in Him” (10:35-38).

Now make the application in your life. How long have you been a Christian? Where is your faith in Him compared to what it once was? Remember how joyfully you served Him at first? Remember your routine of daily Bible study and prayer? Remember the joy of partaking of the Lord’s Supper and being part of worship, praising His name? Is it possible that we have become “tired” because the journey seems so long? It is not that we have walked away from Him, but have we lifted our anchor and are we slowly drifting away (Heb. 2:1)? God help us to remember to view our life on this earth as being only a moment compared to eternity

*Dan Jenkins  
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### **The Gospel of Christ**

Don’t forget that we are sponsoring the broadcast of this TV program. It comes on every Sunday morning on Fox16 at 9:30 AM.

### **Our Website**

[www.southjacksonchurchofchrist.org](http://www.southjacksonchurchofchrist.org)

# ***Congregational News & Notes***

## **Prayer Requested**

### **Members**

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Sandra Jordan, Freddie 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,  
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, Chris Buford

### **Student Speaker Addresses**

Asa Jopson - Timothy Secula  
Luke Tatum - Luke Wamble

Student Name  
158 East Main Street  
Campus Mail  
Henderson, TN 38340

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

#### **March 5-8**

Ray speaking in Radcliff, KY

### **Cards to Send**

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

Gordon Love  
3324 Riverside Drive  
Jasckson, TN 38301

### **Weekly Record**

6 AM	7
Bible Class	49/2
AM Worship	85/22
PM Worship	54/0
Wed Bible Study	41/6
Contribution	2770

### **Today's Sermons**

AM - Greg Long Speaking

PM - Joe Venable Speaking

### **Pantry Item**

Green Peas

# Those Privileged to Serve

## Mar 5 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: TBA

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Jerry Butcher

## Mar 12 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, J. Smith

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jeff Bliss

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion: Eddie Anderson

Contribution:

Jonathan Orr

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer: Ken Ross

Sermon: Joe Venable

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Mike Wages

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith

Opening Prayer: Greg Long

Sermon: Luke Wamble

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Eddie Anderson

## Mar 8 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Mike Wages

## Mar 15 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: John Smith

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

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