



# **SOUTH JACKSON BEACON**

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## ***The Baseball Game Jesus Created***

Just suppose someone made a perfect translation of the official rules of baseball and sent them to a distant land. When the people there received that rule book they were fascinated and decided to introduce this sport into their land. The baseball field was laid out according to the rule book with every distance measured accurately. The strike zone was learned and soon everyone knew that “It’s one, two, three strikes you’re out, at the old ballgame.” They knew balls and strikes. They knew the definition of a balk, the infield fly rule and a double play. Now think about this. Had then invented a new game? Or were they simply playing an old game in a new place?

Now suppose that in our own land everyone lost interest in baseball. There were attempts to make it more exciting with every team making up its own rules. Soon no one had any desire to watch or play the original sport. Suppose that the game stopped being played altogether and five hundred years passed. Then someone found the old rulebook and began encouraging others to get involved in the game. A baseball field was laid out with every distance measured accurately. The strike zone was learned and soon everyone knew that “It’s one, two, three strikes you’re out, at the old ballgame.” They knew balls and strikes. They knew the definition of a balk, the infield fly rule and a double play. Now think about this. Had then invented a new game? Or were they simply playing an old game at a new time?

In this same way, imagine a world where Jesus introduced a new “game” called Christianity. He gave a “rule book,” which was easily understandable, and soon the “game” was found throughout the first century world. Everyone knew the “rules” about salvation, the Lord’s supper, the works of the flesh, the fruit of the spirit, heaven, the return of Jesus and the daily life of Christians. They knew about His church, purchased with His own blood. That book was translated into many languages and the same “game” was found in many nations.

Imagine people beginning to change the “rules” to make it fit better into their definition of what a “game/church” should be like. Imagine the book being laid aside with every person feeling free to write his own rules. Soon it would be impossible to even recognize how Jesus planned for the “game” to be played.

Do you know what this church is about? We have taken the “rule book” and are doing all we can to play the “old game” in a new time and a new place. This should make the “Rule Writer” so happy! Come, let’s study His book together.

*Dan Jenkins  
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## **Evangelism Table**

Paul Hatcher has set up a table in the foyer with many different evangelism tools. Stop by today and pickup material to share with others.

# ***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,  
Clara Williams,  
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,  
Helen Morris, Wayne Warren

### **Sunday Sermon's**

AM - Batter Up  
Ephesians 6:10-18

PM - Fix Our Eyes  
2 Corinthians 4:16-18

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

Meat & Greet  
Following AM Services

### **April 17-20**

Gospel Meeting with BJ Clarke  
Fellowship Meal follows  
AM Service

### **Cards to Send**

Mary Lewis  
15 Oakwood Drive  
Jackson, TN 38301

Helen Morris  
5 Herron Street  
Jackson, TN 38301

### **Weekly Record**

6 AM	
Bible Class	54/5
AM Worship	83/3
PM Worship	50/9
Wed Bible Study	Storms
Contribution	2664

### **Pantry Item**

Instant Mashed Potatoes

# Those Privileged to Serve

## Apr 3 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM. - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Freeman Kidder

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Freddie Callis

## Apr 10 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM. - R. Pack, G. Cooper

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Ken Ross

Contribution:

Gaylon Cooper

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Ray Pack

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venale

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion: Ken Ross

## Apr 6 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ray Pack

Devotional: Mike Wages

## Apr 6 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Devotional: Ray Pack

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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