



# **SOUTH JACKSON BEACON**

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## ***A Limited View of the Harvest***

When Jesus said, “Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest” (John 4:35), His disciples really had trouble understanding what was being said. They were in Samaria and the apostles, because of their Jewish background, had never seen that Samaritans had souls. Jews avoided, as much as they could, any contact with this mixed race in Samaria. Jesus’ use of the word “already” shows that He saw Samaria as a field ready to be reaped for God.

These apostles had to be shocked at the words of Jesus, but in just a few months they saw what Jesus saw. They saw souls, even those in Samaria. Just before His ascension, Jesus gave His plan to evangelize the world using these words: “You shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). It appeared that some heard these words this time and understood them.

The church began in Jerusalem and when persecution arose, the Bible shows that they went to Samaria. When the Samaritans believed and obeyed the gospel, these apostles then knew His plan that involved from Jerusalem to Samaria. The apostles were part of the beginning of the church and before them were the white fields of Samaria. What happened? Luke describes the response using the word “multitudes.” The apostles seemed to have understood His great commission.

They sent Peter and John to them that they might lay hands on these new Christians so that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

However, their view of white fields was limited. Some of those early Christians went to Antioch in Syria, and some Greeks, likely proselytes, became Christians (Acts 11:19-20). But most in the church still did not see the white fields. It is true that Peter said on Pentecost that the promise of the Spirit would be given to as many as the Lord called, but he failed to see that it included those who were far off—the Gentiles.

It was the miracle of the Spirit coming on the household of Cornelius that started opening their eyes. God had shown that He accepted any person in every nation who feared God and did His will (Acts 10:34-35). The great commission of Jesus was to preach to every creature. The church was so slow in seeing this.

What is the application of what we have just said? It is for each of us to lift up our eyes. We have no right to pre-judge others before we teach them! Remember that world evangelism begins at your front door and goes around the world. Is it possible that we are not seeing our white fields? As you walk away from the church building, you are in His mission field!

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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,  
Clara Williams,  
Charles & Ruby Malone

### **Friends & Family**

Horace Yearwood, Trisha Lovell  
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 - Jesus, God's Final Word  
Hebrews 1:1-3

PM - Jesus, The Coming One  
Hebrews 1:1-4

### **Pantry Item**

Tuna

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

#### **Today**

Men's Business Meeting  
following AM Services

#### **May 29**

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal  
We will have AM Worship  
followed by lunch.  
Evening Worship will be at  
1:00PM

**Area Congregation Events are  
posted on the bulletin board.**

### **Cards to Send**

Mary Bolen  
802 O'Neal Lane  
Henderson, TN 38340

Margie Montgomery  
321 Willoughby Loop  
Pinson, TN 38366

### **Weekly Record**

6 AM	10
Bible Class	59/1
AM Worship	103/12
PM Worship	48/4
Wed Bible Study	47/9
Contribution	4872

# Those Privileged to Serve

## May 15 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, J. Smith

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Carleton Kidder

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Mike Wages

Contribution:

Jerry Butcher

## May 22 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, M. Wages

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Van McConnell

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: Mike Wages

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion: Joe Venable

## May 18 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ray Pack

Devotional: Mike Wages

## May 25 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

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