



# **SOUTH JACKSON BEACON**

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## ***Do You Have a Passion?***

Do you have a passion? What really excite you? What charges your zeal? We all have different interests which cause us to perk up and get engaged. For some people vintage automobiles really light their fire. More than a few friends of mine would state this is a passion of theirs. As a boy I remember going to "Graffiti Night". This was a citywide cruise and vintage car show. I never knew so many people collected, restored, and even joined clubs dedicated to this passion. In another field of activity are the quilters. How much time could it take to make quilt? Ha! Squares and diamonds and all sorts of shapes and stitches everywhere of every color of the rainbow! Having worked a number of years cleaning out homes for auctions, you would be stunned at how many quilters I have found lurking out there. I have seriously emptied out rooms full of material because of other individual's avid passion in this area. Another serious passion of many folks is college sports! If you want to get someone's blood pressure up, jokingly tell them their team is inferior to any other team. Boom! Fight on! Sport's fans wear their passion on their sleeves.

When I look to the scriptures, there are many folks who demonstrate passion. David's passion for the Lord caused him to design a temple for his son Solomon to build for God, though God told him that He did not dwell in houses made with hands (Acts 7:45-51). These men all had a passion, but they operated in a manner contrary than that to which God would have had them behave. Saul had a great passion for persecuting the Church. Philippians 3:6 and Acts 8:1-3 proclaim he ravaged the church and dragged men and women off to prison. With great zeal Apollos went about demonstrating that Jesus was the Messiah from the Old Testament. However, he had only been familiar with the baptism of John.

Aquila and Priscilla had to expound the way of God more perfectly to Him. All of these men had a passion, great zeal, but it was a “zeal of God, but not according to knowledge” (Romans 10:2). This statement, applicable to these men was particularly assigned as a description by the apostle Paul to describe the nation of Israel who also went about following a path that was not that which God had prescribed.

Of course, there are people in scripture who had zeal that was not in conflict with God’s Will. Jehu had great zeal for the Lord in destroying the house of Ahab and Jezebel (2 Kings 10:16). Anna the daughter of Phanuel would not leave the temple, “but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.” “She spake of [Jesus] to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem (Luke 2:36-38). Peter speaks of the righteous who “seek peace and pursue it”. He preaches “Who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?” (1 Peter 3:13) God desires His people to be passionate about Good works (the very thing we were created for according to Ephesians 2:10) for His son gave Himself a sacrifice that he might “purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for [such].

Do you have a passion for God and Good works? Do have zeal to serve others? Do you have a zeal for the Word of God? Do you have a passion to meet your Lord Jesus in the clouds when he comes again? It is wonderful to enjoy the blessings upon this earth which God has abundantly supplied us with. You may, in fact, have many passions. However, I pray your greatest passion is for the Lord and according to knowledge. Seek him day and night as he desires. Let His love consume you. Fill your life with good works and let your passion glorify God.

*Travis Main  
Steelville, MO*

### **Today’s Sermons**

AM - Seeing Ourselves As God Sees Us - Romans 12:3  
PM - Your Love is Better than Life - Psalm 63

# ***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, Jane Graves  
Charles & Ruby Malone,  
Jeff Bliss, Ronald Clouse

### **Friends & Family**

Horace Yearwood, Helen Morris  
Beverly Martindale,  
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,  
Jeffrey Smith, Betty Turner,  
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,  
Jeanette Manley, Wayne Warren  
Kenton Lancaster, Glenn Lovell,  
Marilyn Ferrell, Justin Puckett  
Ramona Thurston

### **Baptism & Restoration**

We rejoice as Brooke Mullins  
was baptized on Wednesday.

Chandra Mullins came and  
asked for forgiveness and to  
rededicate herself to the church  
on Wednesday.

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

#### **Today**

Men's Business Meeting  
Following AM Services

#### **October 16-19**

Gospel Meeting with Matt Cook

#### **Area Events**

Several are posted on the  
bulletin Board

#### **Cards to Send**

Hazel Barker  
8 Allen Street  
Jackson, TN 38301

Norma Cogdell  
19 Dixie Lane  
Jackson, TN 38301

#### **Weekly Record**

6 AM	5
Bible Class	49/12
AM Worship	87/18
PM Worship	51/7
Wed Bible Study	47/9
Contribution	4240

#### **Pantry Item**

Canned Soup

# Those Privileged to Serve

## Sept 18 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: John Smith  
Read Scripture:  
Costel Gimphu  
Opening Prayer:  
Marion Thomas  
Sermon: Ray Pack  
Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder  
Communion: Joe Venable  
Contribution:  
Jerry Butcher

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages  
Opening Prayer:  
Ken Ross  
Sermon: Ray Pack  
Closing Prayer: Ray Pack  
Communion: Joe Venable

## Sept 21 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages  
Opening Prayer:  
Joe Venable  
Devotional: Marion Thomas

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## Sept 25 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, G. Cooper

Lead Singing: Mike Wages  
Read Scripture:  
Carleton Kidder  
Opening Prayer:  
Joe Venable  
Sermon: Ray Pack  
Closing Prayer: Ken Ross  
Communion: Paul Hatcher  
Contribution:  
Charlie Richardson

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack  
Opening Prayer:  
Mike Wages  
Sermon: Singing Night  
Closing Prayer: Ken Ross  
Communion: Paul Hatcher

## Sept 28 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack  
Opening Prayer:  
Marion Thomas  
Devotional: Mike Wages

## 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