



# **SOUTH JACKSON BEACON**

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## ***More Than Songs for Children***

Those songs which we sang years ago can easily be laid aside, and we forget their powerful messages. Paul talked about “putting away childish things” (1 Cor. 13:11), but this has nothing to do with forgetting those vital truths we learned even before we went to school. Look at one of those songs for children.

**“This little light of mine...” or in another version, “This little Christian light of mine”** (even though they are not yet Christians}, is at the beginning of the song. It is not just children who have a light, Jesus wants all of us to be the light of the world (Matt. 5:14). We are lights because we are followers of the Light (John 9:5). We reflect His glory into the world of darkness. We must not overlook just how powerful “this little Christian light” of mine is. When Jesus said, “You are the light of the world,” the word “you” is plural (KJV—Ye are the light) but the word “light” is singular. By yourself you may think you have no influence on others, but never forget that a city (composed of many lights) cannot be hidden.

**“All around the neighborhood...”** is where I’m gonna let it shine. We all live in a different “hood,” and this is why we must see the lost souls on our streets, in our workplace and in every shop we visit. Remember how Jesus described what it means to love your neighbor. The man who helped the battered man beside the road to Jericho was not from that “hood.” In fact, he was from another nation (a Samaritan), yet he was the one

who Jesus described as the neighbor. Your “hood” begins at your front door and follows you to every place you go each day.

**“Hide it under a bushel...”** Jesus said we should put our lights on a candlestick to give light to all of those in the house. Not just some, but all in the house! There is no selectivity in choosing those who see our lights. There is a consistency of character that is determined, not by the audience, but by our moral fiber. Men in darkness may hate the light (John 3:19-20), but we are not “secret” Christians.

**“Don’t let Satan...” put it out.** Paul says that we wrestle against “the god of this age” “blinded” those who are unbelievers (2 Cor. 4:4) and this god will do all he can to keep our lights hidden “...lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them” (4:4). Far too many Christians have let Satan hide their lights under a bushel.

**“I’m gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.”** Shining our lights demands we make a firm decision about what we are “gonna” do! Have you faithfully done this?

Perhaps we should not have forgotten the words of this song. It may not be a children’s song after all!

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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, Judy Ellis  
Charles & Ruby Malone,  
Jeff Bliss, Ronald Clouse

### **Friends & Family**

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

### **Today's Sermons**

AM - Jesu Came to Give  
Sight to the Blind  
Luke 4:17-19

PM - Does Jesus Care  
Mark 4:37-38

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

We will be meeting at our  
regularly scheduled times on  
December 25th and Jan 1st.

### **Cards to Send**

Helen Morris  
5 Herron Street  
Medon, TN 38301

Chip Thomas  
1020 Denmark Jackson Road  
Denmark, TN 38391

### **Weekly Record**

6 AM	8
Bible Class	49/5
AM Worship	68/17
PM Worship	39/9
Wed Bible Study	47/7
Contribution	5589

### **Pantry Item**

Sliced Peaches

### **Basket Baby Shower**

There is a basket in the foyer  
to shower Brooke Mullins with  
Baby Girl Gifts.

# Those Privileged to Serve

## Dec 11 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R Pack, J. Smith

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Jerry Butcher

## Dec 18 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Carleton Kidder

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion: Ken Ross

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Paul Hatcher

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Ken Ross

## Dec 14 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: John Smith

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Marion Thomas

## Dec 14 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - 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