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A Personal Message ***Dan Jenkins***

As one reads the Bible or listens to sermons, he learns great truths. He learns the truth about the origin of the created world, and this knowledge becomes the basis of faith. He reads about the lives and struggles of godly men and is filled with awe when he sees their faith and how it sustained them. Yet, sometimes he just wishes that God would give him a personal message.

He studies the scheme of redemption and what sin does and how it brings bondage. He reads and sees how the blood of Jesus surpasses the blood of bulls and goats. He comprehends that His precious blood is the basis of salvation and the great price Jesus paid when He died such a horrendous death. He marvels at all of this and there is no doubt it impacts his life and the decisions he makes, yet he may still wish that God would give him a personal message.

He reads the Bible and sees those messages God personally gave to Noah about the building of the ark and the coming flood. He reads about God's messages to Abraham about Ur and later about offering Isaac. He may not want to receive the message about his own son that Abraham received about his son, yet he thinks how wonderful it would be to receive a personal message from God.

Perhaps this story will help you, if you have ever had thoughts about God giving you a personal message. A Christian who I know so well tells the story of how he now looks at such messages. His first two children were born just fourteen months apart, and one night as he was telling them bedtime stories, he said to them, “I want to tell you something so important. Are you aware that when God wrote the Bible, He put in it one special verse for you? So, when you read this part of the Bible and this one verse remember that God put this in the Bible especially for you.”

Their eyes were wide with excitement to know what personal message God gave just for them. That verse? “Obey your parents...for this is right” (Eph. 6:2). The truth is that this verse is in the Bible as a personal message to children!

The man then thought, “Are there any verses in the Bible God put there especially for me?” What about loving your wife like Christ loves the church? What about training your children in the teachings of God? It then dawned upon him that every verse, chapter, book, event, parable, discourse and every word is God personally speaking to him!

When you arrive at this point in your life, it will change how you study. This holy book is God’s message, written personally to you and it gives you all you need to know. You do have a personal message from God—read it!

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Fredie Stewart, Mary Lewis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Carolyn Callis
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Phillip Mullins, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Shirley Puckett
Gaylon & Betty Cooper
Carleton & Cindy Kidder

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Glenn Lovell, Gladys Gowan,
Diane Hubbard, Brandi Rogers,
Marilyn Ferrell, Corey Allen
Jeanette Manley, Ruby Malone
Kenton Lancaster,
Justin Puckett, Lee Simpson,

Today's Sermons

AM - You're In Good Hands
1 Peter 5:5-11

PM - The Nature of God's
Kingdom
John 18:33-37

Happenings

South Jackson

May 19

Men's Monthly Business
Meeting following AM services

Cards to Send

Roberta Donaldson
123 Old Pinson Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Margie Montgomery
C/O Karen Brisco
168 Cotton Ridge Road
Jackson, TN 38305

Weekly Record

6 AM	0
Bible Class	48/8
AM Worship	84/10
PM Worship	48/16
Wed Bible Study	47/10
Contribution	4672
Budget	4014

Sympathy Extended

Our deepest sympathy is
extended to Clara Williams on
the passing of our Brother
Tommy Williams.

Those Privileged to Serve

May 19- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Costel Ghimpu

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jonathan Orr

Communion: Van McConnell

Ronald Clouse

May 26- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - P. Hatcher, J. Butcher

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion: Joe Venable

Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Joe Venable

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion: Joe Venable

May 22 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ronald Clouse

Devo - Marion Thomas

May 22 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Devo - Mike Wages

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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