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Amen and Amen ***Dan Jenkins***

The word “amen” is found so often in the Bible, but we can so easily overlook just how often it appears. It is of Hebrew origin and became part of the Greek vocabulary. The Hebrew word is found 30 times in the Old Testament and 132 times in the New Testament and is so often simply brought over into the English Bible and translated as, “Amen.” So, if you know this and ever use this word, you are literally speaking three languages. However, we sometimes use words without understanding what they mean.

The word simply means “let it be true” or “it is true.” We often end our public prayers using this word and then the congregation will be part of repeating this word. The Bible shows that in the early church they said this word indicating that they had listened to the prayer, they understood the meaning of the petitions made to God and it was not just the prayer of the one leading the prayer, but it was their prayer also (1 Cor. 14:16). I try to do this in every prayer I hear others pray, but most often it is silent. If the fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much (James 5:16), think of the power of a righteous church!

One point that can so easily be overlooked is the responsibility of the one who leads the prayer. Sometimes those who lead the prayer at Palm Beach Lakes speak so softly that it is impossible for those who are in the audience to

hear what is said. Prayers are not more “holy” because we speak softly and those who lead should remember this. I am thankful for the sound system we have, but it simply cannot amplify softer voices. A failure to realize this negates what God had in mind for public prayers. Imagine a sermon being preached, in such soft tones that few were able to hear it. In our Leadership Training Camp for our young people, we strongly urge them to speak so that the person on the back row could hear.

I remember in those early years in the establishment of the church in Fiji, I did not speak Fijian, but I quickly learned the Fijian word for “amen.” The Fijians obviously knew and used this Hebrew/Greek/English word, but sometimes they used the Fijian word which I had never heard. As I was preaching, Fijians were so moved by God’s truth that they would say, “sa dina.” It literally means “it is true.” When I learned the meaning, it was so encouraging to hear the affirmation of the truth of the gospel spoken by these Christians.

Jesus used this Greek word 103 times in the gospel accounts. We may not be aware of this, but it is Jesus’ way of teaching the truth and then affirming that what I have said is truth, and I want to affirm that “it is truth.” What we may not realize is that in the gospel accounts it is translated as “verily.”

Today’s Sermons

AM - Seeking Biblical Authority
How the Bible Authorizes
Matthew 21:23

PM - Are You Trying to Make the Trip on An Empty Tank
Matthew 5:38-42

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,
Ruby Malone, Justin Puckett,
Kenton Lancaster

Tennessee Children's Home Food Drive

A list of items needed has been
placed on the bulletin board.

Dorcas Class

Dorcas Class will resume on
September 10.
Class meets at 10 AM

Happenings

September 15

Men's Mionthly business
meeting following AM services

September 29

Samrit Kammanee will be giving
the Southeast Aisa mission
report and preaching.

September 29

Fith Sunday Fellowship Meal
Following AM services.
Evening service will start at
1:00 PM

Cards to Send

Betty Mosely
52 Auburndale Court
Jackson, TN 38305

Freeman Kidder
95 Sugar Creek Drive
Henderson, TN 38340

Weekly Record

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| 6 AM | 4 |
| Bible Class | 43/13 |
| AM Worship | 76/16 |
| PM Worship | 41/19 |
| Wed Bible Study | 55/7 |
| Contribtion | 2495 |
| Budget | 4014 |

Those Privileged to Serve

Sept 8- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion: Van McConnell

Jeff Bliss

Sept 15- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Van McConnell

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Joe Venable

Louie Leroux

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Paul Hatcher

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

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Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Joe Venable

Sept 11- WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Mike Wages

Sept 18- WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Ray Pack

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Service Times

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| 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 |