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## ***Are Americans Losing Their Faith?*** ***Kevin Cauley***

Buried among the headlines of riots and viruses, a three-thousand person survey found that 52% of those that responded did not believe that Jesus was God in the flesh, but only a good teacher. The headlines read, “52% of American Adults Do Not Believe that Jesus Was God.” In this same survey, it was revealed that over 30% of evangelicals did not believe Jesus was God. Is this concerning?

In one sense, we should be concerned about the decline of faith in society. The Bible says, “Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34). As a rule of thumb, lawlessness increases proportionally to the decrease of faith. I do not know of anyone who wants to live in a lawless society. So, inasmuch as faith is decreasing, we should be concerned about the relative lawlessness of our communities and how to address such issues.american faith

On the other hand, the Christian knows that faithfulness means walking a narrow way that most will not walk. Jesus said, “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matthew 7:13-14). The majority are and always have been under the dominion of Satan. “We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one” (1 John 5:19). The good news is that we do not have to live that way. We can make a choice to follow Jesus despite what the world does. “Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward” (Hebrews 10:35).

## ***Fickle and Unfaithful***

***Tim Dooley***

In the second half of the book of Numbers we continue to see the age-old struggle of mankind striving against God's will. The children of Israel have defeat snatched from the hands of victory as they call on God to deliver their enemy and then turn around and murmur against Him. Balaam has to have a discussion with his donkey in order to hear God and he was a prophet. Balak keeps saying, "Let's try over here." "No?" "Let's try over here..." Is it that hard to hear the Lord and do what He says? We can be hard on these fickle and unfaithful biblical characters, but do we not often act in the same way?

Yet God still cares for and loves His people, and in He begins to make preparation for Israel's entrance into the Promised Land. God has made provision for us to enter the Promised Land of Heaven.

As we close the book God informs Moses that his life will soon end and he is to give some final instructions to the Children of Israel. A couple things stand out to me in this reading. 1) God loves His people and is concerned for their well-being. 2) God is just and righteous and His judgment needs to be enforced. 3) He expects the people to remain pure and free from evil influences. When the family has wicked and divisive influences among them, that defile the body and pollute the land, it must be cleansed (33:55–56; 35:34). God is faithful, be ye faithful!

# ***Congregational News & Notes***

## **Happenings**

### **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,  
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

### **Today's Sermons**

AM - Four Reasons to  
Be Faithful  
1 Peter 4:1-6  
  
PM - God Is Mighty to Save  
Zephaniah 3:17

### **Today**

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**

Roberta Donaldson  
123 Old Pinson Road  
Jackson, TN 38301

Margie Montgomery  
C/O Karen Briscoe  
168 Cotton Ridge Drive  
Jackson, TN 38305

### **Weekly Record**

6 AM	0
Bible Class	45/11
AM Worship	86/10
PM Worship	52/9
Wed Bible Study	44/5
Contribution	4840
Budget	4014

# Those Privileged to Serve

## Sept 15- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: John Smith  
Read Scripture:  
Van McConnell  
Opening Prayer:  
Paul Hatcher  
Sermon: Ray Pack  
Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse  
Communion: Joe Venable  
Louie Leroux

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher  
Opening Prayer:  
Mike Wages  
Sermon: Ray Pack  
Closing Prayer: Greg Long  
Communion: Joe Venable

## Sept 18- WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher  
Opening Prayer:  
Marion Thomas  
Devo - Ray Pack

## Sept 22- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, R. Pack

Lead Singing: Mike Wages  
Read Scripture:  
Jerry Butcher  
Opening Prayer:  
Greg Long  
Sermon: Ray Pack  
Closing Prayer: Ian Shoemate  
Communion: Paul Hatcher  
Jeff Bliss

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack  
Opening Prayer:  
Joe Venable  
Sermon: Singing Night  
Closing Prayer: Greg Long  
Communion: Paul Hatcher

## Sept 25- WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack  
Opening Prayer:  
Joe Venable  
Devo - Marion Thomas

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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