



# SOUTH JACKSON BEACON

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## ***A Limited View of the Harvest*** ***Dan Jenkins***

When Jesus said, “Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest” (John 4:35), His disciples really had trouble understanding what was being said. They were in Samaria and the apostles, because of their Jewish background, had never seen that Samaritans had souls. Jews avoided, as much as they could, any contact with this mixed race in Samaria. Jesus’ use of the word “already” shows that He saw Samaria as a field ready to be reaped for God.

These apostles had to be shocked at the words of Jesus, but in just a few months they saw what Jesus saw. They saw souls, even those in Samaria. Just before His ascension, Jesus gave His plan to evangelize the world using these words: “You shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). It appeared that some heard these words this time and understood them.

The church began in Jerusalem and when persecution arose, the Bible shows that they went to Samaria. When the Samaritans believed and obeyed the gospel, these apostles then knew His plan that involved from Jerusalem to Samaria. The apostles were part of the beginning of the church and before them were the white fields of Samaria. What happened? Luke describes the response using the word “multitudes.” The apostles seemed to have understood His

great commission. They sent Peter and John to them that they might lay hands on these new Christians so that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

However, their view of white fields was limited. Some of those early Christians went to Antioch in Syria, and some Greeks, likely proselytes, became Christians (Acts 11:19-20). But most in the church still did not see the white fields. It is true that Peter said on Pentecost that the promise of the Spirit would be given to as many as the Lord called, but he failed to see that it included those who were far off—the Gentiles.

It was the miracle of the Spirit coming on the household of Cornelius that started opening their eyes. God had shown that He accepted any person in every nation who feared God and did His will (Acts 10:34-35). The great commission of Jesus was to preach to every creature. The church was so slow in seeing this.

What is the application of what we have just said? It is for each of us to lift up our eyes. We have no right to pre-judge others before we teach them! Remember that world evangelism begins at your front door and goes around the world. Is it possible that we are not seeing our white fields? As you walk away from the church building, you are in His mission field!

# *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,  
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, Roger Callis

## **Today's Sermons**

AM - Samrit Kamannee

PM - Ian Shoemate

## **Happenings**

### **September 29**

Samrit Kamannee 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**

Freddie & Carolyn Callis  
201 North Tennessee Street  
Jackson, TN 38301

Jerry Crabb  
530 North Church Street  
Jackson, TN 38301

## **Weekly Record**

6 AM	5
Bible Class	46/5
AM Worship	75/18
PM Worship	38/0
Wed Bible Study	51/5
Contribution	3291
Budget	4014

# Those Privileged to Serve

## Sept 29- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Read Scripture:

Jeff Bliss

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Sam Kamanee

Closing Prayer: Jonathan Orr

Communion: Mike Wages

Ronald Clouse

## Oct 6- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, J. Smith

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Van McConnell

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher

Communion: Joe Venable

Charlie Richardson

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Clayton

Opening Prayer:

Deacon Hazel

Sermon: Ian Shoemate

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Mike Wages

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Joe Venable

## Oct 2- WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Devo - Mike Wages

## Oct 9- WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

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