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Working with the Word ***Travis Main***

When the Angel of God approached Gideon in Judges 6, Gideon had two questions:

“If the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us?”

“Where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of?”

God didn’t answer those questions. God just told Gideon to go do the appointed work.

Sometimes we spend a lot of time asking questions. We contemplate. We debate. We research. God’s plan for Christians is simple: teach, baptize, obey (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, I Corinthians 1:21, Micah 6:8, Ephesians 2:10). Yes, all aspects of our life are involved, but we shouldn’t paralyze ourselves into inaction by our desire to know everything. Many a person has failed to commit to Christianity for fear of not knowing enough. Many a Christian has proclaimed they cannot share the gospel due to a lack of knowledge. Yet, God used those recently exposed to the gospel to spread the message throughout the world (Acts 8:4). A word from a single person with little knowledge can motivate a large body of people (John 4:1-42).

Gideon after being told to “Go”, asked for evidence the path before Him was from God. Miracles and signs no longer occur in our age. They did so previously to confirm the prophetic

message of God (Mark 16:20). However, we now have the Word of God which makes us complete for His Work (2 Timothy 3:16, I Corinthians 13:8-12, Ephesians 4:8-16), provides what we need for life and Godliness (1 Peter 3:1-3), and was completely delivered for the salvation of our souls (Jude 3, James 1:21).

Once Gideon received evidence from God, he went on to the task commanded. Yet, he would again ask for signs. His faith had been strengthened, but further evidence from God strengthened it even more. Romans 10:17 says that man's faith comes from hearing the Word of God. Why? Hebrews 11:1 answers this: "Faith is the foundation of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Evidence is a building block of faith originating in the Word! Today, our faith to do the work of God is strengthened by the evidence within the Word. 2 Timothy 2:15: "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman who needed not be ashamed". The Word ever goes with the work and is not to be separate from it (James 1:22ff).

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,
Corey Allen, Caraline Rogers
Ruby Malone, Justin Puckett,
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis

Today's Sermons

AM - Doing the Work of
the Lord
1 Corinthians 16:10

PM - Give Me This Mountain
Joshua 15:13-14

Happenings

October 20-23

Annual Gospel Meeting
Sam Jones

Cards to Send

Gaylon Cooper
201 Ed Moore Road
Beech Bluff, TN 38313

James Morris
C/O Vanessa Perry
97 Old Pinson road
Jackson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

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| 6 AM | 5 |
| Bible Class | 51/8 |
| AM Worship | 82/20 |
| PM Worship | 55/29 |
| Wed Bible Study | 48/8 |
| Contribution | 2898 |
| Budget | 4014 |

Those Privileged to Serve

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: Greg Long

Charlie Richardson

Oct 13- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

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Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Marion Thomas

Van McConnell

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Ray Pack

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ian Shoemate

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Oct 9- WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Marion Thomas

Oct 16- WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: John Smith

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 |