



SOUTH JACKSON BEACON

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Free Food ***Kevin Cauley***

My wife and I have a date every Tuesday for lunch. We usually grab a bite to eat at one of our local establishments. As we left one restaurant, we noticed that if we filled out a survey, we could get a free sandwich. I started wondering whether a person could survive just by filling out surveys. My wife said, "Try it!" I said, "No." I have filled out a survey on occasion to get free food, but I don't want to fill out surveys every day. Also, the value of this free food is relatively low. Usually, what you get is one of the cheaper menu options. Someone else, however, might want to do that! After all, it's for free food!

I couldn't help but think about how many religious folks today claim that if a person must do anything to be saved, then he has earned his salvation. Does filling out a survey "earn" a sandwich? No. That's why they say it is "free." Yet, what Jesus offers us in salvation is so much more valuable than a cheap menu item. It is priceless! How could a person so earn His salvation through obeying God's commands? He could not. It is not an equal exchange. There is no comparable value in obedience to the price that God paid.

Do we earn our salvation when we do what Jesus tells us to do to be saved? No! But we do meet the conditions that God has set. It is why Jesus said, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16). The notion that there is absolutely nothing one must do to be saved is a false doctrine that Jesus did not teach.

God Bless you!

Broken Hearts Like Jeremiah

Tim Dooley

In the five lamentations of Jeremiah one is struck with how personally the prophet takes the punishment of Judah and Jerusalem. They have been removed due to their sin, sin which Jeremiah pleaded with them to repent of and turn to God. But they refused. Jeremiah's heart is broken over the desolation of the once great city of David and the derision that is spewed forth toward its remains. But in the midst of his wailing he reminds himself and the people of God of the wonderful mercies of the Lord and His impending judgment upon His enemies.

When the church falls into sin do we mourn over her destruction? Do we weep over the ridicule hurled at her by her enemies? Do we seek the mercy of the Lord, His judgment upon His enemies, and a restoration of the old paths? Do we weep over the sins of our day? Do we care for the lost and dying?

If every Christian grieved like Jeremiah consider just how strong and glorious the kingdom on earth would be. How Christ would be exalted. How God would be glorified. It starts with me! Be faithful.

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

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

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Glenn & Trydy Lovell,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,
Caraline Rogers
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone

Today's Sermons

AM - Bursting Your Bubble
2 Timothy 2:15

PM - Clayton Danley Speaking

Happenings

Men's Business Meeting

November 17 following AM
services

South Jackson

Cards to Send

Mary Bolen
902 O'Neal Lane
Henderson, TN 38340

Carolyn Callis
201 North Tennessee Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

6 AM	5
Bible Class	48/4
AM Worship	72/18
PM Worship	46/0
Wed Bible Study	44/9
Contribution	3715
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

Nov 3 - 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

Contribution:

Jerry Butcher

Nov 10 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, R. Pack

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jerry Butcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Van McConnell

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Clayton Danley

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Ray Pack

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Greg Long

Nov 6 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Ray Pack

Devo - Marion Thomas

Nov 13 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: John Smith

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Ray Pack

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 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