



# SOUTH JACKSON BEACON

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## ***More Than Songs for Children*** ***Dan Jenkins***

Those songs which we sang years ago can easily be laid aside, and we forget their powerful messages. Paul talked about “putting away childish things” (1 Cor. 13:11), but this has nothing to do with forgetting those vital truths we learned even before we went to school. Look at one of those songs.

**“This little light of mine...”** or in another version, “This little Christian light of mine” (even though they are not yet Christians}, is at the beginning of the song. It is not just children who have a light, Jesus wants all of us to be the light of the world (Matt. 5:14). We are lights because we are followers of the Light (John 9:5). We reflect His glory into the world of darkness. We must not overlook just how powerful “this little Christian light” of mine is. When Jesus said, “You are the light of the world,” the word “you” is plural (KJV—Ye are the light) but the word “light” is singular. By yourself you may think you have no influence on others, but never forget that a city (composed of many lights) cannot be hidden.

**“All around the neighborhood...”** is where I’m gonna let it shine. We all live in a different “hood,” and this is why we must see the lost souls on our streets, in our workplace and in every shop we visit. Remember how Jesus described what it means to love your neighbor. The man who helped the battered man beside the road to Jericho was not from that “hood.” In fact, he was from another nation (a Samaritan), yet he was the one

who Jesus described as the neighbor. Your “hood” begins at your front door and follows you to every place you go each day.

**“Hide it under a bushel...”** Jesus said we should put our lights on a candlestick to give light to all of those in the house. Not just some, but all in the house! There is no selectivity in choosing those who see our lights. There is a consistency of character that is determined, not by the audience, but by our moral fiber. Men in darkness may hate the light (John 3:19-20), but we are not “secret” Christians.

**“Don’t let Satan...”** put it out. Paul says that we wrestle against “the god of this age” “blinded” those who are unbelievers (2 Cor. 4:4) and this god will do all he can to keep our lights hidden “...lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them” (4:4). Far too many Christians have let Satan hide their lights under a bushel.

**“I’m gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.”** Shining our lights demands we make a firm decision about what we are “gonna” do! Have you faithfully done this? Perhaps we should not have forgotten the words of this song. It may not be a children’s song after all!

# ***Congregational News & Notes***

## **Prayer Requested**

### **Members**

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris  
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,  
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,  
Doug Crouse, Mary Bolen  
Freddie & 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 & Trudy Lovell,  
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,  
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen  
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,  
Caraline Rogers  
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone

### **Today's Sermons**

AM - Clouds That  
Conceal Christ  
Acts 1:6-9

PM - 3 Views of the Cross  
Matthew 27:54

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

#### **January 19th**

Men's Business Meeting  
following AM Service

### **Arera Events**

Singing  
Henderson Church of Christ  
January 24  
7 PM

### **Cards to Send**

Gaylon & Betty Cooper  
201 Ed Moore Road  
Beech Bluff, TN 38313

Jerry & Gail Crabb  
530 North Church Street  
Jackson, TN 38301

### **Weekly Record**

6 AM	3
Bible Class	41/3
AM Worship	79/21
PM Worship	46/9
Wed Bible Study	41/12
Contribution	3927
Budget	4014

# Those Privileged to Serve

## Jan 19 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Smith, M. Wages

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Costel Ghimpu

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Jerry Butcher

## Jan 26 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Joe Venable

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Mike Wages

## Jan 22 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ray Pack

Devo - Mike Wages

## Jan 29 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Greg Long

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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