



# SOUTH JACKSON BEACON

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## ***Who is the Leader?*** ***Dan Jenkins***

Sometimes problems come about because there is conflict about who becomes the leader in a particular situation. You see this in the lives of children, but it continues even into our adult lives. There is a religious application of this in the deeper study of one particular Greek word and how it is used.

Sometimes there are situations where it makes no difference who goes first—the order is of no consequence. The Greek word *proago* is often used this way. It is a compound word combining the first part of the word (*pro*), which means “before,” with the second part of the word which means “to go.” It is used in the account of the triumphant entry of Jesus into the city. As you read the text, you visualize the multitude who surrounded the One who was riding on the donkey as He entered the holy city. The text describes how some preceded Him and how others followed. To look closely at this event shows that here it made no difference who went first.

The same word is used in the account of what transpired before Jesus came walking on the water to the disciples, who were about to lose their lives in a boat filling up with water. After He had fed the 5,000, He told the disciples to get into their boat and go across the Sea of Galilee while He dismissed the multitude. The use of this word indicates that it was His will for them to go first. Because He was their Master, they went ahead not knowing what was about to happen.

The word is used following His resurrection. The angels at the tomb told the women to deliver the message that they were to leave Jerusalem and meet Him in Galilee because He was going first to meet them there. The order made a difference. He was to go first, and He would be awaiting them there.

However, there is a time when it makes an eternal difference as to who goes first. The ESV reflects the better Greek manuscripts' use of the word *proago* in its translation of John's words. "Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ does not have God" (2 John 9). We are absolutely forbidden to leave our place as a follower of the teaching of Jesus. When we "go on ahead" of His teaching, we rob Him who has all authority in heaven and on earth. In substance we say to Him, "You may have all authority in every place, but you do not have it in this place in my life!" There is an eternal consequence for our sinful attitude.

So, as you make choices in your life, humbly deny yourself and take up your cross and let Him go first. He is the leader in all spiritual choices. We leave Him behind when we fail to do what He says. Never forget He said, "I go first."

# ***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, Freddie 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 - Faith and Works - Part 1  
James 2:14-17

PM - Learning from 3  
Centurions  
Mark 15:39

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

#### **Today**

Men's Business Meeting  
Following AM services

**Area Events are posted on the  
bulletin board**

### **Cards to Send**

Roberta Donaldson  
123 Old Pinson Road  
Jackson, TN 38301

Betty Mosely  
52 Auburndale Cove  
Jackson, TN 38305

### **Weekly Record**

6 AM	4
Bible Class	46/3
AM Worship	65/15
PM Worship	46/19
Wed Bible Study	46/5
Contribution	4149
Budget	4014

# Those Privileged to Serve

## Feb 16 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, R. Pack

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jeff Dove

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Marion Thomas

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

## Feb 23 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Costel Ghimpu

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: Greg Long

Contribution:

Jerry Butcher

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher

Communion: Joe Venable

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ray Pack

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Greg Long

## Feb 19 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Greg Long

## Feb 26 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

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