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Seeking Peace through Self-Control ***Travis Main***

Have you ever done something good only to be blindsided by others questioning your motives? On the light side, what if you purchased some low fat strawberry ice cream for your spouse knowing she really likes it. Would you promptly, perhaps angrily, receive the question, “Do you think I am fat???” What you say next is the center of our examination involving the judge Gideon.

Led by the Spirit of God, Gideon called the Abiezrites (a clan of Mannaseh) and the men from the tribes Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali (Judges 6:34ff). Gideon gathered these men that they might go up against the Midianites and Amalekites as the Lord had commanded. Ultimately, all but 300 would be sent home that the power of God would be seen in the victory. When the enemy was fleeing, Gideon called upon Naphtali, Manasseh, Asher, and Ephraim to pursue. Ephraim in their efforts would capture the Midian princes Oreb and Zeeb.

It seems this event would end in praises to God and kind words for Gideon. Instead, Ephraim voiced anger at Gideon for not calling them when the battle was first initiated. Did they believe Gideon was motivated by a desire for glory? Was jealousy the motivation Ephraim demonstrated anger toward Gideon? Judges 8:1 shares that Ephraim took the actions of Gideon as a personal offence and “they accused

him fiercely.”.

Gideon could have responded angrily to Ephraim. He could have said things he would have regretted. The situation could have been escalated. Often times, man chooses the wrong words (James 3:5-6). Instead, Gideon diminishes his accomplishments and praises Ephraim's. He declares what he and his clan had done was not even comparable to Ephraim capturing Oreb and Zeeb. These words bring about peace. Ephraim's anger subsides. Gideon demonstrated self-control.

The apostle Peter provides direction for our lives akin to that of Gideon: “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.” (1 Peter 3:10-11) In our interactions, we always have a choice as to what our action and words will be. We can seek peace through self-control or we can unleash a storm through rashness.

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Doug Crouse,
Freddie Callis, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Linda Morris
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,
Danny Darnaby

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood,
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster,
Ruby Malone,
Caraline Rogers, Justin Puckett,
Jane Washington

Today's Sermons

AM - Fruit of the Spirit -
Self Control
Galatians 5:22-23
PM - FHU Student Series
Cade Harris

Happenings

South Jackson

Today

Men's Business Meeting follow-
ing AM services

March 29

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal
following AM Services!
Evening service at 1:00 PM

April 24

Areawide Singing at
South Jackson

Cards to Send

Doug & Carol Crouse
68 Scotland Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Joe & Faye Venable
1065 Forrest
Henderson, TN 38340

Weekly Record

Bible Class	42/6
AM Worship	63/7
PM Worship	52/4
Wed Bible Study	48/2
Contribution	48/6
Budget	3500

Those Privileged to Serve

March 15 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Read Scripture:
Costel Ghimpu
Opening Prayer:
Marion Thomas
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Greg Long
Communion: Paul Hatcher
Contribution:
Ronald Clouse

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse
Communion: Mike Wages

Mar 11 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Ray Pack
Devo - Mike Wages

March 22 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Ronald Clouse
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher
Communion: Marion Thomas
Contribution:
Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack
Opening Prayer:
Mike Wages
Sermon: Singing Night
Closing Prayer: Greg Long
Communion: Paul Hatcher

Mar 18 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas
Opening Prayer:
Paul Hatcher
Devo - Ray Pack

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Service Tim

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