



# SOUTH JACKSON BEACON

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## ***Changing Taste*** ***Foy Forehand***

As a boy growing up in north west Texas my family did what others would consider strange. At best, strange. When Momma had finished brewing coffee for her and Daddy, we kids would often take the grounds and chew them. Okay, really strange. However, with this early introduction to the taste of coffee, I learned to love the taste of coffee. I enjoyed coffee so much that I would drink it hot, cold or lukewarm – the stronger, the better. My coffee would always be black with no sugar or any other taste to enhance it. I loved coffee. Two twelve cup pots a day was usual. But something happened. I don't know how or why, but something happened. One morning I woke up and the taste of coffee turned my stomach. I don't like the taste of coffee. Friends and relatives told my wife to have my DNA checked to see if this really was Foy. I have also often heard of other people who, when they had grown older their tastes in many things changed – from fashion to hair style to food and drink. Okay, so what?

If there is nothing but personal taste to determine some situations, then each person's taste are the only thing that matters. This is true, for the most part, with matters of food, clothes and hair styles. However, there are some matters which can not be adduced merely from personal likes, tastes. Matters of eternal significance must be determined by the highest, the revealed, standard given by the Eternal Divine Nature, GOD! Cain tried to determine his worship merely from his situation instead of following God's directives, Genesis 4:3-7. Cain's unauthorized worship led to murder and exile. Morality based on the feelings of the moment, by king David of Israel, rather than God's directives, led not only to adultery and murder but also to the death of a child,

2 Sam. 11:2-12:18. Biblical examples could be multiplied. Moreover, in the New Testament we find Christians turning from honesty which God ordained and a husband and wife, Ananias and Sapphira, suffering both the humiliation of Divine wrath but also physical death, Acts 1-11. The Divine standard does not change, regardless of human taste.

I also grew up in a family where music was everywhere. Momma sang ditties and great songs. We all sang secular songs and spiritual songs. Momma played the ukulele. In college I learned to play the trombone and took some lessons in piano. I loved listening to the "big band" sounds of famous orchestras. When I came to the New Testament, the last will and testament of Jesus Christ, Heb. 9:15-17; 10:9-10, it was immediately obvious that God said "sing," Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 13:15 AND that God intended this for psalms, hymns and spiritual songs wherever and whenever they were used, James 5:13. Now, my personal tastes no longer have any value because God has spoken. The truth will not change so I must change my tastes to match the truth.

I have often wondered what it would be like to stand before Jesus in the judgment, 2 Cor. 5:10, and try to explain to him why I thought my tastes were of more value than His and why He should accept what I like rather than what He said. If Matthew 28:18-20 is true AND IT IS, then we must observe what Jesus said and that's all. Tastes change. The New Testament does not change.

# *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 - Mike Wages Speaking

PM - Song Service

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

**April 24**

Areawide Singing at  
South Jackson

### **Cards to Send**

Mary Bolen  
25 Max Lane  
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### **Weekly Record**

Bible Class	32/0
AM Worship	66/0
PM Worship	39/0
Wed Bible Study	49/10
Contribution	3198
Budget	3600

# Those Privileged to Serve

## March 29 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack  
Read Scripture:  
Jeff Bliss  
Opening Prayer:  
Greg L Ong  
Sermon: Mike Wages  
Closing Prayer: Joe Venable  
Communion: Jeff Dove  
Contribution:  
Charlie Richardson

## PM WORSHIP

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

## Apr 1 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages  
Opening Prayer:  
Ray Pack  
Devo - Marion Thomas

## Apr 5 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages  
Read Scripture:  
Costel Ghimpu  
Opening Prayer:  
Joe Venable  
Sermon: Ray Pack  
Closing Prayer: Jeff Dove  
Communion: Paul Hatcher  
Contribution:  
Jeff Bliss

## PM WORSHIP

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

## Apr 8 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher  
Opening Prayer:  
Greg Long  
Devo - Ronald Clouse

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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