



# SOUTH JACKSON BEACON

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## ***Jesus a King of a Kingdom Above this World*** ***Dan Jenkins***

As daylight was breaking, the Jews brought Jesus to Pilate in their determination to kill Him. Pilate was not a Jew but a Roman who had been appointed governor over the land. The governor went out to those assembled and asked why they had brought Jesus to him. One of the charges was that Jesus Himself had said that He was the Messiah and a king.

When Pilate learned this, he asked Jesus if He was the king of the Jews. In answering this question, Jesus clearly implied that His authority was so great that even Pilate was subject to God (John 19:11). His defense before Pilate reveals so much about the nature of the kingdom. "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). It is vital that we understand His kingdom and its relationship to the world. Jesus is King

**His kingdom is NOT of this world.** The concept of a kingdom in the mind of Herod, the Jews and many in Christendom is impacted because earthly kingdoms have a king who has great authority and sits on a throne. Yet, the words of Jesus indicate another kind of kingdom. Some even view that a time will come when He will sit on a throne in Jerusalem ruling the world. Hear the words of Jesus. I am a King. I have a kingdom. The kingdom that I have is not like the kingdoms of this world.

**His kingdom is IN this world.** There were eighty-four messengers who affirmed that the kingdom was to be established in the first century—John the Baptist (Matt. 3:2); Jesus (Matt. 4:17); the apostles (Matt. 10:7); and the Seventy (Luke 10:9). Those in sin were delivered from sin and brought into that kingdom (Col. 1:13). It was a reality. It was visible. However, it was spiritual in nature and not of this world. Jesus used these words to describe those in the kingdom. They are in the world, but not of the world (John 17:11-16)

**His kingdom is ABOVE this world.** The primary difference between these two concepts of kingdoms is that the kingdom of Jesus is above all kingdoms. It is repeatedly described as the kingdom of heaven. Jesus is that King of kings. He is above all kings. The kingdom is kingdom above all kingdoms.

**His kingdom is FOR this world.** Why is the kingdom in the world? It is because it is the salt of this earth and the light of this world (Matt. 5:13-14). It is not here simply to be a gathering of worshipers each week. It is like the church in Thessalonica whose impact was such that "...the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place" (1 Thess. 1:8). We are here for this world and to give it the hope of heaven.

Entrance into that kingdom involves a new birth, being born again as His Spirit leads us to a baptism in water (John 3:5). Let us know how we can help you!

# *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  
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,  
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,

### **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 - All's of the Bible  
Matthew 22:37

PM - Singing Night

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

#### **May 31**

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal

See bulletin Board for  
Area Events

### **Cards to Send**

Karen Chance  
36 Parkburg Road  
Jackson, TN 38301

Gwen Smith  
495 Medon Malesus Road  
Medon, TN 38356

### **Weekly Record**

Bible Class	46/7
AM Worship	82/9
PM Worship	49/10
Wed Bible Study	44/2
Contribution	3548
Budget	3600

# Those Privileged to Serve

## **Apr 26 - AM WORSHIP**

Lead Singing: John Smith  
Read Scripture:  
Van McConnell  
Opening Prayer:  
Marion Thomas  
Sermon: Ray Pack  
Closing Prayer: Greg Long  
Communion: Mike Wages  
Contribution:  
Louie Leroux

## **PM WORSHIP**

Lead Singing: Ray Pack  
Opening Prayer:  
Joe Venable  
Sermon: Singing Night  
Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse  
Communion: Mike Wages

## **Apr 29 - WED BIBLE STUDY**

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas  
Opening Prayer:  
Paul Hatcher  
Devo - Jerry Butcher

## **May 3 - AM WORSHIP**

Lead Singing: John Smith  
Read Scripture:  
Jeff Bliss  
Opening Prayer:  
Joe Venable  
Sermon: Ray Pack  
Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas  
Communion: Greg Long  
Contribution:  
Charlie Richardson

## **PM WORSHIP**

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

## **May 6 - WED BIBLE STUDY**

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher  
Opening Prayer:  
Mike Wages  
Devo - Marion Thomas

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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