



# SOUTH JACKSON BEACON

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## ***Affirmation of Truthfulness*** ***Dan Jenkins***

The ancient Hebrews had a word which affirmed the truthfulness of what was said. That same word was literally brought over into the Greek language with the same affirmation about truth. It may seem strange, but that same Hebrew/Greek word became an English word. That word is amen. It appears 30 times in the Old Testament and 132 times in the New Testament. Amen simply means “let it be true” or “it is true.” Jesus himself used this word 103 times. True True

It is not always translated amen. It often is translated “verily” in the KJV. This is seen in the 25 times He emphasized the truth He was about to say and said, “Verily, verily.” The NKJV translated this compound usage as “most assuredly.” Your life will be enriched when Jesus said, “Amen, amen” or “Verily, verily.”

His words are always truth. However, Jesus so often highlighted truth and some fifty times said, “Verily I say to you...” The other fifty times he used the compound phrase. His words are truth. They are very true. They are very truth, very true. Consider the following discussion of truth which Jesus began by saying, “Verily, verily, I say to you.”

So many know that Jesus spoke of being born again. However, most have failed to realize how Jesus defines that new birth. Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except

a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3). Nicodemus thought he was speaking of a literal birth, so Jesus expanded what He said. “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (John 3:5).

Being born again is not a fleshly birth, but the creation of a new person, and it truly involved both water and the Spirit. Read the book of Acts as it shows those who were taught the words given by the Spirit entered into water. They were all baptized in water!

The truth that being born again involves both the Spirit and water could have been established by Jesus simply saying that for one to be born again water was involved in it. Jesus chose to emphasize water baptism by beginning His teachings saying “Verily, I say unto you...” Yet, He did more! He said, “Verily, verily I say unto you...” His words are so remarkable. Jesus said, “It is true, it is true...” What is true? That the new birth involves more than the Spirit—it involves water. Jesus taught it involves water. Jesus truly (verily) taught it involves water. Jesus truly, truly taught it involves water!

The next time you read the book of John, pay special attention to the 25 times Jesus said, “Verily, verily.” Your life will be changed by doing this kind of study!

# *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, Melissa Henson  
Caraline Rogers, Justin Puckett,  
Jane Washington, Joyce Pack

### **Today's Sermons**

AM - 5 Encouraging Scriptures  
1 Thessalonians 4:18  
  
PM - The God Who Works in  
Threes  
Matthew 28:18-20

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

#### **Today**

Men's Business Meeting

#### **May 31**

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal

See bulletin Board for  
Area Events

### **Cards to Send**

Doug & Carol Crouse  
68 Scotland Drive  
Jackson, TN 38301

Luther & Jo Merritt  
121 Chester Levee Road  
Jackson, TN 38301

### **Weekly Record**

Bible Class	41/6
AM Worship	92/6
PM Worship	51/10
Wed Bible Study	41/6
Contribution	4483
Budget	3600

# Those Privileged to Serve

## May 17 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith  
Read Scripture:  
Van McConnell  
Opening Prayer:  
Joe Venable  
Sermon: Ray Pack  
Closing Prayer: Greg Long  
Communion: Mike Wages  
Contribution:  
Jeff Dove

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages  
Opening Prayer:  
Greg Long  
Sermon: Ray Pack  
Closing Prayer: Louie Leroux  
Communion: Ray Pack

## May 20 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas  
Opening Prayer:  
Mike Wages  
Devo - Ronald Clouse

## May 24 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages  
Read Scripture:  
Charlie Richardson  
Opening Prayer:  
Marion Thomas  
Sermon: Ray Pack  
Closing Prayer: Van McConnell  
Communion: Greg Long  
Contribution:  
Ronald Clouse

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack  
Opening Prayer:  
Greg Long  
Sermon: Ray Pack  
Closing Prayer: Louie Leroux  
Communion: Ray Pack

## May 27 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas  
Opening Prayer:  
Joe Venable  
Devo - Jerry Butcher

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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