



SOUTH JACKSON BEACON

Vol XVIII

May 24, 2026

No.21

Eyes of Faith Looking Outward ***Dan Jenkins***

When one reads Paul's letter to Colosse in the King James or the New King James translations of the Bible, he finds a word not commonly used. Paul urged those saints to live holy lives by saying, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise" (Eph. 5:15). The English word "circumspectly" is a compound word with the first part being found in words like "circle" or "circumference." The second part of the word is used in the word "inspect." Paul was urging the Christians to be careful how they walked by always looking around them. Christians must use the eyes of faith to look outward.

Christians, look around you to see people. This is precisely what Jesus did. He was constantly aware of those around Him and the needs each of them had. He saw the woman taken in the act of adultery with eyes so different from those who so harshly judged her (John 8:3-7). He saw the grieving widow of Nain who was on her way to bury her only son (Luke 7:11-16). He saw little children whom others thought should not "bother" Jesus, and He strongly rebuked the way they looked at children (Mark 10:13-16). As you walk, make sure to see the people around you.

Christians, look around you to see lost souls. Jesus' disciples returned from Sychar, a city of Samaria, and found Jesus at the well where He had taught the Samaritan woman.

Most Jews had strong racial prejudice toward Samaritans but not Jesus. The woman did not stay at the well for she returned to her city to tell them about the Messiah. They were coming out to meet Jesus when our Lord said to His disciples, "Lift up your eyes and look at the fields for they are already white for harvest" (John 4:35). The disciples had just been in the city but saw no souls, only food. As you walk, make sure you lift up your eyes to fields ready for harvesting!

Christians, look around you for struggling brethren who need you. The church at Corinth had dealt with the brother who had taken his father's wife. They had come together and publicly given him back to Satan (1 Cor. 5:1-7). Their actions had caused the man to repent, but the church needed instructions about how to treat this brother who obviously was struggling so much. Paul writes a second letter to them and talks about Satan's devices. Christians need to look around and see how Satan is working, particularly with weak brothers. How should we treat them? Paul says forgive them, comfort them and help them overcome their sorrow.

Fellow Christians, look upward to see all that is there, but never forget to look around you. The treasures await us, but to attain them, we must look around us!

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 - Big Picture Faith
Hebrews 11:1-6

PM - Singing Night

Happenings

South Jackson

May 31

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal

June 19-20

Work Days at the Building
Friday - 6:30 PM
Saturday - 9 AM

Cookout will take place at 1 PM
on Saturday

See bulletin Board for
Area Events

Cards to Send

Jerry & Gail Crabb
530 North Church Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Kenny & Panda Green
249 Dustin Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

Bible Class	46/6
AM Worship	89/10
PM Worship	48/20
Wed Bible Study	38/11
Contribution	4213
Budget	3600

Those Privileged to Serve

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

May 31 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack
Read Scripture:
Costel Ghimpi
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Sermon: Jeff Dove
Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse
Communion: Greg Long
Contribution:
Louie LeRoux

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Sermon: Sermon in Song
Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher
Communion: Greg Long

June 3 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Devo - Marion Thomas

South Jackson Church of Christ
845 Highway 18
Medon, TN
(731) 424-9721
Minister: Ray Pack
rpack119@gmail.com
(731) 437-9501

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