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Droopy Eyes and Our Gospel Meeting

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The apostles had a vision problem and did not realize it. I'm not sure if there is a name for it, but I would call it "droopy-itus." This disease had been around for several years and was widespread among the Jews of the first century. As strange as it may seem it is often found among many Christians today.

John chapter four records the time when Jesus and the apostles were traveling from Judea, in the southern part of Palestine, to Galilee in the north. The shortest route was through Samaria but this was a long and difficult journey. Josephus said that it was a three day journey for most people. It was difficult because of hostility that had existed between the Samaritans and the Jews for more than 400 years.

As the Lord came near the well which Jacob dug near Sychar, the humanity of Jesus is shown in the words of John. "Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well" (John 4:6). It was noon, and His disciples left Him there while they went into the city to buy food (4:8). While they were gone, Jesus met a Samaritan woman and, in violation of the culture, began talking to her (4:9). She knew that the Messiah was to come and when Jesus told her that He was the Messiah, she left her water pot, went into the city and told the men that it was possible that the Messiah was sitting at Jacob's well. They then left the city to discover for themselves if the Son of God was in their midst.

In the meantime the disciples had returned and were amazed that Jesus was talking with the Samaritan woman. After she left, they encouraged Him to eat. His words say so much about the priority people have over material things. “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” He helped His disciples understand His words when He added, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.”

It is possible that at that precise moment the Samaritans were coming out of the city to see Him at Jacob’s well. How fitting were the words of Jesus, “Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest.”

The disciples had “droopy-itus.” They could not see the opportunities around them. There were souls all around them, lost souls, but they could not see them.

Is it possible that we have the same problem today? With our gospel meeting just one week away, we should heed His words, “Lift up your eyes.” Is it possible that there are souls all around us, but we cannot see them? Almost every person you meet is lost. Lift up your eyes and see them. In the next week say what the woman said, “Come and see.”

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,
Jerry Butcher

Friends & Family

Glenn Lovell,
Beverly Martindale,
Diane Hubbard, Kyle Bess
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Archie Hardy,
Ruby Malone, Melissa Henson
Caraline Rogers, Justin Puckett,
Jane Washington, Joyce Pack

Today's Sermons

AM - Mike Wages Speaking

PM - Singing Night

Happenings

South Jackson

October 24
Prayer Service - 8:30 AM

October 25-28
Gospel Meeting with
Bruce Hatcher

October 31
Ladies Retreat
Pinson Mounds
See bulletin board for
more information

Cards to Send

Jo & Faye Venable
1065 Forrest
Henderson, TN 38340

Mike & Leah Wages
110 Southwodd Drive
Medina, TN 38301

Weekly Record

Bible Class	39/8
AM Worship	65/90
PM Worship	40/115
Wed Bible Study	N/A
Contribution	4055
Budget	3600

Those Privileged to Serve

Oct 18 - AM WORSHIP

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

PM WORSHIP

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

Oct 21 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Opening Prayer:
Ray Pack
Devo - Jerry Butcher

Oct 25 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Charlie Richardson
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Sermon: Brce Hatcher
Closing Prayer: Jeff Dove
Communion: Eddie Anderson
Contribution:
Ronald Clouse

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Sermon: Bruce Hatcher
Closing Prayer: Mike Wages
Communion: Ray Pack

Oct 28 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack
Opening Prayer:
Paul Hatcher
Devo - Bruce Hatcher

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Service Times

Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	4:30 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