

Sixth Avenue Church of Christ
 1501 6th Ave. ♦ Jasper, Alabama ♦ 35501
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Glad Tidings

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes 9:00 A.M.
 Worship 10:00 A.M./5:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Morning Bible class (Sep-Mar) . . 10:00 A.M.
 Evening Bible study 7:00 P.M.

Elders: Jimmie Alexander, Billy Davidson, Neil Evans, Dempsey Jones, Danny Latham, and Bo Myers

Deacons: Brad Brasfield, Wayne Brown, Danny Gurganus, Danny Hyde, Phillip Horton, Phillip Jones, Steve Jones, Jimmy Kilgore, Bobby Nunnolley, Brack O’Rear, Conard Smith, Gary Taft, Buddy Tubbs, Steve Williams, Roger Wilson, Skoot Wilson.

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Works of Evangelism

- ▶ Gus Nichols’ School of Biblical Studies
- ▶ Myanmar Bible School
- ▶ “Fishers of Men” Program
- ▶ Cy Stafford, Tanzania
- ▶ “Seeking the Lost” International Radio
- ▶ Gospel Broadcasting Network
- ▶ Apologetics Press
- ▶ Jamaica Mission
- ▶ 24th Street C/C “Know The Truth” TV Broadcast
- ▶ Crossroads C/C (Deaf Ministry)
- ▶ Truth For The World
- ▶ John Hurt’s Correspondence Courses
- ▶ World Bible School (correspondence)

Works of Benevolence

- ▶ Childhaven Children’s Home
- ▶ Food Pantry; Outreach Center

Works of Edification

- ▶ Daily radio program on WJLX (1240 AM & 101.5 FM) at 8:00 A.M.
- ▶ *The Words of Truth*, a monthly teaching publication reaching over 4,000 families

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COURAGE IN SPITE OF THE HEAT

(Part 2 of 2)

CONVICTION BUCKS COMPROMISE

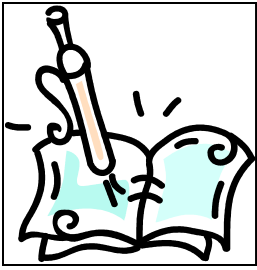
How easy do you suppose it would have been for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to have given into Nebuchadnezzar and bowed down to worship his image? After all, they were young, they were far away from home, far away from the eyes of those who knew them and who would disapprove of their actions. Who would expect young men who had been torn away from their homes and thrust into the midst of such a wicked, idolatrous people to stand up and stand out for what was right? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were not concerned with what others expected of them; they were only concerned with what God expected of them. They could be taken from the city of God, and they could have their names changed in order to remove the thought of God from them, but these three Hebrew youths would not allow their convictions to be taken from them, or compromised in any way! When our faith is put to the test, the Devil will make sure that opportunities to compromise our convictions will be placed conveniently before us. Will we attend all assemblies of the church faithfully when on vacation, even when those we know are nowhere around? Will we be tempted to compromise our modesty and dress like the world when among the worldly? Will we find it convenient to tell dirty jokes and curse when we are around those who do such at work? Remember, it is far easier to give in than to stand in! Compromise is a sign of cowardice, and cowardice in regard to standing for the truth will cost us our souls (Revelation 21:8)! When we are truly convicted concerning God’s word, we will be the same no matter where we are or who we are with.

CONVICTION BUILDS CHARACTER

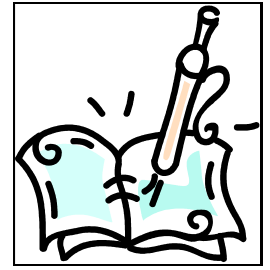
While Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego can certainly teach us many lessons about courageous, faithful living in the face of great trial, they also likely learned a few things about themselves through the course of the events recorded in the book of Daniel. How could three young men stand so firmly against the threats of the mightiest king on earth? What caused them to exhibit such courage, and to refuse to compromise? I submit unto you that experience had taught them that God will always reward faithfulness. Why were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego willing to face the fiery furnace? God had already brought them through one test, as recorded in Daniel chapter one. Why could they make the request to eat only vegetables and drink only water while their brothers in the flesh were feasting on the king’s meat and wine? God had seen them through the conquest of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar and their subsequent march to Babylon. Every time these young men were willing to stand for what was right, God had blessed them, cared for them, provided for them, and had been with them through every trial. With each test of their faith successfully passed, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego could take comfort in knowing that the next trial could be overcome just as had those before it. Paul by inspiration tells us that the trying of our faith works experience (Romans 5:4, KJV), or builds character (ESV). As the fire of trial grew hotter, the character of the three young men grew stronger and more refined. It is often said that trials prove what kind of people we really are. They will show our faith for what it really is—conviction, or convenience.

Will your faith stand the test of fiery trial, or will your soul wither in the heat? Until you are fully convicted of God’s word, then courage will fail you in the heat of the moment, and compromise and convenience will reign supreme. Study the word of God (2 Peter 3:18). Meditate upon it constantly (Psalm 119:97). Lay it up in your heart (Psalm 119:11). Then, when Satan begins hurling his fiery darts, you can stand firmly upon your convictions, building character with each test of faith that you pass. Take courage in spite of the fire!

Patrick Morrison



FAMILY NOTES



9TH GRADE THRU COLLEGE LOCK-IN

There will be a **Lock-in** for the **9th Grade thru College** at the home of **Mark & Pat Barker** on **Friday, April 30**, beginning at **7:00 p.m. to Daylight**. Bring **\$2.00 for pizza**. **Breakfast will be provided**. For more info: **205-387-0031**. If you need a ride or plan to attend, see **Clay**.

100 YEARS OF SERVICE

Childhaven invites you to their **Century Celebration** on **Saturday, May 1**, beginning at **10:00 a.m.** An **Open House and Reunion** is being held to mark the occasion. Activities will include facility tours, lunch, unearthing the Time Capsule and a Childhaven Memory Station. For more info, contact Executive Director, Dr. Jim Wright at 256-734-6720 or j.wright@childhaven.com. The **Sixth Avenue Van** will be going, leaving the parking lot at **9:00 a.m.**

KIDS' SING

We will have **Kids' Sing** on **Sunday, May 2**, at **5:00 p.m.** before the evening service. All young people please sit on the front two rows.

TOTS' DEVO

There will be a **Tots' Devo** on **Sunday, May 2** following the evening service at **Memorial Park** (The big covered tables, next to the Natatorium). This is open to all families, so don't miss out on the fun. For more info, please see **Clay and the youth board for details**.

GUS NICHOLS'

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

The **Gus Nichols' School of Biblical Studies** will have classes on **Thursday, May 6**, beginning at **6:00 p.m.** For more info, call **Levi Sides, 205-384-6446**.

DAILY RADIO PROGRAM

Remember our **radio program** every morning at **8:00 a.m.** on **WJLX, 1240 AM** and now on **101.5 FM**. You can also listen to the program **LIVE** at **8:00 a.m. CST** from anywhere in the world. Just go to **www.walkercountyradio.com**.

MADNESS IN MAY

There will be a **Madness in May Youth Rally** at **Maywood Christian Camp** for **K-6th Grade** on **Saturday, May 8**. See **Clay** for details.

BRIDAL TEA

All ladies are invited to a **Bridal Tea** honoring **Kristi Ingle**, bride-elect of **Brian Alexander**, on **Sunday, May 23**, from **2:00-3:30** at the home of **Janet Wilson**. A **sign-up sheet** is in the foyer for those who would like to be hostesses. **Kristi and Brian** are registered at **Young's, Belk, and Bed, Bath, and Beyond**.

ELDERS' MEETING

The **Elders** meet every **1st and 3rd Sundays** in the **Church Office**. If you would like to meet with them at any time, please contact the church office at **384-6446** so that you can be put on the agenda to meet with them.

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE FOR MAY

PRESIDE AT TABLE

Brad Brasfield Patrick Morrison

SERVE CONGREGATION

Johnathan Appling Jack Norris
Mark DeFoor Logan Norris
John Michael Gurganus Taylor Sasser
Rick Kelley Chad Williams

SERVE FROM REAR

Josiah Dozier
James Ingle
Larry Norris

COUNT AUDIENCE & PICK UP CARDS

Bryan Gill Kyle Shadix

PREPARE COMMUNION

Rick & Vida Kelley

PICK UP COMMUNION CUPS

Lydia, Noah, & Nathan Morrison

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

YOUTH BIBLE BOWL

We would like to congratulate the **Youth Bible Bowl Team** who won **1st Place** for the 2009/2010 Competition. The team members are: **Jackson and Jake Kiser; Jack and Logan Norris; Taylor Sasser; Caroline, Brianna, and Camran Thompson; and Jakob and Topher Wilson.** Let them know how proud we are of them and this accomplishment!!!!

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **Eugenia Barker.** She was the sister-in-law of **Jimmy and Judy Barker** (2618 New Prospect Road, Jasper 35503) and **Faye and Earl Ganey** (P O Box 149, Arley 35541).

Also, sympathy is extended to the family of **Betty Hogle.** She was the aunt of **Greg and Crystal Halcomb** (100 Grey Fawn Trail, Madison 35757) and the sister of **June and Morris Halcomb** (1804 Spring Avenue SW, Decatur 35601).

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please let us know if you have a change of address. The ***Words of Truth*** and ***Glad Tidings*** **ARE NOT FORWARDED!** They are returned to us with a \$.50 charge for each one. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. **Also, if you would like to receive either publication by e-mail, please let us know. This will save postage, and you will receive it quicker!!**

PANTRY

Please remember our pantry each week. We need **NON-PERISHABLE, BASIC FOOD ITEMS. ITEMS OF THE WEEK: CANNED VEGETABLES, MEAT, FRUIT, OATMEAL; SOUP; PEANUT BUTTER.** You can bring them to the church building or by the office. If you would prefer to contribute money to this program, see any of the elders or Sarah.

UPCOMING AREA YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

→ **April 30—Lock-in, 9th Grade thru College,** home of Mark & Pat Barker, 7:00 p.m. to Daylight. Bring \$2.00 for pizza. Breakfast will be provided. For more info: 205-387-0031.

UPCOMING AREA ACTIVITIES:

- **May 1—Ladies' Day,** Clanton Church of Christ, 9:00 a.m. Guest speaker: Beth Pratt. Please RSVP by April 23. For more info: 205-389-5253 or 205-299-6777 or www.clantonchurchofchrist.org
- **May 2—Preaching the Gospel,** with James Watkins, 6:00 a.m. Dish Network, channel 259; Direct TV, channel 364.
- **May 2—Dangers Facing the Church,** Crossroads Church of Christ. Speaker: Alan Highers. Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Fellowship Meal; Afternoon worship: 2:00 p.m. For more info: 205-221-2777.
- **May 2—Homecoming,** Curry Church of Christ. Speakers: Joe Spivy, Sr. and Jeremy Schopper. Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Lunch; Evening Worship: 2:00 p.m. For more info: 205-387-7338.
- **May 2—Homecoming,** Liberty Church of Christ. Speaker: Joel Morrison. Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 10:15 a.m.; Lunch: 11:30 a.m.; Singing: 1:00 p.m.; Evening Worship: 1:30 p.m.
- **May 2—1st Sunday Walker County Singing,** Zion Church of Christ, 2:00 p.m.
- **May 2-4—127th Decoration/Homecoming, and Gospel Meeting,** Zion Church of Christ. Guest Speaker: Floyd Rodgers. Singing: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Noon Lunch; 1st Sunday Walker County Singing: 2:00 p.m.; Afternoon Worship: 3:15 p.m.; Monday & Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.
- **May 2-5—Gospel Meeting,** Winfield Church of Christ. Guest speaker: James Watkins. Sunday: 9:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 7:00 p.m.; Monday-Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. For more info: 205-487-2926.
- **May 2-5—Gospel Meeting,** Decatur Highway Church of Christ. Guest speaker: Keith Parker. Sunday: 9:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 7:00 p.m.; Monday-Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. For more info: www.dhccoc.com or 205-631-7000.
- **May 6—Gus Nichols School of Biblical Studies,** Sixth Avenue Church of Christ, 6:00 p.m.
- **May 18—Video Bible Classes,** Mt. Harmony Church of Christ, 6:00 p.m. For more info: noahsbears@netzero.net.

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THOSE TO SERVE

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WORSHIP A.M.—MAY 2

Lead Singing Jim Alexander

Opening Prayer John Welch

Scripture Reading Jack Kiser

Sermon Patrick Morrison

Closing Prayer Skoot Wilson

WORSHIP P.M.—MAY 2

Lead Singing Lomax Sawyer

Opening Prayer Brad Brasfield

Sermon Patrick Morrison

Closing Prayer Walker Williams

WEDNESDAY EVENING—MAY 5

Announcements Patrick Morrison

Lead Singing Mark DeFoor

Prayer Michael Wiggins

Invitation Levi Sides

(If unable to serve, please call:
Neil Evans: 221-9229
Conard Smith: 387-0148)

VIDEO MANAGERS

MAY, 2010

Danny Hyde and Mike Tubbs

VAN DRIVERS

MAY 2, 2010

Larry Norris

MAY 9, 2010

Bob Roberts

GREETERS

MAY 2, 2010

Jim & Carol Alexander
Phillip & Ginger Horton
Steve & Suzanne Jones

MAY 9, 2010

Phillip & Judy Jones
Jimmy & Flora Kilgore
Buddy & Jean Tubbs

(If unable to serve, please call: Phillip Jones: 384-5268)

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

MAY 2, 2010

WORSHIP A.M.

Jackie Gray
Jean West

WORSHIP P.M.

Diane Kosmus
Betty Smith

MAY 9, 2010

WORSHIP A.M.

Joan Dozier
Dena Crump

WORSHIP P.M.

Robin Peters
Amy Pounds

(If unable to serve please call Sarah Roberts: 384-6446 or 522-3794)