

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

STRANGE THINGS (Part 2)

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, Bobby Nunnelley, 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

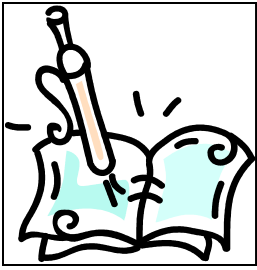
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Could it be that we too see strange things when we read about the miracles and study the message of Christ? It could be that these seem strange to us because we do not spend time studying the word of God as we should. A lack of knowledge of God’s revealed will is a serious plague in our land. So many are following their own way in matters religious instead of allowing God to direct their paths through His word (Jeremiah 10:23). Far too many are enslaved to sin because they have not been set free by the word of God (John 8:24). The gospel message, the good news about salvation, is God’s power to save (Romans 1:16). Therefore, men must hear and study this message if they will come to have a faith that will lead them to the Lord (Romans 10:13-17). By studying and obeying this message one’s soul will be made pure (1 Peter 1:22). The good news stored up in our hearts will keep us from sin (Psalm 119:11). One who will be truly happy is the person who will meditate upon the word of God day and night (Psalm 1:2). In our land there is a famine of the word of God (Amos 8:11), not because God has taken His word from us, but because so many are unwilling to read and study it. This problem is not limited to those who are amoral, or those who are not religious. Spiritual ignorance, unfortunately, is a great problem even among God’s own people. A lack of knowledge of the word of God led to the downfall of Israel (Hosea 4:6), and it is doing the same to spiritual Israel (the church, Galatians 6:16) today. Too many Christians fit the description given by God through Jeremiah: “My people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge” (Jeremiah 4:22). Indeed, the teachings and actions of Christ are strange to so many because of ignorance of God’s word.

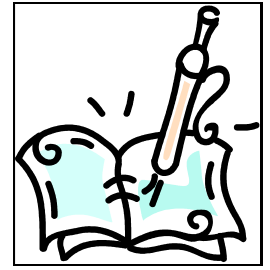
It could be that the teachings of Christ seem so strange because they do not fit our own preconceived ideas. It is detrimental to the well-being of our souls to approach the Bible with the idea that we are going to prove what we think is right, and reject anything that would conflict with our thinking. How many come to the Bible with the idea that faith only saves, picking and choosing passages that they feel supports this premise, while rejecting any that would contradict their idea (such as James 2:24)? How many are influenced to believe that denominationalism is divinely sanctioned, or at least tolerated by God, and will refuse to see that there is only one church that enjoys divine authorization (Ephesians 4:4), the one and only one church that Christ will save (Ephesians 5:23)? When one approaches the Scriptures in this way, he exhibits an attitude identical to that of the religious leaders of Christ’s day. His teachings did not fit their thinking, so they simply dismissed him with the wave of a hand. Jesus condemned the self-righteous religious leaders for this attitude (John 5:37-40). In order to be pleasing to God, we must approach a study of the Bible with the attitude that whatever it says, that we will do. We must allow our lives to be shaped by the word of God rather than trying to make the word of God conform to our thinking. To many, the teachings of Christ are strange because they conflict with strongly held opinions which many are unwilling to give up.

Are the teachings and deeds of Christ strange to you? Is it because the word of God is unfamiliar to you due to a lack of study? Is it strange to you because it does not fit your preconceived notions? Resolve now to remedy this problem by studying the word of God fervently. Approach this study with the attitude that you will follow the will of God without reservation and without pretense. To do so will lead to the salvation of your soul, and eternal bliss in the life to come.

Patrick Morrison



FAMILY NOTES



VBS WORKDAY

We will have VBS Workday on Saturday, July 10, at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. For more info, see Clay.

TEEN/COLLEGE GUYS DEVO

There will be a Teen/College Guys Devo on Saturday, July 10, 5:00 p.m. at the Dozier's. Bring swimtrunks.

BARNABAS LUNCHEON

Everyone is invited to a Potluck Barnabas Luncheon on Sunday, July 11 in the Ark Room honoring our New Members of Sixth Avenue over the last year. Remember to bring extra food! For more info, see Phillip Horton.

KIDS' SING

We will have Kids' Sing on Sunday, July 11, 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, July 11 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.

VBS DOOR-KNOCKING DAY

On July 17th we will have a Big VBS Door-Knocking Day beginning at 9:00 p.m., and open to all ages. In the meantime have you started inviting your neighbors and friends?!? Postcards and Flyers are on the Foyer Tract table!!!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS

Our Vacation Bible School is coming up soon: July 19-22. We are in need of BOX FANS, SHORT HOSE PIPES, PLANTS, GOLD FABRIC, SHOP LIGHT ON STAND, LARGE VASES, POTS. Please sign up on the youth board if you can bring any of these items, and please bring to the church building or office. Please check the board for continual needs.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT AND RECEPTION INVITATION

*Kristi M'ree Ingle
and
Brian Lee Alexander*

are pleased to announce we were married during a private ceremony on Smith Lake Saturday, the third of July, Two Thousand Ten

We invite you to join us as we celebrate our marriage Saturday, the seventeenth of July, two thousand and ten six o'clock, Musgrove Country Club 916 Country Club Road, Jasper, Alabama

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SUMMER SERIES 2010 JESUS CHRIST WILL GIVE ME STRENGTH!

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthened me." Philippians 4:13)

July 14—"To Rear My Children"

Speaker: Mark Howell

July 21—"To Be An Example In My Youth"

(VBS) Speaker: Jack Norris

July 28—"To Go The Second Mile"

Speaker: Cliff Goodwin

August 4—"To Cope With Mistreatment By Others"

Speaker: Ray Brunner

August 11—"To Console My Grief"

Speaker: W.T. Allison

August 18—"To Remain Faithful To Him"

Speaker: Vance Hutton

August 25—"To Make Heaven My Home"

Speaker: Floyd Rodgers

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **Duell Brown**. He was the brother of **Eva Nell Naramore** (1000 Roy Bennett Circle, Jasper 35503) and the uncle of **Maeburn (Peggy) Naramore** (1504 Brakefield Dairy Road, Jasper 35503).

DO YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS??

Do you have an email address? Are you on the Email list at the church office? Please email the office at sarahcroberts@bellsouth.net. This is a very effective way for us to send out lots of useful information.

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:

- **July 11-14—Vacation Bible School**, East Walker Church of Christ. Sunday: 9:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Monday-Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. For more info: 205-648-3488.
- **July 17—Youth Day 2010**, Tidwell Chapel Church of Christ, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Registration: 8:30 a.m. For more info: 205-487-6193.
- **July 18—Singing in the Park 2010**, Ivan K Hill Recreational Park, Winfield, 8:00 p.m. For more info: Nick Jones @ 205-487-2926.
- **July 18-21—Vacation Bible School**, Fayette Church of Christ. Sunday-Wednesday: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Classes for all ages. For more info: 205-932-5505.
- **July 19-22—Vacation Bible School**, Sixth Avenue Church of Christ, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Classes for all ages. For more info: 205-384-6446.
- **July 25-28—Vacation Bible School**, Adamsville Church of Christ, 7:00 p.m. Classes for all ages. For more info: 205-674-5659.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CONTACT ELDER

If you have an announcement for the **Contact Elder**, please do this **in writing** and give to him **ASAP before Classes begin or immediately after class.**

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.

UPCOMING AREA ACTIVITIES:

- **July 11—Preaching the Gospel**, with James Watkins, 6:00 a.m. Dish Network, channel 259; Direct TV, channel 364.
- **July 11-14—Gospel Meeting**, Antioch Church of Christ. Guest speaker: Tim Hayes. Sunday: 9:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 7:00 p.m.; Monday-Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. For more info: 205-647-9724.
- **July 12-15—Gospel Meeting**, Whitson Place Church of Christ. Guest speaker: Patrick Morrison. Mon.-Thurs.: 7:30 p.m.
- **July 13—Summer Series**, Parrish Church of Christ, 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker: Keith Jones. For more info: 205-686-7996.
- **July 18—Singing**, Whitehouse Church of Christ, Haleyville, 1:30 p.m.
- **July 18-23—Gospel Meeting**, Blackwater Macedonia Church of Christ. Guest speaker: Michael Shepherd. Sunday: 9:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 7:30 p.m.; Monday-Friday: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. For more info: 205-384-6330.
- **July 20—Video Bible Classes**, Mt. Harmony Church of Christ, 6:00 p.m. For more info: noahsbears@netzero.net.
- **August 13—Celebrate in Song**, Cox Boulevard Church of Christ, Sheffield. For more info: 256-383-1618/ www.coxblvd.org.
- **August 27-September 2—Polishing the Pulpit**, Sevierville, TN. For more info: www.PolishingThePulpit.com.
- **August 28—Ladies' Day**, Zion Church of Christ, also hosted by the Clover Hill Church of Christ, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Breakfast & lunch will be served.
- **September 26-29—Gospel Meeting**, Sixth Avenue Church of Christ. Guest speaker: B.J. Clarke.

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WORSHIP A.M.—JULY 11

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Opening PrayerJimmy Kilgore

Scripture ReadingJackson Kiser

SermonPatrick Morrison

Closing PrayerMark DeFoor

WORSHIP P.M.—JULY 11

Lead SingingCurt Thomasson

Opening Prayer Billy Davidson

SermonPatrick Morrison

Closing Prayer Skoot Wilson

WEDNESDAY EVENING—JULY 14

Announcements Levi Sides

Lead Singing.....Neil Evans

Opening Prayer Brad Brasfield

InvitationMark Howell

Closing PrayerJake Taft

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

VIDEO MANAGERS

JULY, 2010

Danny Hyde and Mike Tubbs

VAN DRIVERS

JULY 11, 2010

Neil Evans

JULY 18, 2010

Rick Kelley

GREETERS

JULY 11, 2010

Jim & Carol Alexander
 Larry & Connie Cantrell
 Bonnie Plyler; Bobbie Salter

JULY 18, 2010

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

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

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

JULY 11, 2010

WORSHIP A.M.

Suzanne Jones
 Debbie Morris
 Diane Kosmus
 Betty Smith

WORSHIP P.M.

JULY 18, 2010

WORSHIP A.M.

Jackie Gray
 Jean West
 Dena Crump
 LeAnn Williams

WORSHIP P.M.

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