

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, Bobby Nunnelley, Brack O’Rear, Conard Smith, Gary Taft, Buddy Tubbs, Steve Williams, Roger Wilson, Skoot Wilson.

### Evangelists:

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**Secretary:** Sarah Roberts (205-384-6446, office); sarahcroberts@bellsouth.net

### 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

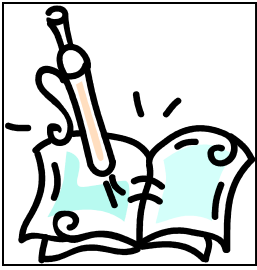
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## THE CHURCH—THE KINGDOM OF GOD (Part 2)

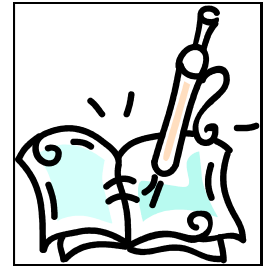
Third, the Bible clearly teaches that the church and the kingdom are one in the same, and that both were in existence in the first century. Jesus Himself taught the oneness of the church and the kingdom when He said, “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock (the fact that Jesus is the Son of God, SPM) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:18, 19). Peter used the keys to the kingdom on the day of Pentecost when he taught the terms of entrance into the church of our Lord (Acts 2; see vs.38). The many references to the church in the New Testament leave no doubt that the church came into existence during the first century. This is a fact almost universally accepted. However, those who hold to the view of premillennialism deny that the kingdom was established in the first century, that it will be established at the coming of Christ. Again, the doctrines of men find their death at the hands of God’s word. Jesus stated that “there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power” (Mark 9:1). If the kingdom is not yet in existence, then there are disciples of the Lord some 2000 years old still living upon the earth. But this is not so, for they saw the kingdom when he wrote, “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son” (Colossians 1:13). Note that Paul said we have been translated (moved from one place to another; in this case, from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of Christ), not that we will be translated. If as children of God we are not yet in the kingdom of Christ, then we have not yet been delivered from the power of darkness. Yet the blood of Christ is able to free us from the shackles of sin, and bring us out of the darkness into his marvelous light (2 Peter 2:9). The apostle John declared that he is “your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom (emphasis mine, SPM) and patience of Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:9). How could John be in the kingdom if the kingdom does not yet exist? He was in the kingdom because he had obeyed the commands of the Lord and was a member of the church, the body of Christ. To be in the kingdom is to be in the church, to be in the church is to be in the kingdom. They are one in the same.

The church as a kingdom has a law, a lawgiver, citizens, requirements for becoming a citizen, and requirements for maintaining citizenship, just as any kingdom does. The lawgiver for the kingdom of Christ, the church of Christ, is the King of Kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ (1 Timothy 6:15). He has all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18). Therefore, we submit to Him as our King and lawgiver. The law of Christ is perfect (James 1:25). Unlike the laws of men, the law of Christ has no flaws, no loopholes. The kingdom of our Lord is composed of those who have rendered obedience to His law, by believing in Jesus as the Son of God (John 8:24), repenting of one’s sins (Luke 13:3), confessing Christ (Matthew 10: 32,33), and being baptized in water for the remission of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). These are the terms of entrance into the kingdom of Christ, the church. Upon complying with His law, one is added by the Lord to His church (Acts 2:47), becoming a citizen of His kingdom. Faithful obedience to the law of the Lord maintains our citizenship in the glorious kingdom of His dear Son. What a great privilege it is to be a member of the Lord’s church, the kingdom of Him who gave His life for us!

*Patrick Morrison*



# FAMILY NOTES



## TIME CHANGE FOR SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

On **Sunday, August 29**, our **Sunday Evening Worship Service** will begin at **1:00 p.m.** **Phillip Patton**, a student we support in **Preaching School** will be speaking to us at this time. Also, **Don Posey**, from the Double Springs Church of Christ, will give a report of the work in Myanmar. Please note this change to our regular schedule.

## YOUTH BIBLE BOWL STUDY SESSION

There will be a **Youth Bible Bowl Study Session** on **Wednesday, September 1, 6:15-7:00 p.m.** **Scriptures for study: John 4-6 (NKJV)**. See **Clay** for details.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

The **Wednesday Morning Bible Class** will begin on **September 8, at 10:00 a.m.**, in the auditorium. The study will be "*Reflections*". This class will be taught by **Levi Sides**, and is open to **men and women**.

## HOMEBUILDERS FELLOWSHIP AND PLANNING MEETING

The **Homebuilders** will have a **Fellowship and Planning Meeting** on **Sunday, September 12**, in the **Ark Room**, following the morning service. Be making plans now to attend.

## "BABIES" SHOWER ►

All **Ladies** are invited to a "**Babies**" **Shower** honoring **Jan Shadix** and her "**Twin Girls**" on **Sunday, September 26, 2:00-3:30 p.m.** in the **Ark Room**. There is a **Sign-up Sheet** in the foyer for all those who would like to help. Jan is registered at **Kmart; Babies R Us; WalMart; and buybuybaby.com**.

## 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**.

## GUS NICHOLS'

## SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

The **Gus Nichols' School of Biblical Studies** will begin a **new semester** on **Thursday, September 9**.

Following is a schedule of classes:

### **Paul Wylie School of Congregational Singing—**

6:00-6:50 p.m.—Rob Gurganus

### **Chapel —7:00-7:30 p.m.—Vance Hutton**

### **Greek For the Rest of Us—**

7:40-8:30 p.m.—Justin Guin

### **The General and Johannine Epistles—**

8:40-9:30 p.m.—James Willcutt

Classes will meet for 10 weeks. There is no cost to attend. Certificates will be awarded on the final evening of class

For more info, call **Levi Sides, 205-384-6446**.

## NEW CLASS FOR SINGLE AND MARRIED YOUNGER WOMEN

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Our Elders of Sixth Avenue have approved a Sunday morning class for our single and married younger women, and we are humbled to have been asked to plan, organize, and teach this class.

We will begin this class on Sunday morning, September 5, and pray that you will join us as we discuss the Biblical approach to marriage, parenting, and life in general.

Paul instructed us in Titus 2:3-5 that the older women are to teach the younger women (through example and with words) to be loving wives and mothers and to instruct and guide them through the Word of God. We need to encourage one another and help one another. God's plan works when we apply His teaching to our lives.

Please do join us! Sunday morning, September 5, 9:00 a.m. (We will assemble in the large classroom at the bottom of the main stairs, across from the men's restroom.) Let's help each other go to heaven and encourage each other to be better Christians.

Love in Him,

Carol Alexander and Janet Wilson

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **September 11—Girls Purity Day**, West Huntsville Church of Christ, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., hosted by the WH GIFTS participants. Guest speaker: Cindy Colley. RSVP by August 20 to 256-837-8730. Moms and Mentors welcome.
- **September 17-19—RUSH**, Freed-Hardeman University, for Middle and High School Students. For more info: [www.fhu.edu/rush](http://www.fhu.edu/rush).
- **September 18—14th Annual Youth Rally**, Sylacauga Church of Christ, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Speakers: Aaron Pettus & Kevin Cline. Registration: 9:00 a.m. For more info: 256-249-0000.
- **September 26—Youth Bible Bowl**, Crossroads Church of Christ, 2:00 p.m. Scriptures: John 4-6 (NKJV).

## UPCOMING AREA ACTIVITIES:

- **August 27-September 2—Polishing the Pulpit**, Sevierville, TN. For more info: [www.PolishingThePulpit.com](http://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.
- **August 29—Preaching the Gospel**, with James Watkins, 6:00 a.m. Dish Network, channel 259; Direct TV, channel 364.
- **August 29—Special Day**, Whitson Place Church of Christ. Guest speaker: Bobby Liddell, Director, Memphis School of Preaching. Work of the School @ 9:30 a.m.; Worship @ 10:15; Fellowship Meal @ 11:30 a.m.; Afternoon worship @ 1:00 p.m.
- **September 3—Friday Night Singing**, Sandusky Church of Christ, 7:00 p.m. For more info: 205-798-2340.
- **September 5-8—Friends and Family Week**, Mt. Harmony Church of Christ. **POSTPONED!**
- **September 5-8—Gospel Meeting**, Cleveland Church of Christ. Guest speaker: Billy Bland. Sunday: 9:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 7:00 p.m.; Monday-Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. For more info: 205-689-4319.
- **September 8—Wednesday Morning Bible Class**, Sixth Avenue Church of Christ, 10:00 a.m. Topic: "Reflections", taught by Levi Sides, open to men & women.
- **September 9—Gus Nichols School of Biblical Studies**, Sixth Avenue Church of Christ, 6:00-9:30 p.m. For more info: 205-384-6446.
- **September 12-15—Gospel Meeting**, Parrish Church of Christ. Guest speaker: Vance Hutton. Sunday: 9:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; Fellowship Meal; Singing @ 1:30 p.m.; Afternoon worship @ 2:00 p.m.; Monday-Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. For more info: 205-686-7996.
- **September 21—Video Bible Classes**, Mt. Harmony Church of Christ, 6:00 p.m. For more info: [noahsbears@netzero.net](mailto:noahsbears@netzero.net).
- **September 23—Adult Bible Bowl**, Blackwater Macedonia Church of Christ, 7:00 p.m. Scriptures: John 4-6 (KJV).
- **September 25—Ladies' Day**, Sylvan Springs Church of Christ. Guest speaker: Emily Gurganus. Registration & breakfast: 9:00-9:30 a.m.; Program: 9:30 a.m.; Lunch will follow.
- **September 26-29—Gospel Meeting**, Sixth Avenue Church of Christ. Guest speaker: B.J. Clarke. Sunday: 9:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 7:00 p.m. nightly.

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**THOSE TO SERVE**

Contact Elder ..... Bo Myers

**WORSHIP A.M.—AUGUST 29**

Lead Singing ..... Jeff Chambless

Opening Prayer ..... Phillip Horton

Scripture Reading .....Kody Bradford

Sermon ..... Levi Sides

Closing Prayer .....Jack Norris

**WORSHIP P.M.—AUGUST 29**

Lead Singing .....Jim Alexander

Opening Prayer ..... Bob Roberts

Sermon ..... Phillip Patton

Closing Prayer ..... Michael Wiggins

**WEDNESDAY EVENING—SEPTEMBER 1**

Announcements .....Patrick Morrison

Lead Singing .....Kody Bradford

Prayer ..... Louis Sortino

Invitation ..... Levi Sides

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

**VIDEO MANAGERS**

**AUGUST, 2010**

Danny Hyde and Mike Tubbs

**VAN DRIVERS**

**AUGUST 29, 2010**

Gary Taft

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2010**

Roger Wilson

**GREETERS**

**AUGUST 29, 2010**

Paul Dozier  
 Danny & Donna Hyde  
 Conard & Betty Smith

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2010**

Philip & Diane Hogue  
 Steve & Suzanne Jones  
 Skoot & Kim Wilson

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

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

**AUGUST 29, 2010**

**WORSHIP A.M.**

Jackie Gray  
 Jean West  
 Dena Crump  
 LeAnn Williams

**WORSHIP P.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2010**

**WORSHIP A.M.**

Joan Dozier  
 Kim Wilson  
 Robin Peters  
 Amy Pounds

**WORSHIP P.M.**

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