

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.

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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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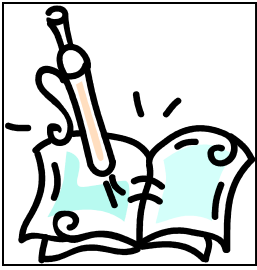
THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH (Part 1)

How many times have you gathered around the bedside of a dying friend or loved one, at a loss for words? How many times have you assembled with friends and/or family around the open grave, so desperately wanting to offer a comforting word, but unable or afraid to say anything? As a Gospel preacher, part of my work entails visiting those who are upon their death beds and rendering assistance to those who are weeping over departed loved ones. Just because preachers deal with these things more often than most does not make the words come any easier in times of sorrow. Death is difficult for all of us to deal with. Death floods the soul with a plethora of emotions that can overwhelm even the most stable individuals. Sorrow, separation, anger and fear are often common companions of the dreaded harbinger.

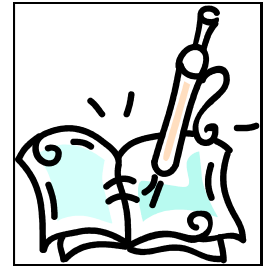
We all fear death. We all have questions concerning death and what lies beyond. Death is a universal fear because it is the common lot of us all, an appointment from which not one of us will be absent (Hebrews 9:27). The Psalmist declared, “What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave” (Psalm 89:48)? Death does not discriminate based upon age, ethnicity, sex, or religion. She will claim the young and strong just as surely as she will take the old and weak. The insatiable appetite of death can never be satisfied until she has taken every last soul into her bosom. As with any other thing we fear, it is normal to fear death to some extent. After all, we do not know much about death, save what is revealed in the Scriptures. It is not something we can experiment with, sending someone to the grave and then calling them back so that they might report to us what lies beyond death’s door. There have been those who have made this journey through the portal of death, only to return to this life (e.g., Lazarus, Dorcas, our Lord). Yet, none of them has fully reported of the experience of death, nor of what waits ahead. It is the unknown that unnerves so many. Even great men of faith have relayed to us their fears of death. David would write, “My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me” (Psalm 55:4).

In spite of our fears, our concerns, our questions regarding death, the Bible teaches that the faithful child of God has nothing to fear in death. The Scriptures speak of two deaths: the first death being the separation of the spirit from the body (James 2:24), and the second being eternal separation of lost souls from God (Revelation 21:8). From the first death, physical death, there is no escape. However, we do not have to suffer the second death (Revelation 2:11). Jesus spoke concerning physical death and spiritual death: “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul [physical death, SPM]; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell [spiritual death, SPM]” (Matthew 10:28). Jesus Christ conquered death when he arose triumphantly from the grave three days after his death upon the cross. The Hebrews writer declares, “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage” (Hebrews 2:14,15). Paul wrote to young Timothy that, “. . . our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (2 Timothy 1:10). By virtue of Christ’s death on the cross and his victory over the grave, all faithful Christians can assert with confidence, “So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:54-57).

Patrick Morrison



FAMILY NOTES



NEW CLASS FOR SINGLE AND MARRIED YOUNGER WOMEN

Remember the **new class** that will begin **Sunday morning, September 5, 9:00 a.m.**, for our **single and married younger women**, and taught by **Carol Alexander** and **Janet Wilson**. (This class will assemble in the large classroom at the bottom of the main stairs, across from the men's restroom.)

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**.

YOUTH BIBLE BOWL STUDY SESSION

There will be a **Youth Bible Bowl Study Session** on **Wednesday, September 8, 6:15-7:00 p.m.** **Scriptures for study: John 4-6 (NKJV)**. See **Clay** for details.

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.

AREA WIDE YOUTH SERIES

The **Youth Group** will attend the **Area Wide Youth Series** at the **Maywood Christian Camp** on **Sunday, September 12**. The **church van** will leave at **4:30 p.m.**

WELCOMING FELLOWSHIP

There will be a **Welcoming Fellowship and Potluck Dinner** for **Chris, Amy, and Chloe Welborn** on **Sunday, September 12**, in the **Ark Room**, following the **evening service**. We will be giving them a **money tree**. Please see **Sandi Evans, Carol Alexander** or any of the **Elders**.

FAITH IN ACTION TEAM #1

Faith in Action Team #1—**Kyle Shadix, Captain**, will meet **Sunday, September 12**, in the **Fellowship Room Downstairs** following the **evening service**.

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE FOR SEPTEMBER

PRESIDE AT TABLE

Patrick Morrison Chet West

SERVE CONGREGATION

Wayne Brown Bobby Nunnelley
Larry Cantrell Bob Roberts
Billy Davidson Gary Taft
Gilbert Jean Jackie Underwood

SERVE FROM REAR

Josiah Dozier
Robert Dozier
Steve Williams

COUNT AUDIENCE & PICK UP CARDS

John Michael Gurganus Ben Townley

PREPARE COMMUNION

Louis Sortino

PICK UP COMMUNION CUPS

Jakob Wilson Topher Wilson

R.U.S.H.

The **Youth Group** will attend **R.U.S.H.** at **Freed-Hardeman University, September 17-19**, leaving **Friday at 5:00 p.m.** and returning **Sunday afternoon**. The cost is **\$25.00 per person**. See **Clay** to reserve your seat.

"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**.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT!

Congratulations to **Chris and Amy Welborn** who were married on August 25. They and their daughter, Chloe, live at 1205 3rd Avenue South, Jasper 35501.

BAPTISMS!

We are also happy to announce that **Chris and Amy Welborn** were baptized immediately following their wedding! What a great way to begin their new walk in life—newly married to each other and to Christ!

RESPONSES

Sunday, August 29, was another great day at Sixth Avenue. **Jimmy and Judy Barker** (2618 New Prospect Road, Jasper 35501) responded requesting forgiveness and the prayers of the congregation. Let's be sure to encourage them as they have encouraged all of us!

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **Sandra Morris**. She was the wife of **Randall Morris** (14461 Highway 195, Nauvoo 35578) and the sister-in-law of **Donna and Danny Hyde** (3636 Walston Bridge Road North, Jasper 35504).

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**.

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 12—Area Wide Youth Series**, Maywood Christian Camp.

- **September 17-19—RUSH**, Freed-Hardeman University, for Middle and High School Students. For more info: 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:

- **September 3—Friday Night Singing**, Sandusky Church of Christ, 7:00 p.m. For more info: 205-798-2340.
- **September 5—Preaching the Gospel**, with James Watkins, 6:00 a.m. Dish Network, channel 259; Direct TV, channel 364.
- **September 5—First Sunday Walker County Singing**, Oakman Church of Christ, 2:00 p.m.
- **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 10-11—Diana Singing**, Diana, Tennessee, 7:30 p.m. For more info: 256-665-3868 or dianasinging.com.
- **September 12—Friends & Family Day**, Dalraida Church of Christ. Guest speaker: Colin McKee. Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.; Worship: 10:00 a.m.; Lunch: 11:30 a.m.; Worship: 1:00 p.m.
- **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 12-15—Gospel Meeting**, Tidwell Chapel Church of Christ. Guest speaker: Jimmy Clark. Sunday: 9:30 a.m.; 10:10 a.m.; Sunday-Wednesday Nights: 7:00 p.m.
- **September 21—Video Bible Classes**, Mt. Harmony Church of Christ, 6:00 p.m. For more info: noahsbears@netzero.net.
- **September 23—Adult Bible Bowl**, Blackwater Macedonia Church of Christ, 7:00 p.m. Scriptures: John 4-6 (KJV).

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WORSHIP A.M.—SEPTEMBER 5

Lead SingingLomax Sawyer

Opening PrayerBo Myers

Scripture ReadingKody Bradford

SermonPatrick Morrison

Closing PrayerRick Kelley

WORSHIP P.M.—SEPTEMBER 5

Lead SingingCurt Thomasson

Opening PrayerDanny Latham

SermonPatrick Morrison

Closing Prayer Wayne Brown

WEDNESDAY EVENING—SEPTEMBER 8

AnnouncementsPatrick Morrison

Lead SingingKody Bradford

PrayerBilly J Dunn

Invitation Levi Sides

(If unable to serve, please call:
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VIDEO MANAGERS

SEPTEMBER, 2010

Danny Hyde and Mike Tubbs

VAN DRIVERS

SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

Roger Wilson

SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

Skoot Wilson

GREETERS

SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

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

SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

Jackie Gray; Bettye Pennington
 Phillip & Ginger Horton
 Hap & George Ann Johnson

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

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

WORSHIP A.M.

Joan Dozier
 Kim Wilson
 Robin Peters
 Amy Pounds

WORSHIP P.M.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

WORSHIP A.M.

Sandra Jean
 Michelle Teer
 Susan Tubbs
 Debra Wells

WORSHIP P.M.

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