

Sixth Avenue Church of Christ
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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: Bradley Brasfield, Wayne Brown, Danny Gurganus, Danny Hyde, Phillip Horton, Phillip Jones, Steve Jones, Brack O’Rear, Conard Smith, Gary Taft, Steve Williams, Roger Wilson, Skoot Wilson.

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Patrick Morrison (205-221-8845, home; 205-300-1431, cell); sixthavenue@bellsouth.net.
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Secretary: Sarah Roberts (205-384-6446, office); sarahroberts@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
- ▶ 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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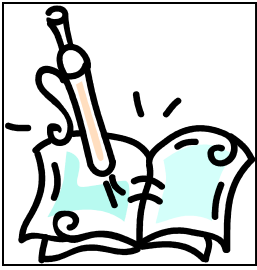
THE INDWELLING SPIRIT

There is much confusion, in the religious world regarding the Holy Spirit-His person, work, influence, etc. The denominations have for years claimed that the Holy Spirit is working among them in any number of ways, from miraculous healing to occasions of uncontrollable laughter as evidence of His presence to “speaking in tongues,” and on and on the list could go. However, all these claims are merely accusations which have absolutely no basis in fact. Such false accusations display a great misunderstanding of the purpose and duration of miracles, the nature of miraculous healing, and quite simply a gross misconception of the person and work of the Holy Spirit in general. The assertion that the Holy Spirit is working among these denominational groups attracts many who likewise misunderstand the Holy Spirit and His work. The sensationalism and emotionalism which characterize this religious craze has attracted mass numbers of people to these false religions. The thinking among many is that with all these people flocking to hear and see the Holy Spirit working among these groups, then they must be doing something right.

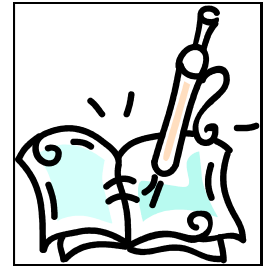
As is the case with all popular false doctrine, these teachings have found their way into the Lord’s church. For many years the consensus and established teaching among members of the church of Christ was that the Holy Spirit operated upon the hearts of individuals in conviction and conversion solely through the medium of the word of God. With the onset of “Holy Spirit-mania” sweeping through the denominational world, throngs of people affiliated themselves with all such groups that were teaching the miraculous operation of the Spirit among them. As a result, many preachers and teachers within the Lord’s church began to “reevaluate” their teaching regarding the indwelling and work of the Holy Spirit. It is not uncommon today to find Christians who assert that the Holy Spirit operates upon the human heart by means other than the word of God. This teaching calls for a direct operation of the Holy Spirit upon the human heart, separate and apart from the word of God.

I am convinced that much of the problem we face today in the Lord’s church with such false teaching concerning the Holy Spirit revolves around our teaching concerning the indwelling of the Spirit. Many faithful preachers taught, and many more continue to teach, that the Holy Spirit dwells in the Christian representatively, by means of the word. Other faithful preachers taught, and many continue to do so, that the Holy Spirit literally dwells in the child of God, but operates only through the medium of His word. So long as both sides agreed that the Holy Spirit operated only through the word, there was harmony and peace among brethren. However, some came along with the question, “If the Holy Spirit literally dwells in the child of God, then what is He doing?” The idea that the Spirit was in the Christian, but not doing anything that the word of God could not accomplish, seemed to favor those who taught a representative indwelling. Not willing to give up the idea that the Spirit literally indwells the child of God, some began teaching that the Holy Spirit indeed was doing something separate from His word. This is not an indictment against all who hold to the literal, personal indwelling of the Spirit, but against those who would create division among brethren by claiming and teaching that the Spirit works apart from the word upon the human heart. To claim this is to denigrate the word of God. Claiming that the Christian must have a direct operation of the Holy Spirit in order to overcome sin is contradictory to the words of David in Psalm 19:11, “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee” (emphasis mine, SPM).

Patrick Morrison



FAMILY NOTES



CHILDHAVEN “CHRISTMAS IN FEBRUARY” SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

On **Sunday, February 5**, we will have the opportunity to give a **special contribution** for **Childhaven “Christmas in February”**. This will be separate from our regular contribution. They will be with us on **Sunday, February 12**, for our **worship service** followed by a **fellowship meal** and a period of **gift giving**. We hope you will plan to be here for this event!

KIDS’ SING

We will have **Kids’ Sing** on **Sunday, February 5**, at **1:00 p.m.** before the afternoon service. **All young people** please sit on the front two rows.

FAITH IN ACTION TEAM #1

Faith in Action—Team #1, Skoot Wilson, Captain—will meet **Sunday, February 5**, in the **Ark Room**, after the evening service. Please see **Skoot** for more info.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

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

BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE

There will be **Bible Bowl Practice** in the **Ark Room** on **Wednesday, February 8, 6:00 p.m.** The scriptures for study are **2 Peter; 1 John 1-2**. For more info, see **Jack Kiser or Jack Norris**.

WILD GAME SUPPER

All men are invited to a **Wild Game Supper** on **Saturday, February 11**, at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Ark Room**. Bring your favorite wild game to share with all. A **Sign-up Sheet** is in the foyer. For more info, see **Skoot Wilson**.

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 to receive lots of useful information.

GUS NICHOLS’

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

The **Gus Nichols’ School of Biblical Studies** will meet on **Thursday, February 9**. Following is a schedule of classes:

Parables of Jesus—6:00-6:50 p.m.—Neil Myers

Chapel:

“**Practical Lessons For the Local Congregation**”

7:00-7:30 p.m.—James Willcutt

Leadership in the Local Congregation—

7:40-8:30 p.m.—Vance Hutton

Classes will meet for 12 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**.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL FOR CHILDHAVEN

On **Sunday, February 12**, we will have a **Potluck Fellowship Meal** in the **Ark Room**. **Childhaven** will be with us for our **worship service** followed by a **fellowship meal** and a period of **gift giving**. **REMEMBER TO BRING EXTRA FOOD!** We hope you will plan to be here for this event and enjoy this time of fellowship! **Team #5** will be in charge of **Set-up and Clean-up**:

Rick & Vida Kelley; Jackie Gray; Marilyn Nichols;
Danny & Beverly Gurganus; David & Robin Peters;
Bob & Sarah Roberts; Jake & Rose Taft;
Buddy & Jean Tubbs; Mike & Susan Tubbs

AREA WIDE YOUTH SERIES

There will be an **Area Wide Youth Series** at the **Double Springs Church of Christ** on **Sunday, February 12**, at **6:00 p.m.** The **church van** will leave at **5:00 p.m.** See **Patrick or Jack** for more details.

BLANKETS

The **Outreach Center** is in need of **Blankets**. If you have any **new or gently used** blankets you would like to donate, please bring them to the building or church office.

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THOSE TO SERVE

Contact ElderDanny Latham

WORSHIP A.M.—FEBRUARY 5

Lead SingingNeil Evans

Opening Prayer Billy J Dunn

Scripture Reading Phillip Horton

SermonPatrick Morrison

Closing Prayer Wayne Brown

WORSHIP P.M.—FEBRUARY 5

Lead SingingJim Alexander

Opening PrayerJohn Welch

SermonPatrick Morrison

Closing Prayer Walker Williams

WEDNESDAY EVENING—FEBRUARY 8

AnnouncementsPatrick Morrison

Lead Singing.....Mark DeFoor

Prayer Gary Taft

Invitation Levi Sides

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

VIDEO MANAGERS

FEBRUARY, 2012

Danny Hyde and Mike Tubbs

VAN DRIVERS

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Bob Roberts

FEBRUARY 12, 2012

Gary Taft

(If unable to drive, please call: Gary Taft: 522-5799)

GREETERS

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Jim & Carol Alexander
Oather & Lois Hicks
Philip & Diane Hogue

FEBRUARY 12, 2012

Gilbert & Sandra Jean
Jimmy & Flora Kilgore
Bonnie Plyler; Bobbie Salter

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

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

WORSHIP A.M.

Suzanne Jones
Debbie Morris
Diane Kosmus
Betty Smith

WORSHIP P.M.

FEBRUARY 12, 2012

WORSHIP A.M.

Jackie Gray
Jean West
Dena Crump
Pam McKelvey

WORSHIP P.M.

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