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# from *Dennis*

The past few months I have gone to both the Harding and Freed-Hardeman Bible Lectureships. I have set up our Magnolia Messenger display and spent several days greeting folks as they came by.

I've become aware of two things. First, a lot of folks love this publication. You tell me of the years you have been getting it, or of how you or your grandmother always sent in the Question Box, or how much you loved the Franks. There is a true affection between the Messenger and its readers.

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Another factor to this success is the quality of our writers. We have a growing arena of men and women who write great articles. They are well educated, some are young, some are older, but all have a great knowledge of God's word and the ability to share it with pen in hand.

Now well into my third year as your editor, I turn on my computer each morning and feel the pulse of God's people coming across my desk. I see a healthy church of Christ and feel blessed to be a part of it. **MM** -dd



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# "The whole Christ in a word"

by Philip Slate

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When British historian, Andrew Roberts, published his one-volume biography of Winston Churchill, *Waking with Destiny* (2018), he reported that 1,009 biographies of Churchill have been written! Why, then, write another? Because new information had been made available to him. When does one stop writing details in a biography? Carl Sandburg wrote six volumes on Abraham Lincoln. Jim Bishop wrote an entire book on "the day Christ died." Most humans who live a few decades are involved in very complex and detailed relationships to people and things. Do we need all those details to know a person's value?



Philip Slate

By contrast, Thiessen claims that in the fourth Gospel, "John has at the outmost an account of but 20 days of our Lord's ministry." McGarvey and Pendleton could find in all four gospels combined no more than about forty days of our Lord's life. That raises the question, "Do we have enough reliable information about Jesus of Nazareth to believe in Him, to entrust our lives to Him? In view of what Jesus claimed to offer those who trust Him and the dire consequences of refusing to follow Him, we deserve to know that our information about Jesus is trustworthy and complete enough to give us confidence in Him.

## A Powerful Statement

About 65 years ago I read in one of my college textbooks a pithy statement by Erasmus of Rotterdam (1466-1536). In the Preface to his edition of the *Greek New Testament*, Erasmus wrote about Scripture, "These holy pages will summon up the living image of His mind. They will give you Christ Himself, talking, healing, dying, rising, the

whole Christ in a word; they will give Him to you in an intimacy so close that He would be less visible to you if He stood before your eyes." I am more deeply impressed by that statement now as then when I first read it because it is true and related to one of the huge purposes of the Gospels.

The writer of the Gospel of John stated that he wrote so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you might have life in his name" (20:31). He affirms that his portrayal of Jesus and His works, though limited in detail and not a biography as such, is adequate to bring about "life in His name." At best, we believe because the evidence for it is sufficient. That evidence John claims to provide. As he stated, were someone to write about the many "other things that Jesus did, . . . the world itself could not contain the books" (Jn. 21:25). John recorded a sufficient amount of information to bring about living faith in and deep convictions about Jesus of Nazareth.

## Are the Sources Reliable?

More than two hundred years ago several negative critics began writing about the "historical Jesus," claiming that what one reads in the Gospels and other Christian literature is not about the real Jesus of history but about a "Christ of faith" created by the early Christians. Ben Meyer has commented, however, that "the bulk of [that] literature is unreadable today" because the biases and assumptions of the writers have been clearly demonstrated. For example, when a historian begins with the assumption that miracles do not and never have occurred, that historian will conclude that what we read about Jesus could not be historically true. Although those writers have been discredited, it is still appropriate to raise questions about the reliability of the Gospels as legitimate sources of information about Jesus. Christians are to traffic in truth.

It is abundantly clear that parts of the Gospels, our chief sources of information

about Jesus "in the days of his flesh" (Heb. 5:7), can be traced back to the very door of the first century. On display in the British Museum is a fragment of the Gospel of John dating from the first decade of the second century. Quite early the gospels were translated from Greek into other languages, such as Coptic and Ethiopic, and those translations are among the witnesses to the antiquity of the Gospel accounts. Further, many writers in the second and third centuries quote passages from the Gospels and other New Testament books. These types of evidence serve to uphold the view that our sources of information about Jesus were written within a few decades of the time He was on the earth. In that sense, the Gospels, as well as the other parts of the New Testament, are authentic early documents.

From another point of view, assuming the Gospels were later fabrications, one might ask, "What motives would anyone have for writing false information about Jesus?" They would have received neither financial benefits nor positions of prominence for their deception. Further, why would such writers condemn lying, deceit, and hypocrisy if they were engaging in the same activities when creating false stories about Jesus? It doesn't fit. Besides, as someone has observed, it would take a Jesus to create the Jesus portrayed in the Gospels. Jesus was "ahead of His reporters." In other words, He was greater than even the writers of the four Gospels realized.

It is fascinating and exciting to know that by working through those Gospel accounts, one can expect to have deeper faith or trust in Jesus Christ to give a new kind of life, even now (Jn. 17:1-3). For nearly two millennia those records of Jesus have been able to grip the human soul. Take up and read if you want deeper, more informed faith in the life-giving Son of God. Erasmus' statement is true; Scripture will indeed "give you the whole Christ in a word." **MM**

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# BIBLE

## Questions & Answers

### MM Readers' ASK: Cecil May RESPONDS

While Scripture affirms the oneness of God, it also affirms the distinctiveness of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, all of whom are said to be "God."

The Father, of course, is God. Jesus is the Word, "and the Word was God" (John 1:1). The Holy spirit is "the Spirit of God" (Romans 8:14), and lying to the Holy Spirit is lying to God (Acts 5:3-4).

John 1:1 says, "In the beginning was the Word," affirming the eternal nature of the Word; "and the Word was with God," affirming that the Word is distinct from God, for one cannot be with oneself; and the Word was God, affirming the deity or Godhood of the Word. Then, the Bible says, "the word became flesh" (John 1:14), showing that the Word is Jesus.

There are many instances in Scripture where Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are mentioned together yet distinguished from one another. At Jesus' baptism the Son was in the Jordan being baptized, the Father spoke from Heaven, and the Spirit descended on Jesus like a dove (Matthew 3:16-17). Prospective disciples are to be baptized "in the name of the Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). One of Paul's benedictions is "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy

#### QUESTION:

*Some people say we have  
God the Father, God the Son, and  
God the Holy Spirit, and they say  
these three form God.  
How is this true?*

Spirit be with you all" (2 Corinthians 13:14).

"There is...one Spirit...one Lord...one God" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

Who is this Jesus?

"Fellow Israelites, listen to this:

*"The Spirit bears  
witness with our spirit  
that we are the  
children of God and  
as children heirs, joint  
heirs with  
Jesus Christ"*

*Romans 8:16-17.*

Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know" (Acts 2:22-23.)

That which attracted the attention

of the people to Jesus was many healing miracles that He did. People flocked from the entire region to see His miracles and to experience them. They recognized that God was with Him in a mighty way. Nicodemus for example, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher come from God for no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him" (John 3:2).

Everything we can experience He has experienced also. One of His best friends betrayed Him, another denied Him and the rest ran away. He suffered every kind of hurt and ridicule and did it for all for us.

"He is the propitiation for our sins and not only our sins but those of the whole world" (1 John 2:2.) "They did not take his life but He gave it" (John 18:18.)

He is the high priest after the order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 5:6.) That means his priesthood does not depend on genealogy or birth. His priesthood has no beginning or ending.

"The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God and as children heirs, joint heirs with Jesus Christ" (Romans 8:16-17). That means whatever Jesus Christ, our brother, will inherit from His father God, we will inherit also. All the riches and glory of heaven are His and ours.

In addition to being our sacrifice, He is our perfect example. He is currently in Heaven making intercession for us. He is God the Son, the Jewish Messiah, the Christ, our high priest, He is Jesus of Nazareth, the Savior of the world. **MM**



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# the Waiting Game

by Dennis Doughty

It all began in the Garden of Eden six thousand years ago. After the serpent had deceived Eve and brought sin into the world, God told “the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan” (Revelation 20:2), “He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel” (Genesis 3:15). The waiting game for “He” to arrive had begun.

God made a promise to Abraham that “In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed



Dennis Doughty

My voice” (Genesis 22:18). The nations began to wait. Furthermore, we were told that this one they were waiting for would come from the family line of Judah, for “The scepter shall not depart from Judah” (Genesis 49:10; Psalm 60:7). The tribe of Judah began to wait for His arrival.

From Judah came King David. Through Nathan the prophet God told David, “I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish His kingdom” (2 Samuel 7:12). After David’s death Israel waited. Isaiah told them, “Behold a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel...and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 7:14, 9:6). Now they waited for the child to be born. For seven hundred more years they waited.

Then it happened. “In the fullness of time God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the Law” (Galatians 4:4). The angels announced His arrival in Bethlehem. “I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people,” the heavenly messengers announced to the shepherds. “For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the

Lord” (Luke 2: 10-11). The waiting was over. “He” had arrived.

Sadly, “He came into his own, and those who were His own did not receive Him” (John 1:11). He was rejected, hung on a tree and then buried. But “He” rose on the third day and has ascended into the heavens. But He promised, “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself” (John 14:1).

As the promised Messiah was “lifted up” and “a cloud received Him out of their sight,” the angels, as they had announced his arrival, now announced his departure, “This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven” (Acts 1:9-11).

Now it is our turn to wait. To wait for His return.

Jesus told us to “be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.” He told us, “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone” (Matthew 25:36,42).

So yes, it has been two thousand years and He has not yet returned. Remember, God kept His promise to come the first time. He will also keep His promise to come the second. “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God.

We will then “meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, comfort one another with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

Conclusion: After six thousand years of waiting “He” came. If you believe that Jesus came the first time, you must also believe that “He” will come the second time. We wait. He will come again. This was the final promise of the scriptures as Jesus told John, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Let us all respond as John did, “Amen, Come Lord Jesus” (Revelation 22:20-21). **MM**

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and hour no one knows,  
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heaven, nor the Son,  
but the Father alone”*

*(Matthew 25:36,42).*



# NOBODY BUT JESUS



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Danny Dodd

It was a tough time for Christ's disciples. Their discipleship journey had hit a wall. They just heard some disturbing news. Jesus had informed them that He would die. It was their first time to hear it. Troubling for sure. Peter, in particular, did not take the news well. Then later they were unable to perform a healing—something they should have been able to handle. This led to a rebuke by Jesus; another statement about His death; and the disciples being “filled with grief” (read Matthew 16:21-17:23 for the entire account). But as is always the case with our amazing Father, in the midst of this turbulence was the calm. Three of these disciples would literally have a tremendous mountain-top experience that would strengthen their discipleship and boost their faith. We call it now, the Transfiguration.

It had to have been an incredible experience. It remains an awesome story. Peter, James, and John with Jesus on a high mountain witnessing first-hand brilliant light shining like the sun, illuminating the presence not only of Jesus, but of Moses and Elijah. We can only imagine. Peter for once in his life might have understated it when he reacted, “Lord, it is good for us to be here.” To see Jesus hanging out and chatting it up with two long-dead legends of the faith had to be beyond amazing. What Peter offered next—considering this scene—was not an outlandish response. “If you wish,” he said to Jesus, “I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” This was no slight to Jesus here—just a recognition of what he had witnessed and of the special place in which he held all three of these faith giants. Jesus got it. There was no rebuke from him to Peter's suggestion. But there was a response, and not by Jesus.

The Father spoke up from Heaven. Wow. Again, we can only imagine. His words rang out a clear message—it is not about Moses or Elijah anymore. “This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” This was the divine endorsement. It came at the most opportune moment. Faith floundering; hope ebbing; perhaps doubts creeping; the Father makes His point. It is about Jesus now. He is the chosen one. Prioritize what He says.

Of course, as with most earthly manifestations of the Father, mere humans are overwhelmed and so, Peter, James, and John “fell facedown to the ground, terrified.” But Jesus comforted them and it is right here, at this moment, that the story truly leaps off the page:

## When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

Gone was Moses. Elijah had vanished. It was nobody but Jesus. For Peter, James, John, and the rest of the disciples to get on with being who God called them to be, nobody but Jesus would take them there. He would be the one to enable them to withstand the tests to come. He would empower them with the ability to grow their faith. The dreaded grave they feared for Jesus was no problem. Nobody but Jesus would defeat that and see them through. “Listen to him!”

*looking unto Jesus,  
the author and finisher of  
our faith, who for the joy  
that was set before Him endured  
the cross, despising the shame,  
and has sat down at the right  
hand of the throne of God.*

*Hebrews 12:2*

## Are we listening?

Jesus is the very image of God and the firstborn over all creation. The fullness of God dwells in Him (Colossians 1:15-19). He is the Immanuel, “God with us” (Matthew 1:23). He is “the way, the truth and the life” and the only way to the Father (John 14:6). He is the “lamb of God” who takes away all of our sins (John 1:29). He

became sin for us, so that we could become

“the righteousness of

God” (2 Corinthians

5:21). He is our intercessor, “ever living” to offer us grace

and mercy when we most need it (Hebrews 4:14-16, 7:25).

Nobody but Jesus can bring us an abundance of everlasting blessings. Nobody but Jesus will be able to help us overcome our fears, defeat our doubts, and rise above our obstacles. Nobody but Jesus can secure for us an audience with the Father. Nobody but Jesus can take our one talent and turn it into more. Nobody but Jesus will empower us to strengthen our faith, to endure whatever challenges come our way, to forgive freely, to turn the other cheek, to love the unlovable. Nobody but Jesus can take our small seeds of faith and move mountains with them. Nobody but Jesus can take away our sins.

## When we look up now, do we see “no one except Jesus?”

Sometimes life has a way of pushing Him into the background—busyness; pressing priorities; other voices competing for our attention; ambition; fear; disappointments; sin. It happens. It was happening to Peter, James, and John.

This is why we must double-down on Jesus. Why we must “fix our eyes” on “the author and perfecter of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2). With pandemics raging; with faith flagging; with churches hurting; with disciples dragging; with Satan raging; there is nobody but Jesus who will see us through. Nobody. Remember that high mountain top! Keep it ever close.

I am reminded of another difficult day for the disciples. This story is found in John 6:53-69. It was another “first” kind of story in which Jesus rather graphically introduces the concept of what we now know as Communion. But then the idea of eating flesh and drinking blood in the Communion context was not fully understood. Many had significant problems processing this information to the point of turning away and no longer following Him. As this occurred, Jesus asked the remaining disciples, “You do not want to leave too, do you?” And, of course, it was Peter who replied, and we should all linger a while over his words. Because they speak directly into our heart. They remain ever true, ever poignant, and ever powerful—and maybe ever so especially right now:

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God. **MM**

To whom indeed? Nobody but Jesus.

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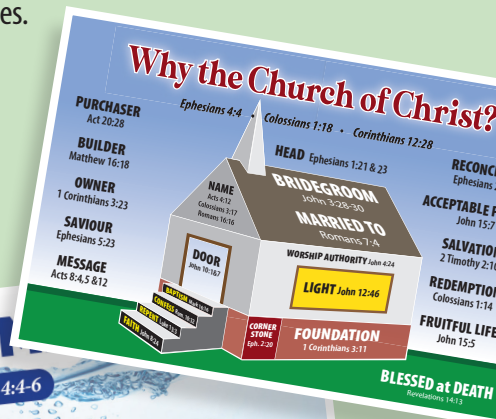
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# "ON THE ROAD AGAIN"

## with the Editor

### ■ RIPLEY, MS

Ripley, Mississippi, is well known for its "First Monday" big flea market they been having every month for years. But for me, I know this town as having a great church that has been a big supporter of the Magnolia Messenger for some time.

I enjoyed having the opportunity to teach the Bible Class and preach for them on January 23rd. They had known Al and June Franks over the years as well as Paul and Glenda Franks. Paul preached for them for a few months when they were between preachers.

I was impressed with the congregation and enjoyed having lunch with David Cook and his family after services. David is one of their elders. I was blessed to be with them on the Lord's Day.



### ■ LEXINGTON, MS

The following Sunday I worshiped with the church in Kosciusko and heard Less Ferguson preach that morning. He had an excellent lesson. I also thanked the elders for their continued support of the Messenger.

After services I rode over to Lexington, Mississippi, to be a part of the dedication of the church building and the "New Beginnings Church of Christ." The church building had sat empty for several years until the Hanging Moss Rd. congregation in Jackson, Mississippi, took on the challenge of Al Franks to establish a new congregation in the city.

The Hanging Moss brethren spent many man hours and over a hundred thousand dollars repairing and remodeling the church that had fallen into ruin. On this sunny Sunday afternoon, the building and grounds had never looked better!



*John Pigg and Curtis Pittman, two old friends and great gospel preachers. Brother Pittman is the preacher for the Hanging Moss Rd congregation and will be doing some of the preaching as well at "New Beginnings."*

John Pigg was the first preacher for the congregation back in 1969, followed by David Lipe, then I followed David in 1973.

John and I were blessed to be present in this dedication ceremony, and to witness the resurrection of a beloved church. It was a spirited afternoon of worship and praise to the Lord. My thanks to brother Pittman and the Hanging Moss Road congregation for their dedication to this work, and I know many in Lexington will be won to the Lord. This was a truly great "New Beginning," and to God be the glory!

### ■ FHU BIBLE LECTURESHIP

The first major event of any year is Freed-Hardeman's Bible lectureship, always held the first full week of February. I enjoyed visiting with many friends of the Magnolia Messenger at our display on the gym floor.

So many that came by thanked us for continuing the work of Al and June, and to a person complimented the quality and appearance of each issue. It was so good to have this face-to-face time with so many of our readers. It is also a great time to walk around and see the displays of all the works being done throughout our brotherhood, both stateside and abroad.

On Tuesday evening I was invited to join some of my college friends for some late-night fellowship. David Lipe, John Pigg and I were invited over to the home of Tom Childers. We were all

at Freed-Hardeman during the same years. There is over two hundred years of preaching and teaching among us. David's wife, Linda served refreshments. It was a good time to reminisce and discuss the work each of us is still doing in the kingdom.

I also must thank Charlie Smith, an elder in the Henderson church, for his hospitality in letting me stay in his home. MM-dd



*The three ministers, Garrett Best, Logan Hollinsaid, and Seth Turner, of the Oliver Creek congregation in Bartlett, Tennessee visited our display. This is the congregation where I worship now.*



# The Preacher's Page

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**Introducing The Preacher's Page:** The Magnolia Messenger has blessed countless numbers of God's people through the years. It has been a particular blessing to preachers around the world. We are honored that our friend and brother, Dennis Doughty has invited us to host The Preacher's Page. We are excited to present a new page that we hope will become a favorite. On this page each edition we hope to provide some insight into and encouragement for those in ministry.



**Ministry Verse of the Month:** "Fulfill your ministry" The words of our brother, Paul, to his young protege recorded in 2 Timothy 4:1-6 is the most comprehensive passage that we have in God's Word about ministry.

He begins this section of scripture with the serious challenge for us to preach the Word of God all the time. Unfortunately, some men of God have concluded that this is the breadth of our work. The idea is that preaching is all we are to do.

However, Paul adds another dimension to our task. He reminds Timothy that we must also do the "work" of an evangelist and "fulfill" our ministry. Some among us believe that preaching and ministry are antithetical. Yet, through Paul, the Holy Spirit instructs us to be engaged in both.

"Fulfill your ministry" means we are busy with Kingdom work. It means to fill our ministry full with the work of the Lord. May God help us as we preach His Word and minister to His people.

## This Month's Top 10 list:

Our Top Ten Books on Preaching  
(Disclaimer: We do not endorse all of the teachings of the following authors)

1. Preach Better, edited by Chris McCurley
2. The Glory of Preaching, Clarence DeLoach and Jay Lockhart
3. Between Two Worlds, John R.W. Stott
4. Preaching, Fred Craddock
5. Why Johnny Can't Preach, Thomas David Gordon
6. The Minister's Spiritual Life, E.W. McMillan
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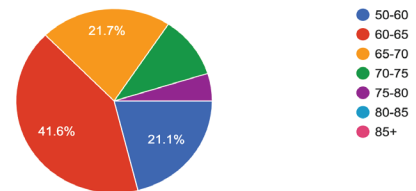
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Here is this quarter's interesting find:

*26% of the elders in the church today are under age 60.*



## TJI Upcoming Events

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 March 12-13 Marriage Seminar, Florence, AL  
 March 19 Men's Day, Eljay, GA  
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 May 26-27 Ministry League Experience, GA



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# GLIMPSES IN GENESIS OF JESUS

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A glimpse is defined as “a sight of somebody/something for a very short time, when you do not see the person or thing completely.” Jesus said concerning some religious leaders that they had set their hope in Moses, who wrote Genesis, but declared, “If you had believed Moses you would believe me, for he wrote of me” (Jn 6: 45-46). Why? Because Moses gave several glimpses of Jesus in Genesis that are completely revealed in the Gospels!



John Pigg

In one of Jesus' post resurrection appearances, He encountered two disciples on the road to Emmaus that were disheartened over Jesus' death. He rebuked them saying, “Oh foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory” (Lk 24:25-26)? Luke added, “And from the beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself” (v. 27).

Forty days after Jesus' resurrection, His apostles were startled and fearful when He made His final appearance to them before His ascension. Astonishingly, they also were filled with doubt and

disbelief, but Jesus instructed them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Psalms must be fulfilled” (Lk 24:44). At that point, Jesus “opened their minds to understand the Scriptures” (v. 45). What are some of the ways Genesis gives us glimpses of Jesus that we are to understand are clearly and completely seen in the gospels?

The first amazing glimpse of Jesus in Genesis pictures Him as the Savior who would ultimately crush Satan's power. Mel Gibson's movie, *The Passion of Christ*, starts with the screen displaying Isaiah 53:5: “He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.” Then, the camera immediately focused on the fact that Jesus prayed to His Father with anguish in the darkness of the Garden of Gethsemane, struggling over the severe suffering He knew He would have to endure the next morning. Gibson factiously portrayed Satan as appearing and trying to convince Jesus that His sacrifice on the cross would be unsuccessful to avert God's wrath against sin. Jesus refused to believe him and suddenly a snake slithered up and He crushed it under His foot. Probably most viewers were puzzled over how the movie began and what this strange scene meant.

However, for most Christians who watched this opening



scene, although they realized Satan did not actually appear in the Biblical account, it made perfect sense as they recalled the Genesis story of Satan appearing as a snake in the Garden of Eden and tempting Eve to sin by eating the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Following the spiritual fall of Adam and Eve, the Lord promised Satan, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel" (Gen 3:15). If a person were to hit someone on the heel with a hammer, it could wound and even lame them, but not likely kill them. But if that person was hit on the head hard enough, they could die! Satan worked behind the scenes through unbelieving religious and political leaders to have Jesus crucified. But Satan only wounded Jesus. In reality, the Savior's vicarious suffering forever inflicted a deadly blow to the devil's power.

Paul wrote, "When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his son, born of woman" (Gal 4:4), and John explained, "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil" (1 Jn 3:8). The Hebrews writer declared "that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through the fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery" (Heb 2:9, 14-15).

With the first glimpse of Jesus in Gen 3:15, God set into motion His eternal plan to render powerless "that ancient serpent who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world" (Rev. 12:9), by ultimately sending His Son to be our Savior!

A second glimpse of Jesus in Genesis pictures him as a descendant of Abraham who would bless all the families of the world. Moses wrote in Gen 12:1, 3, "And the Lord said to Abraham... in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Later in Gen 17:7, the God almighty repeated to Abraham, "I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you." In Gen 18:18-19, the Lord reiterated again that He would "bring to Abraham what he has promised him" that "all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him."

Paul explained in Gal 3:16, "Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, 'and to offsprings,' referring to many, but referring to one, 'And to your offspring' who is Christ." In verses 23-29 Paul wrote, "And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise." With the second glimpse of Jesus in Gen 12:3, we learn that God was actually promising Abraham that through one of his descendants He would bless lost humanity with an eternal scheme of redemption.

In a third glimpse of Jesus in Genesis, He is pictured as the reigning King of kings who would become the Lion of the tribe

of Judah. Before Moses concluded the Book of Genesis, he shares in Gen 49:1-27 the final message of the old patriarch, Jacob, the grandson of Abraham, who blessed each one of his twelve sons and made predictions concerning them which would be fulfilled in later generations through their descendants. Moses began, "Then Jacob called his sons and said, 'Gather yourselves together that I may tell you what shall happen to you in days to come'"

(v. 1). It was the custom in ancient times that before his death a father should pass on to his oldest son the blessed and coveted responsibility of family leadership.

However, Jacob refused this honor to his senior sons, Ruben, Simeon, and Levi, for various reasons he mentions in v. 3-7, and blessed his fourth son, declaring, "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute ('Shilo' KJV) comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples" (v. 8-10). The "royal scepter" was a sign of sovereign authority and supreme kingship, which all people in coming generations were to bow in allegiance and submission. "Shilo" described the coming Divine Messiah, who ultimately was Jesus, a descendant of Abraham, and miraculously born to the virgin

Mary from the Jewish tribe of Judah. Heb 7:14 affirms, "For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah." Rev 5:5 identifies Jesus as "the lion of the tribe of Judah" who has conquered sin, abolished death and given us life and immortality through the gospel (cf. 2 Tim 1:9-10).

What should we conclude about these three glimpses of Jesus in Genesis, which picture Him as the Savior who would ultimately crush Satan's power, a descendant of Abraham who would bless all the families of the world, and the reigning King of kings who would become the Lion of the tribe of Judah? It ought to convince and cause every Christian to rejoice in all the spiritual blessings we have received as a result of the grace of our Savior Jesus, and through our obedient faith to love Him with all our hearts, to obey all His commandments, and to serve Him as faithful members of His church! It should motivate and mobilize churches of Christ throughout 2022, and until the end of time to reach out and share the Gospel plan of salvation that was first intimated in Genesis and fully revealed in the Gospels to the eight billion lost souls who live in every city of every country on every continent! **MM**

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to Abraham...  
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be blessed."*

*Gen 12:1, 3,*



WHAT'S UP WITH

# MILLENNIAL CHRISTIANS?

by Ray Reynolds, Ph.D.

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It's a common joke among older people: "What's up with these millennials?" We've always had generational conflicts in the church, but it seems to me that contentions are increasing in this current age. Maybe I'm just sensitive to this issue after 25+ years working with young church leaders, but I recognize that tensions are unusually high. So, I did a little reconnaissance.

During the month of January, I asked some of our older brethren to define millennials (1981-1996) with one word. The responses I received included lazy, entitled, ignorant, liberal, brainwashed, free-spirited, and immature. Do those terms fit with millennials that you know? Is this assessment unfair? Why do we see animosity between the young and old? Is there anything we could do to resolve these generational conflicts? Could there be some bridging of the gap? All good questions.

After doing a little research, and pushing past the negative rhetoric, I have concluded that maybe we are misrepresenting Christian millennials. It is possible that the millennials are not poised to ruin the church, but to revive it. They may be simply approaching the Christian culture from a different perspective. As millennials currently outnumber the Baby Boomers, it is time we began to consider the impact they might have on the future of the church. Let's consider some positive things that might help us to see the benefits to their influence on the church and culture.

■ **Millennials are relationship oriented and community focused.** They tend to focus on unity, harmony, and personal identity. The New Testament church had the same distinctive mission. In the midst of a crooked generation they believed in prayer, Bible study, worship, fellowship, vision, and personal devotion (Acts 2:40-47). Millennials tend to grow relationships free from racism, pandering, prejudice, and hypocrisy. They prefer genuineness. They engage in missions, ministry, and service projects because they want to help the less fortunate. They genuinely care for the people in their community. They see people, not numbers. Church leaders should take

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note of this asset.

■ **Millennials are technology minded.** Never in the history of humankind has a generation been so equipped to fulfill the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16). The world is literally at their fingertips. This is a generation of social media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr, Snapchat, YouTube,

TikTok and a hundred other outlets for spreading Christianity. In the past, the church faced language barriers and financial burdens to establish missions and preach the gospel. Those obstacles are almost of no effect to millennials. The internet has opened many doors.

■ **Millennials are naturally inquisitive.** Millennials have a checklist of almost relentless questions. Instead of thinking of this as an "arrogant" group, see them as driven and curious. The Bereans searched the Scriptures daily to challenge the apostle Paul and themselves (Acts 17:11). Let them ask questions. If you provide an adequate answer (or defense), they will be more inclined to receive it (1 Peter 3:15). Many millennials enjoy personal devotion. They also love small groups where they can gather and discuss the fruit of their study. This is another asset to church growth.

■ **Millennials are inherently optimistic.** Building on the previous thought, when you combine an inquisitive nature with buckets of self-esteem you will have a truly hopeful generation. Millennials love a comeback story. They root for the underdog. They look beyond failure. They are adventurous, bold, and unafraid of standing up for their beliefs. They possess the attitude necessary to wear the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:10). They embrace spiritual warfare and shine their light.

■ **Millennials are not impressed with large buildings, massive events, or cookie cutter programs.** They are seeking authentic Christianity and servant-driven churches. What a revolutionary idea! Imagine what the church could accomplish with a generation of biblically sound, genuine, fearless, and tech savvy Christians. We may be witnessing the groundwork for a remarkable revival in the years ahead. We shouldn't fear the millennial Christians, we should mentor them, and encourage them to take the lead. Great things are on the horizon! **MM**

# A LOOK AT JESUS AS A TEENAGER

Our teenage years can be tricky. There are so many changes we go through from the ages of 13 to 19. These years can be exciting but also stressful. We make decisions that shape the rest of our lives. Jesus was a teenager once, and while we know very little of his teen years, we are given some insight into those years.

In Luke 2:40, Luke describes Jesus' growth as becoming strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. He was God, but He was still a man and grew as a boy grows. Jesus was a baby, a boy, a young man, and a man.

At the age of twelve, they were amazed at His answers and interactions. Twelve was a significant age for a Jewish boy. He had started learning His trade. He had begun sitting with the men at the synagogue. He was called, "a son of the Law."



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You might remember an incident where He did not go back home with His parents. When they came looking for Him, they found Him at the temple. What is most interesting to me is his attitude. Even though He was the Savior of the world and the Son of God, Luke 2:51-52 says He was "in subjection" to His parents, and He "kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." These words are the words that made up Jesus' teenage years.

It would do you good to look to Jesus as the great example. Ephesians 6:2 tells us to honor our father and our mother. Jesus did not ask you to do something He was not willing to do Himself. Young people, it is not a punishment to listen and honor your parents. You may not see it now, but it is for your own good. You listen to them because they have wisdom, and they can point you in the right direction.

I hope that if you are reading this and you are a teenager, you are thinking of your relationship to God and His word. By following the example of Jesus, you won't give anyone the chance to look down on you because of your youth. You have the opportunity to make your teenage years some of the best years of your life. They can be the best years if you will pattern yourself after Christ. Even in His teenage years, Jesus was obedient to his family and Heavenly Father. **MM**



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# JESUS

## IS OUR VICTORY



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When we hurt, we want relief. When we are depressed, we long for hope. When we compete, we strive to win. When we are fighting a battle, we want victory. The Bible is the story of the victory of God over Satan, good over evil, and the victory of Christians as we seek joy, peace, and hope in a sin-cursed world. Jesus is our victory! As the Apostle Paul says, “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:57). Jesus is the one key to victory for all times. His death gives access to God, our source of power for victory, from Adam to the end of time (Heb. 9:15; Gal. 4:4-5).

When God created the universe, everything was good (Gen. 1:10). There was no sickness, no tears, and no death. But, along came Satan bringing temptation, trouble, and sorrow.

God warned that Satan would bruise man’s heel—cause us trouble. Trouble has been lurking around every corner since Adam and Eve sinned and were banned from the Garden of Eden. In response to their disobedience, God spoke; “To the woman he said, ‘... in pain you shall bring forth children. ...’ And to Adam he said, ‘... cursed is the ground because of you. In pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, ... for you are dust, and to dust you shall return’” (Gen. 3:16-19).

But, He already promised that the seed of woman, Jesus, would bruise Satan’s head—give us victory over Satan (Gen. 3:15).

The Old Testament is filled with examples of victory. When Cain killed Abel, God gave Adam and Eve Seth (Gen. 4:25-26). When Sarah was childless, and she and Abraham were “old, and well stricken in age,” God gave them Isaac (Gen. 18). When Jo-

seph had been sold into slavery by his envious brothers, imprisoned because of the false charges of a seductress he resisted, and was left hanging by broken promises of help, God intervened and put him in a position of power in Egypt (Gen. 37-50). When Moses and the Israelites were about to be destroyed by the armies of Egypt, God parted the waters of the Red Sea, destroyed the army of Egypt, and freed His people from slavery (Exodus 1-40). When David faced a well-armored Philistine giant with only “a sling and a stone,” God gave him victory (1 Samuel 17). When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into the fiery furnace, God brought them out without even the smell of smoke (Daniel 3:19-26). When Daniel was thrown into a den of lions, God saved him from even a scratch (Daniel 6). When Ruth adopted the faith of Naomi, God exalted her to a place in the ancestry of Jesus (Ruth

1-4). When Haman manipulated King Ahasuerus into sentencing the Jews to die, God enabled Esther to save His people (Esther 1-10).

So, God shows us He will deliver us from giant problems, fiery trials, and the lion’s den of evil people. And, as in the case of Joseph, He will use evil treatment to aid us in accomplishing His purpose for our lives.

The New Testament is the story of how Jesus made the blind to see, the lame to walk, and the deaf to hear. He also reduced high fever, stilled life-threatening storms, fed five-thousand hungry people with a little boy’s bag lunch—and even raised the dead. He often defeated demons and was victorious over Satan in personal moral combat (Matt. 4:1-11). He changed unlearned

fishermen and tax collectors into apostles who made an eternal impact on millions (Matt. 10). He changed bitter enemies (a zealot and a tax collector) into coworkers as apostles (Luke 6:15). He changed His crucifiers into a model congregation of Christians (Acts 2-5). He delivered persecuted Christians from their enemies (Acts 3-28). Even though Stephen was stoned to

*...be thou  
faithful unto death,  
and I will give thee  
a crown of life”*

*(Rev. 2:10)*

death, he “fell asleep” and was comforted by a vision of victory (Acts 7). He transformed Saul, who once destroyed the faith, into a missionary that is still bringing masses to salvation (Gal. 1:23; Cf. Acts 6-28).

In His battles with Satan, Jesus always wins! Yes, Jesus always wins! But, did Jesus really always win? With their testimony of lies, his enemies got Him convicted of blasphemy. They prevailed when they cried, “Let him be crucified” and wagged their heads in mockery as they saw Him nailed to the cross and die. This looks like defeat! But, He was not defeated! Jesus won! His death was His victory—and our victory too! His death achieved His ultimate mission and made Him our savior (1 Cor. 15:1-3). His death paid the penalty for our sins (Romans 6:23). By the cross, He destroyed the wall of sin



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that separated us from God. Thus, God reconciled us unto Himself—providing us a way to have Him always by our side to protect us and provide for us (Eph. 2:14-16; 1 John 1:6-10). His death saves us from having to pay our own sin debt--be separated from God eternally (Isaiah 53:1-4; Romans 3:23-26). An added victory is that the story of Jesus does not end on the cross. He arose! Jesus lives even today and shares His victorious life with us—provid-

ing us a “more-abundant life” here and now (John 10:10).

But, trouble is an ever-present reality. Paul recognized this and says, “Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” (2 Timothy 3:12). Peter says, “Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you” (1 Peter 4:12). He admonishes, “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to swallow up. Resist him, . . . the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world” (1 Peter 5:8-11). John acknowledges, “the spirit of the antichrist” is now doing evil--fighting against truth, goodness, justice, joy, and peace (1 John 4:1-3).

Oh no; neither Paul, Peter, nor John is a prophet of doom. They are all heralds of the good news that there is victory in Jesus! Peter says, “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. . . And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace . . . will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you” (1 Peter 5:6-7, 10-11). John says, “Little children, you are from

God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world” (1 John 4:4). Yes, our God is bigger than any problem you might have!

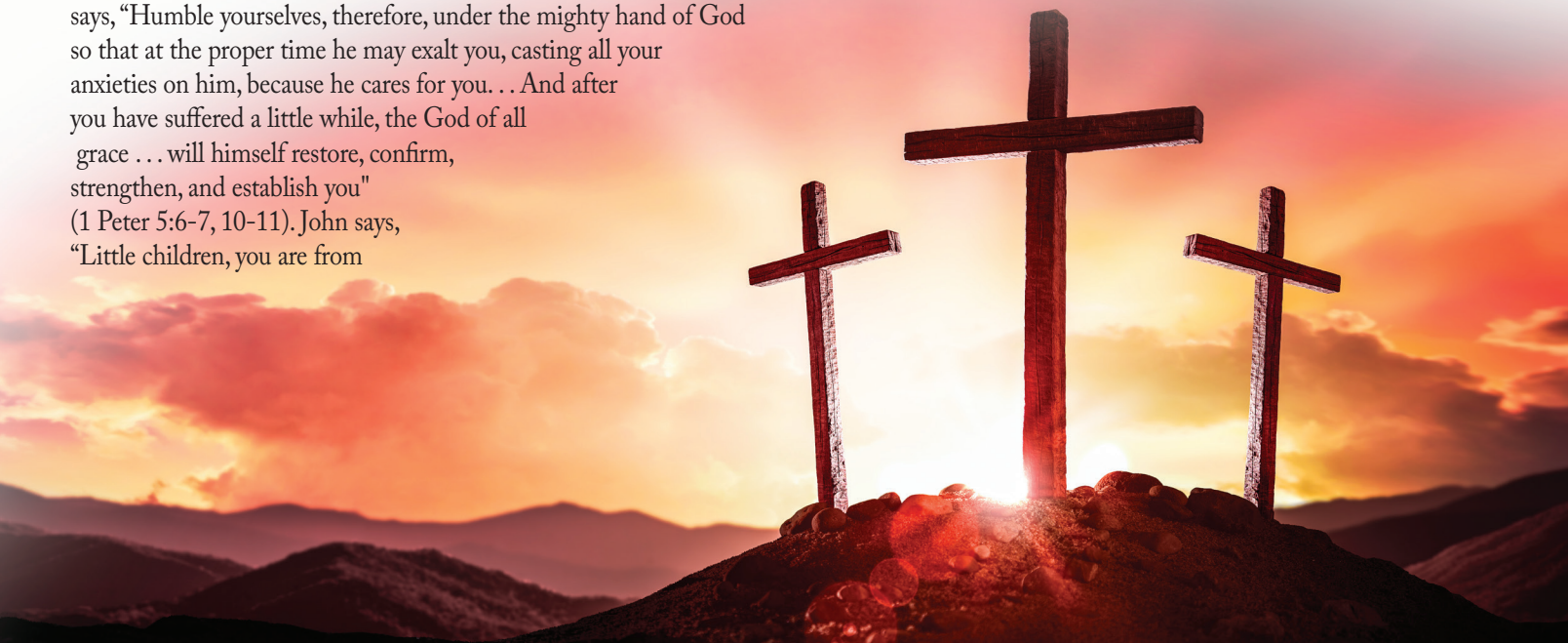
The great news is that the big God of the universe is on our side! But, the key question is, “Are we on God’s side--are we living daily on God’s side?” Don’t forget; victory requires faith! The Bible says, “For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God” (1 John 5:4-5)? And be sure, faith implies submission—submission to His word and to His will for our individual lives (Gal. 5:6; James 2:17)!

In the last book of the Bible, God shows us that the ultimate victory belongs to Jesus and His followers. Jesus, the Lamb that was slain for our sins has already defeated Satan and death, and is standing in the middle of the throne—THE VICTOR (Rev. 5:1-10). The souls of those slain for being faithful to Jesus are first seen hiding under the altar begging the Lord for vengeance. The Lord tells them they must wait a little while (Revelation 6:9-11). After all the conflict throughout Revelation, they are not left cringing in fear and defeat; they are sitting on the throne sharing victory with Christ (Rev. 20:4).

Yes, Satan still plagues us with loneliness, rejection, financial struggles, sickness, the death of loved ones, loss of our jobs, betrayal by loved ones, accidents, addictions, broken families, self-hatred, etc. But, Jesus gives a final word of encouragement, “Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: . . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Rev. 2:10). The victorious Jesus bears the scars of battle, but He’s a winner. We might often suffer and be left with battle scars. But, as it was with Christ, suffering and battle scars are often essential to accomplish God’s purpose for us. But, we have victory in Jesus!!!! **MM**

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## from a Woman's Viewpoint

# Improving *your* Prayer Life.

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How many minutes of screen time do you spend on your phone each week? How many minutes do you spend watching your favorite shows on TV each week? Be honest with yourself.

Then ask yourself these questions: how many minutes do you spend in prayer each week? How many times a day do you pray? Do



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you even pray every day? Do you only pray when you need God to do something for you such as helping you pass a test, landing that new job or getting that promotion you want, or healing someone close to you that has been diagnosed with a terminal illness? Do you fall asleep at bedtime praying?

The Bible states in I Thessalonians 5:7 to "pray without ceasing" and II Chronicles 16:9 states, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to give strong

support to those whose hearts are fully committed to Him".

God desires for us to take time to speak with Him. The avenue by which we talk to our Father is through prayer.

After seeing my own screen time and TV time each week, and comparing them to the time I spend in prayer each week, I was upset at myself and decided to make a focused effort to improve my prayer time. It has been a bit of a struggle but I have truly been blessed by those efforts put forth.

I'd like to share with you what has worked for me.

Choose a consistent time each day that you will pray. For me it is before I leave for work each day. The family is gone. The house is quiet. I'm dressed and ready to go to work. I'm not rushed because I have set my alarm 15 minutes earlier so that I have the dedicated time to spend in prayer before I walk out that door.

Choose a consistent setting for your prayer time. Matthew 6:6 states, "but when you pray, go into your room and shut the door." My setting is my bedroom. It is quiet and cool. There are no distractions. The dog is already put up. I'm not looking out the window at something outside.

Situate yourself in a straight back chair, kneel, or stand up when you pray. You will not go to sleep praying in one of these positions! This allows you to be focused on the task at hand.

Put together a prayer list. Write actual names on the prayer list. My entire family is listed on mine and then it is updated as

circumstances change. Some persons you might include would be those that are sick or who have upcoming surgeries, those grieving, your elders and deacons' names where you attend church, your minister, the President and those that guide him, those in the military, mission works. I have my grandchildren's schools and teachers on my list too.

Putting forth these efforts will demonstrate to God that you are making Him a priority in your life and that He is not the last thing you try to work into your schedule at bedtime.

Some good guidelines to follow when praying: begin your prayer praising God. Start by acknowledging Him as our Lord, our Savior, the Master, our Shepherd and King. This is probably not how you currently start your prayer and it may be a little uncomfortable at first but try it.

Second, thank Him. Thank Him for all your blessings you have. We have a lot to be thankful for even when we are struggling. We live in the greatest country in the world! Thank Him for your home, a bed to sleep in, food, clothing, sunshine, rain, the animals, the stars at night, friends, your church family, your earthly family. Everyone can find something to be grateful for.

Third, make your needs known. Psalm 55:22 states, "cast your burden on the Lord and He will sustain you." Philippians 4:6 states, "let your requests be made known unto God." Get that prayer list out you made. Utilize it! Pray out loud and by name for those on your list every day. Pray for that sick friend, or not just for your child but be specific and pray for your child that is having problems adjusting at school, or for your grown child's marriage relationship. Pray for calmness when you go for that interview, for good recall when you have a test that you have studied for, or wisdom to help you make good decisions related to caring for an elderly parent. You are speaking to the greatest friend you'll ever have! Tell Him what you need. Matthew 7:7 states, "ask and it will be given to you, seek and ye will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Colossians 4:2 says, "be persistent in prayer." Then, I John 3:22 states, "and whatever we ask, we receive from him because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight."

Lastly, ask for forgiveness. Romans 3:23 states, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." We are all sinners. Think back on the last 24 hours. Did you speak any foul language? Did you have a sinful thought? Did you have opportunity to be kind to someone and chose to skip it today? Did you tell a small lie? Ask God to forgive you. Although God already knows what you did or thought, acknowledge to Him that you are aware of those sins and



have a desire to change your behavior. Ask for strength to be a better person tomorrow. Isaiah 43:25 states, "I am the one who wipes away all your wrongdoings for My own sake, and will remember your sins no more." What a comfort that is! Philippians 3:13 states, "forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead." Ask for forgiveness. God forgives you. Forgive yourself. Continue to strive towards the goal of Heaven by living a better life tomorrow!

I'd personally like to challenge you to commit to 30 days of daily prayer. Take the challenge! God will bless you and you will see a difference in your life, AND in the lives of others that you are praying for. **MM**

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## "I'd like to be more like Ms. June"

The first time I met Ms. June was in Crystal Springs, MS, where she and Mr. Al were working with the church. I always in my mind thought Ms. June was such a pretty lady, with her hair always fixed, her make-up on, and always dressed very nicely. She always had a great smile, a sweet demeanor with all she came in contact with, and always found something positive in all circumstances. She verbalized her love for the Lord and family. Sometimes, as a young woman at the time, I'd gaze at Ms. June and think to myself, "What a good mentor for us younger women to look to. I'd like to be more like Ms. June."

We went our separate ways at some point, but I saw Ms. June over the next 35 years at various church activities such as congregational singings and Ladies' Days. We always got a big hug from one another and quickly caught each other up on our families. Again, I always left Ms. June's side with a good inner feeling.

Ms. June inspired myself, and I'm sure many other women, to be a better person, unafraid to demonstrate our love for God, family, and all others with whom we interact. **MM**

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# JESUS Wept

by James Pilgrim

"Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to Him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus Wept." (John 11:33-35, NKJV)

When Jesus came near Bethany and saw Mary's grief over her dead brother, Lazarus, we read that "Jesus wept." The Greek words "groaned" (Verse 33) and "groaning" (Verse 38) indicate a strong displeasure Jesus had in Mary and the Jew's failure to understand what was being said and done.

John 1:1 says, "the Word was with God, and the Word was God." He "was manifest in the flesh" (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus was Deity (Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:23), but He shed tears. This shows the compassion of the One by whom God made the worlds (Hebrews 1:1, 2).

When Jesus saw the multitudes, "he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd" (Matthew 9:36). Jesus then called upon His disciples to pray for them (Verses 37, 38).

Jesus also wept over the sinful city of Jerusalem and what was about to befall her (Luke 19:28, 41). One wonders how many tears Jesus shed prior to and while undergoing the various pains inflicted on His body and mind while He endured the cruel cross to save the lost (Matthew 26:26 through 27:66).

Jesus was the weeping, compassionate

One who loved the world, even to the point of dying "for the ungodly" (Romans 5:6-10), and has ascended back into the heavens from whence He came (Acts 1:9-11).

However, He left no less than two statements for man. First, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5). Second, Jesus gave His followers the responsibility of carrying on His work. Christians are to be "kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving..." (Ephesians 4:32).

Paul told the saints at Rome to "weep with them that weep" (Romans 12: 15). Paul had done what he admonished them to do. He reminded the elders at Ephesus that he served them "with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me" (Acts 20:19). Then they all "wept freely and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him" (Acts 20:36). Jeremiah, another inspired writer, was called the weeping prophet.

The One who had compassion on those physically and spiritually sick, also had a similar attitude toward those who were in need of physical food (Matthew 14:13-21, 15:32-38). Jesus fed them. Jesus gave His people instructions to help the needy (James 1:27; Galatians 6:10).

Showing the compassion of Jesus is equal to doing the same for the Lord. Such actions coupled with other duties will result in one's salvation. Failure to do so will result in one being lost (Matthew 25:31-46; James 2:14-26). "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Will someone be helped physically here and saved in Heaven eternally because you imitated the loving Lord? **MM**

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## Flickers of Light

FROM THE BIBLE

by Bill Lambert

### We're just servants!

Take a look at how inspired writers often began their letters: "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle" (Rom. 1:1); "Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:1); "Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ" (Titus 1:1); "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ" (James 1:1); "Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:1); "Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ (Jude 1). Whether we call ourselves Apostle, Preacher, Elder, Deacon, Professor, President, Banker, Lawyer, Doctor, or Just a Member-in any case, we are no more and no less than Servants of God. - BL

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# Is door-knocking still *Fruitful?*

by Roger Johnson

On June 4, about 40 campaigners from the Cox Blvd. church of Christ in Sheffield, AL, boarded vehicles to travel to Childersburg, AL, to assist this 30-member congregation in a Back to the Bible campaign. They were joined by 24 campaigners from the Childersburg congregation who had been trained to use the Safety Chain of Scriptures. The Cox Blvd. church had conducted a workshop a few months in advance of the campaign to train the brethren in this method of study.



Roger Johnson

The campaign began with a get-acquainted cook-out on Friday evening followed by an encouraging devotional on the beautiful campgrounds provided by the congregation. The campground is enjoyed by brethren from various congregations throughout the year for retreats, seminars, and summer camps for youth.

The door-knocking effort began in earnest on Saturday morning as campaigners went from door-to-door offering the opportunity for people to study the Bible. This aspect of the campaign lasted through Wednesday, June 9. Almost every residence in Childersburg was contacted during the five days of door-knocking. We were well received by people in the community, many of whom expressed gratitude for what we were doing. When no one was home or a Bible study was declined, appropriate literature was left giving information about the Lord's church in Childersburg as well as material that would enhance their study of the Bible.

The campaign resulted in 80 appointments being set, of which 18 of them were

held and another 30 appointments were left for the brethren at Childersburg to follow-up after the campaigners returned home. There were 8 souls baptized into Christ and one restoration during the campaign week. The brethren at Childersburg have continued an effective follow-up of the new converts, encouraging them to remain faithful. They have also continued to contact individuals who agreed to study the Bible and at least two more precious souls have been baptized into Christ. One of the conversions occurred because of a Bible study that took place after her cousin, who was baptized during the campaign, invited her to a New Christian's Class. Thus far there have been 10 baptisms as a result of the campaign.

In addition to the door-knocking, Gary Bradley did an outstanding job preaching the Gospel in a three-day meeting during the campaign.

Lamar Russell, the preacher at Childersburg, had this to say about the campaign: "The willingness of so many to give of their time to help us is amazing. The workshop was very helpful. Members here now have a simple, effective method of teaching the Bible. I like the fact that it is a true Bible study. Everything was very organized. The work was carried out in an efficient manner." When asked how the campaign was of help to the Childersburg congregation, he responded, "We were encouraged to see the Gospel is still powerful. I believe every worker here received a shot in the arm. People moved out of their comfort zone. People were doing things they had not done before. Prior to the campaign, one person told me she was terrified of door knocking. Guess what she did? She went door knocking."

The congregation is served by three elders (Mike Ray, Gene Welch, Ray Giddens) who were very supportive and heavily involved

in the campaign. Brother Giddens made this observation: "It was a valuable work for our congregation. A very well organized and coordinated method of evangelism."

On June 10, the campaigners loaded up and returned home to Sheffield, tired but elated to have been involved in sharing the Gospel with people in Childersburg.

The Cox Blvd. church has been involved in training workshops and campaigns for several years. The Childersburg campaign marked the 14th they have conducted. If you would like to find out more about the workshops and the campaigns, you may contact the Cox Blvd. church of Christ, 303 Cox Blvd., Sheffield, AL 35660 (tel. 256-383-1618) and ask for Wade Hunt or Roger Johnson. Wade can also be contacted by email at [whunt@coxblvd.org](mailto:whunt@coxblvd.org) and Roger at [rlj126@gmail.com](mailto:rlj126@gmail.com). They will be glad to talk to you about how to train members of your congregation to lead others to Christ.

A decision has not been made where the 15th Back to the Bible Campaign will be, so if you desire to know more about a campaign or a workshop using the Safety Chain of Scriptures, please call or text either of the men above. One of the elders at the Cox Blvd. church, Russ Blackwell, will also be glad to talk with you and he can be contacted at [judrus@gmail.com](mailto:judrus@gmail.com).

Is door-knocking still fruitful? While our society has changed to being more transient, resulting in fewer people being found at home anymore during the day, experience has taught us that receptive hearts can be reached provided we remain committed to evangelistic outreach. To God be the glory as souls are added to His kingdom. **MM**

*(I appreciate the good work that Cox Boulevard is doing in helping to revive an evangelistic spirit in congregations, and their good support of this publication. -dd)*



# A WONDERFUL SAVIOR IS JESUS MY LORD



by *Bill Brandstatter, Minister  
Marion, IL*

One of my favorite songs is “A Wonderful Savior is Jesus My Lord.” The song expresses why Jesus is wonderful. Let me mention why He is wonderful to Me. Isaiah writes about Jesus being called, “Wonderful Counselor,” Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Is. 9:6). Joseph was told by an angel that Mary would “bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS for He will save His people from their sins” (Mt. 1:21). So, Jesus was a Wonderful Savior. Let’s look at some reasons why He is.

**He is wonderful because He is a wonderful teacher.** One person stated about Him: John 7:46- “No man ever spoke like this Man!” Nicodemus expressed the wonderful nature of our Lord’s teaching when he said, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him” (John 3:2 NKJV). Truly Jesus taught like no one else before or since. Matthew states His teaching was authoritative unlike the scribes (Mt. 7:29). A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord!

**He is wonderful because of His resurrection.** When the women went to the tomb on a Sunday morning, they were looking for His body to embalm. Instead, they found an empty tomb and an angel on the stone that was rolled away from the tomb. The angel stated, ““He is not here, but is risen” (Luke 24:6)! He proved He was the Son of God by His resurrection (Rom. 1:4). Because of His resurrection, we have hope of being resurrected to a new life one day (John 6:40; 11:25-26). Paul helps our understanding by writing: “But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead” (1 Cor 15:20-21). A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord!

**He is wonderful because He died willingly for us.** Jesus Christ willingly came to earth to save us. Paul details this for us in Phil. 2:5-11. There he states Jesus Christ did the following: He made Himself of no reputation, He took the form of a bondservant, and came in the likeness of man. Then in Phil. 2:8, states, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became

obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” Peter writes that He took our place on the cross (1 Pet. 2:24). If I were the only person who ever lived, Jesus did it willingly for me. A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord!

**He is wonderful because He did the will of the Father.** It was in the will of God that Jesus die for the sins of mankind. He was “foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times” (1 Pet. 1:20). While suffering in the flesh as a man, Jesus wanted the suffering to go away. Then He stated, “Nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will” (Mark 14:36). Peter stated on the Day of Pentecost that what happened to Jesus was the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God (Acts 2:23). A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord!

**He is wonderful because He humbled Himself.**

Paul tells us in Philippians chapter two that He left His place in Heaven and came to earth and “humbled Himself” and came in the likeness of man (Phil. 2:5-8). He taught us what true humility is. He said that others should humble themselves as a little child to enter the kingdom of heaven (Mt. 18:3). He showed us how to humble ourselves so we can be lifted up (James 4:10). A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord!

**He is wonderful because He is wise.** In Jesus, we find the wisdom of God. As a young boy, we read about His wisdom: “And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him” (Luke 2:40). In Revelation 5:12, we read, ““Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!” A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord!

**He is wonderful because He is personal.** He died for me (1 Pet. 2:24). He took my place on the cross. He understands us (Heb. 4:15). He is my intercessor (Heb. 7:25). He is my advocate with the Father (1 Jn. 2:1).

Jesus needs to be our Savior and we need to make Him Lord of our lives if He is not already. Then we can truly say, “A Wonderful Savior is Jesus My Lord!” **MM**

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*“Wonderful,  
Counselor Mighty  
God, Everlasting  
Father, Prince  
of Peace”*

*Isaiah 9:6*

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## Christianity in Action

### *A great work Continues in Venezuela*

Dear Venezuela Team and supporters,

We want to thank you for your dedication to this ministry. We are thrilled to report on the successes of the past year and want to share them with you. Without your support, we probably would be sending only 3-4 boxes to one person! Instead, we are sending an average of 35 boxes monthly to many people. We can't begin to count the number who have been helped. Please continue giving!

One of the most exciting aspects of this work is sending medical supplies to numerous doctors and hospitals throughout Venezuela. The number of doctors benefitting are unknown, but due to the selfless service of people who distribute these things, much good is being done.

*Steve and Jane Watson (steve.watson8@gmail.com)*

"As always we give thanks in the name of Jesus Christ to our almighty God for letting us do this great job through your will to love, care, and serve. You are making a big difference in the lives of a lot of people. Thanks for being 'The Salt of Life.' Your willingness to give brings Faith and Hope to many families. We are deeply grateful to all who participate directly and indirectly. God bless you all!" **MM**

*Cristian and Angelica (the Venezuelan couple here that began this ministry)*



*Nekkel Barboza is the preacher of The Church of Christ located in the State of Yaracuy. He distributes the aid in the communities that attend the church. He and his team are conducting a Bible study in a group of 20 to 25 children.*

### **SUPPORT NEEDED:**

*This past month this wonderful ministry has had to cut its shipments almost in half due to lack of funding. If you would like to help in this work send your support to the Pegrum Church of Christ, 5019 Walkup Rd, Pegrum, TN 37143. -dd*





# TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS



by Hugh Fulford

The people of God in sacred assembly often sing the beautiful words penned by the blind hymnist, Fanny J. Crosby: "Tell me the story of Jesus, Write on my heart every word; Tell me the story most precious, Sweetest that ever was heard." The story of Jesus can be told in twelve succinct statements. Let me tell you this beautiful story.

**1. His eternal co-existence with God the Father.** Christ, as the pre-incarnate (pre-fleshly) Word dwelt with God from all eternity. Like the Father, Christ had no beginning and will have no ending. He possessed the very same nature of "Godness" as was possessed by the Father. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him (the Word), and without Him nothing was made that was made...And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:1-3, 14). (See also I John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:13-18, and many other related texts).

**2. His virgin birth.** "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David...And the angel said to her...'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus...' Then Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I do not know a man' (am not a married woman and have never been with a man sexually, hf)? And the angel answered and said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born of you will be called the Son of God' (Luke 1:26-35).

**3. His sinless life.** He "was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). He "committed no sin, nor was guile found in His mouth" (I Peter 2:22, quoting Isaiah 53:9).

**4. His matchless teaching.** "No man ever spoke like this Man!"

(John 7:46). The teachings of Christ are the highest, most exalted of all teachings. He tells people how to be saved from their sins, and how to live so as to be saved eternally in Heaven. "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

**5. His atoning death.** "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). "And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have received the reconciliation" (atonement, KJV) (Romans 5:11). "And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world" (I John 2:2).

**6. His noble burial.** "Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. And when

Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb which he had hewn

out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb and departed" (Matthew

27:57-60). "And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came; and he brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Jesus and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury" (John 19:39-40). This was all in fulfillment of divine prophecy (Isaiah 53:9).

**7. His victorious resurrection.** An angel announced to the women who came to the tomb of Jesus early on the first day of the week, "He is not here! For He is risen as He said...go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead" (Matthew 27:6-7). The facts of the Gospel are the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, all of them being "according to the Scriptures" (Old Testament prophecies) (I Corinthians 15:1-4).

**8. His glorious ascension.** "So then, after the Lord had spoken to them (the apostles), He was received up into Heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God" (Mark 16:19). "And it came to

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destroyed"*

*(Daniel 7:13-14)*

pass, while He blessed them (the apostles), that He was parted from them and carried up into Heaven" (Luke 24:51). "And when He had spoken these things, while they (the apostles) watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9).

**9. His magnificent coronation.** "I was watching in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of Man coming with the clouds of heaven. He came TO (not FROM, hf) the Ancient of Days (God). And they brought Him (Christ) near before Him (God). Then to Him (Christ) was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one that shall never be destroyed" (Daniel 7:13-14). This is a beautiful prophecy of the ascension and coronation of Christ in the courts of Heaven! On the day the kingdom of Christ was set up, the day the church was established, the apostle Peter declared, "Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36).

**10. His abiding intercession.** "It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us" (Romans 8:34). "Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God by Him, seeing He ever lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25).



Hugh Fulford

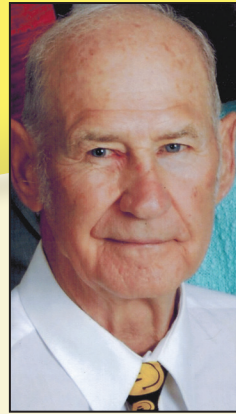
**11. His promised second coming.** At His ascension the angels announced, "This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first (i.e., before the living in Christ are changed from corruptible bodies into incorruptible bodies, hf). Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

**12. His righteous judgment.** "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. And all the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left...And these (the goats, hf) will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous (the sheep, hf) into eternal life" (Matthew 25:31-32, 46). Paul declared that God "will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all, in that He has raised Him from the dead" (Acts 17:31).

Every Christian can know and tell the story of Jesus, and they should do so. Every Christian man should be able to take the twelve summation points presented above, make a beautiful sermon of them, and be prepared to preach it at any time in the congregation where he worships. All that is required is a little diligence, some study, some effort, setting the right priorities, and a never-failing love for Christ and what He has done and is doing for His people. **MM**

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## In the SPOTLIGHT:



### Edgar Beard

Edgar Beard began to send me emails several years ago as he started getting my weekly "Inscriptions" articles. His notes were always encouraging; he often shares my articles with his vast email list. After I became Editor of the Messenger, he was one of the first persons I heard from and he has continued to encourage me with each issue. Lots of people know Edgar as he has been a great servant of the Lord all his life. While we have never met in this life, I am sure we will meet in the next. It is my honor to put him "In the Spotlight."

*Dennis Doughty, Editor*

Edgar Beard has been an inspiration to everybody he has come in contact with. He always has a smile on his face and makes people laugh. He has helped tons of people with Bible correspondence courses to help these people learn Bible and how to become a Christian. He has baptized a ton of people over the years. He has preached at many places and uplifted everybody at those places.

He has preached at Lake Hills, Tifton, Shoals Branch, Sylvia, Pond, Bon Aqua, and others. He has helped people in other ways than teaching them Bible. He has preached many funerals, and gone to their houses if they needed to talk face to face instead of over the phone. He has helped families with problems they might have. He has lived in Centerville, Nashville, and Chattanooga. He has worked at Washington Manufacturing and Southern Sportswear. He has raised his children to be good Christian people and grandkids the same way.

*By Justin Beard (grandson).*

He was a mentor to young men who are now pulpit ministers. Edgar's son, Brent has been at Totty's Bend for 15-20 years or more. Also, Edgar's grandson, Kellen, has begun preaching and has served as a guest speaker for several congregations in this area.

*By Mike Kelly, (Edgar's minister).*

*(My thanks to Rick Bruno who helped put this together, without Edgar's knowledge I might add-d)*

# Visiting among Churches in north Mississippi

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*November 2021 through January 2022*

## By Eddie Lewis

I appreciate so much the opportunity to inform you about my mission work among the churches in North Mississippi. I appreciate the Germantown church of Christ sponsoring me in this ministry. This report covers seven Sundays during the months of November 2021 through January 2022. I served three of these Sundays as an interim preacher for the Coffeerville church of Christ. Also, we visited with seven other churches.

■ **November 7:** Madolyn and I were in Yukon, OK. Madolyn's grandson, Brad May, the son of Richard and Jeanne Lynn May, died suddenly. We stayed for a week to be with family and grieve with them in the loss of their son, Madolyn's grandson. Please remember the May and Gibson families in your prayers.

■ **November 14:** I was invited to preach at the Cleveland church of Christ. Tim McCarter is the long-time preacher there. He and Debbie were away visiting with her sister in New York. I preached at Cleveland one Sunday in September also. We enjoyed getting to see old friends again. All my lessons were from Ephesians. In Bible Class I talked about all the Spiritual Blessings that God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit have given us (1: 4-14). In the morning worship I talked about the Christian walk and five sins we are to avoid (4:17-32). In the evening worship I talked about us being imitators of God as we walk in love, the light, and the wisdom of God (5:1-15).

■ **November 21:** Madolyn and I were in Columbia, TN, for my grandson's wedding. Nolan Weeks and Talley Russell



Andrew Philips  
Columbia, TN

exchanged vows on Saturday Night at the Cranford Hollow Event Center in Columbia. It was a great honor for me to conduct the wedding ceremony. They live in Brentwood, Tennessee. Nolan works in

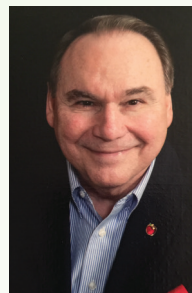
Nashville and Talley is working on her Pharmacy degree.

On Sunday Madolyn and I visited with the Graymere Church of Christ. Andrew Philips is the pulpit minister. He is the son of Dave Philips, our minister at Germantown. We enjoyed getting to hear Andrew preach. The church is involved in many ministries. They have nine elders and five ministers. They have several mission works and a counseling center. Their attendance is around 500.

Andrew spoke on "Deeper Discipleship" based on Mark 13:33-37. It was a great lesson on the importance of "Staying Alert." He said that we must "Look Ahead," even what seems permanent is temporary, and "Look Out," even what seems distant is a reality. He reminded us that "My perspective is not God's." It was a great lesson.

■ **December 5, 19, and January 9:** I preached at the Coffeerville church of Christ. They continue to look for a full-time minister. I got word that a minister had contacted them and was sending them a resume. I hope you will continue praying for them as they search for a minister.

On the 5th I presented a lesson from



Ephesians 6 on parent/child relations. Paul lays down some principles for good relationships in the home. He also talks about some principles for good work relations. If we all would practice our Christian principles, we would have great harmony in the home and at work.

On the 19th, I presented a lesson entitled "Unto Us a Child is Given" based on Isaiah 9:6. I talked about the birth of Jesus and made three points. It shows us that God keeps His promises, Jesus is God—incarnate, and Jesus came to save the world.

January 9, I presented a lesson on the "Christian Armor." Paul tells us our battle is with the Devil and his forces. We must have the Christian armor to be victorious over him.

■ **December 12:** Madolyn and I visited with the New Albany church of Christ. Tim Dooley is the new minister there. He and his wife, Colleen have worked with the congregation for one year. Tim is a graduate of Heritage University and got his master's degree from FHU. He has been in ministry for over 20 years and comes to Mississippi from Kentucky. We welcome them to Mississippi. The church has four elders and around 150 in attendance. They are growing



Tim and Colleen Dooley

and involved with many ministries. We did get to eat lunch with Tim and Colleen and enjoyed our visit with them.

Tim taught the auditorium class. They have been studying "The Showcase of Grace." They asked the question, "Can grace make that much difference?" Tim gave several examples from the Bible of people that had been changed by the grace of God.

In the worship Tim mentioned that their theme for the year was "The Power of Love." The lesson was "The Baptism of Jesus" taken from Matthew 3:13-17. He mentioned the preparation, the purpose, the power, and the pleasure of God at Jesus' baptism. It was a good lesson.

Sunday night we visited with the Batesville church of Christ. Michael Bates is the long-time minister there. The church has two elders and around 160 in attendance. They are looking for a youth minister to work with their large youth



*Michael and Kathy Bates*

group. It is a growing congregation and involved in many good works.

Their evening service is a little different. They began with a Bible study. Michael is looking at the Psalms. This week it was Psalm 14. He spent some time looking at the word "Fool" and made some application of that to ourselves. We must not take our salvation for granted. It was a very good lesson. Next, they had a short quiz time and then a short devotional. We really enjoyed seeing so many old friends and having a great time of fellowship.

■ **January 23:** Madolyn and I visited with the Pine Bluff church of Christ in Toccoola, MS. Allen Drewrey is the bi-vocational minister there. They are served by three elders and have around 50 in attendance. They help support several ministries. I have preached there in the past and enjoyed seeing the good brethren there and introducing them to Madolyn. We did



*Arvel Miles and Allen Drewrey  
Delta Enrichment Series*

enjoy getting to eat lunch with Arvel and Bettie Miles and Luc Michaud.

Arvel taught the Bible Class. He was

finishing up a study of the letter to the Colossians (chapter 4). He talked about Paul's instruction to the slaves and masters. He talked about prayer and the importance of us walking in wisdom. It was a good lesson and lots of discussion.

In the worship, Allen presented a lesson on the "Authority and Silence of Scripture." When God gives us a command, we are to do what God's says and not add to or take away from His teachings. Allen looked at some Old Testament examples to illustrate his point. It was a good lesson.

■ **January 30:** I was invited to preach for the South Main church of Christ in Greenville, MS. Danny Holman is the long-time minister there. He and his family were away on a trip. Madolyn and I both have lived in Greenville, but at different times. So we both know lots of the brethren there. It was very good to see old friends and visiting. Some members were absent because of sickness and trips. We enjoyed eating lunch with Bill and Becky Payne. In Bible class, Joseph Coleman, one of the members, led the class in a study of



*Eddie Lewis and Joseph Coleman*

forgiveness. There was lots of discussion, but Joseph lead us back to several verses that are key to understanding the need to forgive. Joseph did a good job.

In the worship, I preached on "The Christian Armor" based on Ephesians 6:10-24. Paul ends his letter by warning the church about the Devil and his forces. He tells them that God has given us spiritual armor to protect us as we battle the Devil. It is a good study.

■ **Update on CSC at MCDCC:** During the fall semester we averaged around 25 in attendance at our Wednesday Night Bible Study. We are encouraged that we had a good attendance and interest. We have been studying about the blessings we

have in Jesus and His church.

In November, Madolyn had her Lasagna Benefit Lunch. It is to raise support for two young men from Kenya and Haiti. They are sponsored by the Christian Relief Fund in Amarillo, TX. She has been doing this for over ten years. This year she served 230 meals to faculty and staff at MDCC and friends from the community. Everyone loves Madolyn's lasagna and homemade bread. It is a great way to build relationships with the college and the community.

During the month of December, the students took their final exams and then were home for Christmas break. We resumed classes on January 10th.



*Madolyn and teacher*



*Wednesday study group*

Three of our students have moved on to senior college. We will miss them this semester.

We had our first Wednesday Bible Study on January 19. We started slowly with just one student at the first study and two at the second. But these students have shown a great interest and we are praying we can help them become Christians. The basketball team that had been coming before the Christmas break has been quarantined with Covid. We are hoping they will be able to return soon. Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we minister to the students at MDCC. **MM**

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*Reasons Why We Continue  
Publishing the Magnolia Messenger*

■ We enjoy receiving the Magnolia Messenger very much. Thank you for sending it to us  
(Lynn Grisham, Ripley, MS)

■ What an awesome gospel magazine is the Magnolia Messenger! It is by far one of the most inspirational magazines I have picked up and read in a long time. I pray that it will keep going as a gospel publication.

It makes me think what the Hebrew writer said in Hebrews 10:24 "Provoke one another unto love and good works." That, it certainly does in a great way....

(Danny Cornish, Nashoba, OK)

■ I love this magazine!  
(Lynette Johnston, Blue Mountain, MS)

■ So thankful for a paper that continues to spread the truth.  
(Frances Hawkins, Madison, AL)

■ Praying for you to keep publishing the Magnolia Messenger.  
(Ira Weaver, Milton, FL)

■ Thank you for all the good work you do in publishing the Magnolia Messenger....  
(Phil & Carol Mote, Bozeman, MT)

■ Thank you for this wonderful magazine.  
(Donna Griffin, Memphis, TN)

■ I absolutely love the Magnolia Messenger. I have read each article in the Winter edition twice. So inspirational!!!  
(Chris McAlister, Memphis, TN)

■ Enjoy your magazine very much. Very good articles – much needed.  
(Jerry & Shirley Jaques, West Plains, MO)

■ Thank each of you for everything that you are doing to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ!  
(John Lee, Warner Robins, GA)

■ Thank you for sending the magazine. I love to read it!  
(Barbara Bailey, Harrison, AR)

■ Thanks to all of you in your efforts in publishing the MM with the truth. I enjoy receiving each copy.  
(Kathleen Lively, Jasper, TX)

■ Keep up this good work.  
(TA Smith, Mountain View, AR)

■ I love your magazine. I pray God will increase its power in years to come.

(Steven Eddy, Cape Coral, FL)

■ Appreciate all you do. God bless.  
(Robert Schmitz, Water Valley, MS)

■ Just wanted to say 'thank you' for sending us the good quarterly magazine. I can see all you are doing a great work with it and bringing good comfort, knowledge and edification to your readers. ...

(Warner Kirby, Bloomington Springs, TN)

■ God bless your efforts!  
(George Johnson, Calhoun, LA)

■ Please continue the good work of Al Franks.  
(Duke & Donna Loden, Belden, MS)

■ We appreciate the Magnolia Messenger. Keep up the good work.  
(Mr. & Mrs. John Mays, Benton, KY)

■ My wife Betty and I enjoy the Messenger and thankful that you are spreading the good news of Christ and his church.

(Charles Gatlin, Bogue Chitto, MS)

■ It is a blessing to get the Magnolia Messenger in the mail. Ya'll are doing an exceptional job.  
(Linda Workman, Hemphill, TX)

■ We enjoy the Magnolia Messenger so much and love to pass it on to our friends after reading.

(Sammie & Linda Fritts, Florence, AL)

■ Enjoy the Messenger so much. Thanks for your efforts in reaching the lost & encouraging the faithful.  
(Terry & Sara Jo Adams, Newton, AL)

■ Appreciate the good work you all do.  
(Hubert & Brenda Miles, Pontotoc, MS)

■ Thank you for the work that goes into publishing the Magnolia Messenger. We thoroughly enjoy it.  
(David & Sally Roff, Church Hill, TN)

I enjoy your publication.  
(Billie Harding, Mesquite, TX)

■ Enjoy your magazine very much.  
(Richard Ellis, Haysville, KS)

■ Thank you for your wonderful true Christian magazine.  
(Don & Lois Shores, Cave Springs, AR)

## IN REMEMBRANCE

*Two great men I have known  
personally recently passed from  
this life to the next.*

–Dennis

### Charles E. "Blackie" Fulgham Sr.

Charles died on February 1 of this year, at home surrounded by his children. He was 93 years old. I got to know him first at the Magnolia Messenger RV Rally's, then by preaching meetings at the Yazoo City Church of Christ, where he was a long-time member. His sweet wife Juanita preceded him in death after almost 66 years of marriage.

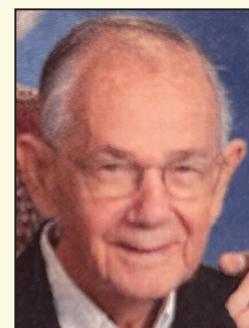


Blackie, as he was known, served in the Army as a Sergeant during the Korean War. He was elected as mayor of Yazoo City where he served for 12 years and as an alderman before that. He was a leader and encourager to many as a faithful Christian with the Yazoo City congregation.

He is survived by his two sons and one daughter, and many grandkids and great grandkids. He leaves behind a great example of faith and service to God and country. –dd

### Allen Dixon

Allen preached for several years and then served as an administer for Agape adoption services in the Memphis area for many years. He was a long time elder at the Sycamore View Church of Christ, then worshiped for several years with the Germantown congregation.



He also was my neighbor for 14 years. His father was H.A. Dixon, who was the President of Freed -Hardeman college when I was a student. Brother Dixon was the first man to encourage me to write. When I had my manuscript on Heaven finished, I took it next door to Allen and let him read it before I sent it off to the printers. He too encouraged me in my writings and a comment from him is now on the back cover of the Heaven book. Over the years I would often get a letter from him telling of some news about the book and what his son was doing.

When his and Mary Jo's health had declined, they moved to Nashville, Tennessee, to be close to family where he died, but I am not certain of the date. I will miss my neighbor. He was as fine a Christian man as you could find. –dd

# Precious Memories

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## Passing of Stacy Waugh Carter

Stacy Waugh Carter, 93, passed away February 1, 2022, at his residence in Starkville, MS, surrounded by family. Visitation was held at the East Lee Blvd. Church of Christ in Starkville, MS, followed by a brief memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Graveside service was in Kosciusko, MS, at the City Cemetery with Dr. John Giesemann ministering at both locations.

Stacy was a minister of the Gospel for 50 years as a member of the church of Christ. His life and passion were sharing his love for Jesus with others. He also served in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Germany during the Korean Conflict.



He was married to the love of his life, Bob- by Jean Champion Carter for 53 years before she preceded him in death. Stacy is survived by son David (Lisa) Carter of Panama City, FL; daughters Miriam Carter (Mark) Upton of Memphis, TN, and Rachel Carter (Jerry) Welborn of Starkville, MS; grandchil- dren Matthew (DeAnna) Carter, Michael Carter, Jeremy (Sarah) Upton, Stacy Upton (Garrett) East, Ben Upton, Bryan (Bethany) Welborn, Andrew (Leah) Welborn; and 12 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by parents Jesse Elmore Carter and Martha Waugh Carter, and sister Charlene Gaither of Nashville.

Memorials may be made to the National Alzheimer's Associa- tion, or the Jeffery Jinkerson Scholarship Fund, which is designed to help raise up the next generation of preachers. The address for the fund is: Jeffery Jinkerson Scholarship Fund, Freed-Harde- man University, 158 E. Main Street, Henderson, TN, 38340. **MM**

## Magnolia BIBLE INSTITUTE REPORT

*Kosciusko Mississippi*

Our Institute continues to go forward. We have had two students graduate for the 36 semester hour course. Currently, we have five credit students and one audit. Our largest number of people taking the classes was seventeen.

Our three classes are held on Saturday. The Spring session began on January 15 and ends on April 9. Will Anderson teaches Psalms II, I am teaching Practical Ministry II and Dr. Ray Paseur is teaching Ezekiel and Daniel.

Classes are open to all who want to come. You can audit or take it for credit.

-Les Ferguson, Director

# "INSCRIPTIONS"

by Dennis Doughty

## I Believe in Jesus

I really do. I believe that a carpenter from Nazareth, by the name of Jesus, was the Christ, the Son of God. But my belief goes much deeper than just calling Him my Lord and Savior. By believing I must therefore put my trust in Jesus and the things that He believed and taught. Otherwise, my faith is hollow.

Jesus believed the story of Jonah (Ma. 12:40.) He believed the story of Noah (Lu. 17:27). He believed Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible, quoting his writings often (Lu.24:27,44). He believed that God created the world in "the beginning" (Mk. 13:19.) How can I claim faith in Jesus and not believe what He believed and taught?

I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins, that He arose on the third day, a Sunday morning. I believe He sent His Holy Spirit to guide the 12 Apostles in His teachings after His ascension (Jn. 16:13). I don't believe in university professors, or television preachers, scientists' theories, creeds, or Muhammad or Buddha. I believe in Jesus and what He taught. I believe that "He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, being designated by God." (He. 5:9, 10.) I believe in Jesus. I really do!

## Drop by Drop

The Roman soldiers taunted their prey, they slapped Him, spit in His face, twisted a crown of thorns, and put it on His head. "Hail, King of the Jews!" they shouted in derision. Beating Him upon the head the thorns pierced His skull and drop by drop the blood ran down his face (John 19: 1-3, Mark 15:16-19).

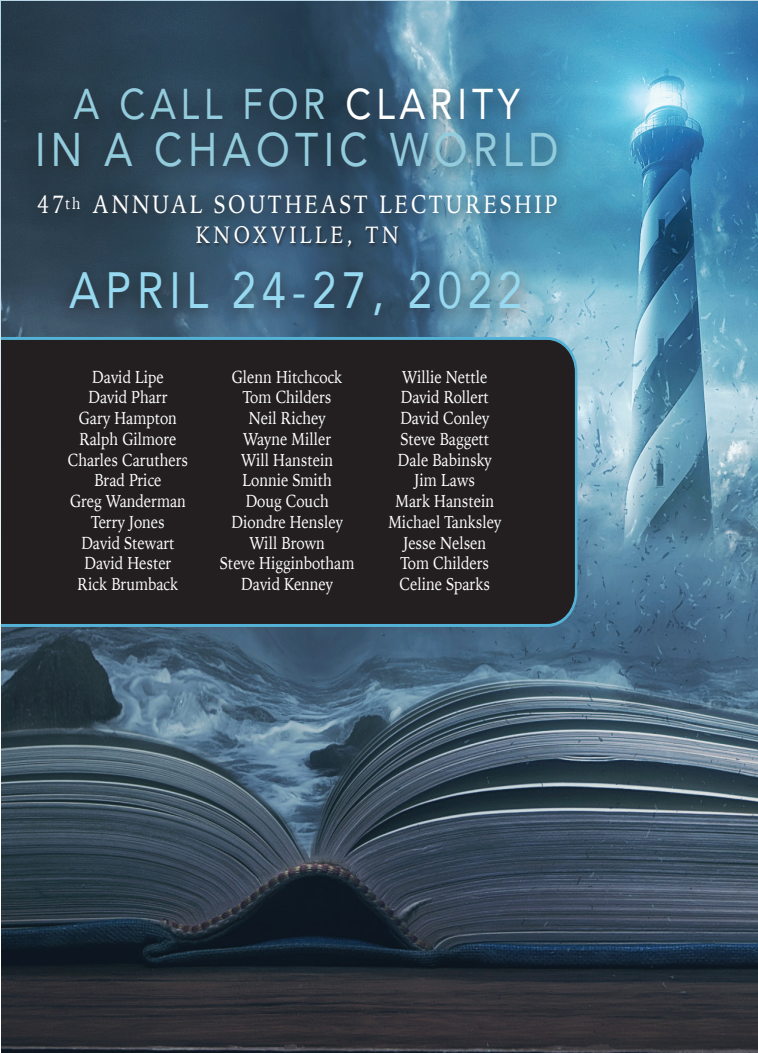
They tied His hands, and bending Him over, they began to tear His flesh open with their cruel whips. With each harsh lash they cut into bone and muscle. As His veins poured blood, drop by drop they formed a red stream that puddled beneath the scourging post (Matthew 27:26).

They took the Son of God outside of town, stretched Him out on a wooden beam, and drove steel spikes through his hands and then His feet. They raised Him up in the morning sun, and left Him there to die slowly, painfully, as His mother watched in shock and horror.

Drop by drop the blood dripped upon Golgotha's rocky soil. With each drop the sins of old were forgotten, with each drop the sins of those who crucified Him were forgiven, with each drop we were sanctified through His sacrifice (Hebrews 11:12, 10:10). Your sins and mine were cleansed that dark day, drop by drop.

-Dennis Doughty

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Read the scripture references and put the name found beside each one. (NKJV)

### Jesus was called:

1. Christ in the New Testament, but in the Old Testament,  
He was called the \_\_\_\_\_, or Messiah.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 2:6)
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:7-9)
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of life (John 6:32-35)
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 9:16)
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Body--church, Kingdom,  
the "called out" (Ephesians 4:15-16)
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of  
our faith (Hebrews 12:12)
8. Our \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 8:1-2)
9. Our \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father  
(1 John 2:1)
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead  
(Colossians 1:18)
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:27)
12. Our \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 1:1)
13. \_\_\_\_\_ of God (John 1:29)
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the world (John 8:12)
15. \_\_\_\_\_ of kinds and \_\_\_\_\_ of lords  
(1 Timothy 6:15)
16. Man of \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 53:3)
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 6:3)
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the world (John 4:42)
19. The Good \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 2:25)
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 4:14)

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