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# COMPASS

**Using God's Word to Chart The Course  
Of A Congregation**

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Dale Hennessee  
Mike Isaacson  
Doug Loveday  
Greg Maxwell  
Don Napier  
Tom Parham  
Mark Roberts  
Roger Smith  
Jason Wyatt  
Jerry Wood

**Ministers:**

Barry Kennedy  
Ken Mears

**Missionaries:** (India)

Don Iverson  
Jim Waldron

**Service Times**

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM
	6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

<b>Ladies Bible Class</b>	
Tuesdays	11AM
<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	
Tuesdays	10 AM
<b>Joyful Generation</b> (Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7:00 PM

**September 17, 2017**

Wednesday Night Summer Series (2017)

## A SURE FOUNDATION

Join us each Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. July-September

JULY

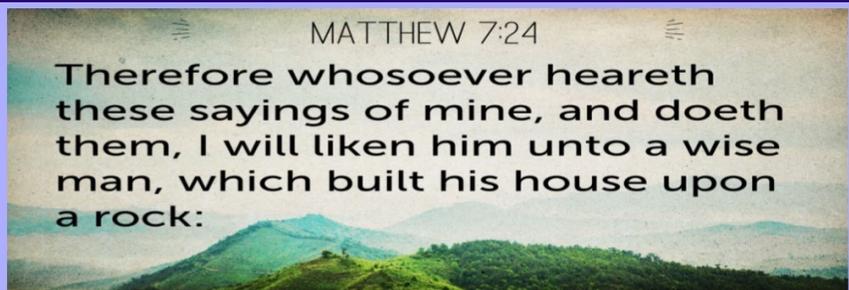
- July 5: "The Sure Foundation of The Chief Cornerstone"  
Will Hanstein, Knoxville, TN
- July 12: "The Sure Foundation of Authority"  
Brooks Boyd, Livingston, TN
- July 19: "A Sure Foundation of God's Word"  
James Rogers, Cookeville, TN
- July 26: "The Sure Foundation of Faith"  
Matthew Scoggins, Gainesboro, TN

AUGUST

- August 2: "The Sure Foundation of Repentance"  
Kevin Ruiz, Maryville, TN
- August 9: "The Sure Foundation of Confession"  
John Anderson, Cookeville, TN
- August 16: "The Sure Foundation of Baptism"  
Jeremiah Tatum, Cookeville, TN
- August 23: "The Sure Foundation of Faithfulness"  
Charles Williams, Manchester, TN
- August 30: "The Sure Foundation of Godly Fathers"  
Garland Robinson, McMinnville, TN

SEPTEMBER

- September 6: "The Sure Foundation of Godly Mothers"  
Alan Judd, Bloomington Springs, TN
- September 13: "The Sure Foundation of Godly Children"  
Justin Morton, Knoxville, TN
- September 20: "The Sure Foundation that We Can!"  
Rob Whitacre, Red Boiling Springs, TN



MATTHEW 7:24

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

## IS YOUR WORSHIP BECOMING DISNEY CHURCH?

Wayne Jackson

There was a time in most churches when the services were focused upon worship that glorified God, and the preaching consisted of reverent instruction from the Scriptures. In some places, it's still that way. On the other hand, drastic changes are underway in hundreds of churches across the land.

An article appearing in *World* magazine addressed this phenomenon. Note this quote:

Nothing is more characteristic of evangelical church meetings at the end of the 20th century than their orientation to the consumer, especially the unchurched one. Churches decide what their "market niche" is; they study their "target audience"; they design the services to appeal to the consumer.

In a word, "worship" services have become "us-centered," rather than "God-centered."

Would you rather have your Sundays free to camp, play golf, or visit with family? Fine, we'll implement a "quickie," convenience-service for you at some other time so your conscience will be mollified, and you can enjoy your weekends. A news program featured one group that offers a Sunday drive-through communion to accommodate those who prefer not to get out of the car on their way to the beach, etc.!

Do you find the Lord's supper too musty with tradition? Hey, that can be fixed. How about some Coke? One minister has written that he has no problem with Coca-Cola on the Lord's table. Why not make it a bit more sophisticated and have Dr. Pepper? Many feel we need not be manacled to a beverage that was vogueish in Palestine twenty centuries ago!

Are the old songs boring? Are you sick of "Rock of Ages" and "Amazing Grace"? We understand. We'll jazz it up for you. How about: "Me and Jesus – Got Our Own Thing Going"? Let's get rhythm—with some hand-clapping, foot-stomping, swaying, get-with-it gospel boogie. Fan those emotions!

Tired of being "preached to"? How would you like some "sharing" sessions where everyone can relate their personal experiences, air their frustrations, and share their "opinions" on a variety of topics? We could talk about unsafe conditions on the job, how to control your weight, dysfunctional sexual problems, how to take advantage of tax laws, etc.

After all, this is the practical side of life. Great therapy!

Do references to "sin" and "repentance" turn you off? Okay, we can restrict ourselves to sessions on self-esteem, how to have healing in your life for emotional distress, skills in effective conversation, and so on.

The *Christian Chronicle* (1999) tells of an Alabama church that uses videos of the "Andy Griffith Show" as a part of their Sunday school curriculum. They spend the first portion of the class watching Andy and Barney, and then talk about moral lessons learned from the episodes.

Have we totally forgotten there is a book called the Bible that is the most exciting volume in the world? It is from Heaven—not Hollywood.

The "new church" for the coming millennium in many cases may well be a "Disney Church," (i.e., entertainment-oriented). Snap, crackle, and pop. Feel good, laid back, play it cool. A church in Amarillo, Texas has what they call a "casual" dress, "high energy" Sunday morning service, with lots of "testimonies." Do you dig it, dude? They claim eight hundred members—three hundred of whom have been baptized! (Can you do math?)

Is this what God intended? Such "worship" ideology is as far from the New Testament pattern as it could be. It is what an inspired apostle called "will-worship" (Col. 2:23), and it's carnal to the core. Spiritual people will make God and his Word the center of their worship life.

## WHY DO YOU SERVE?

**Neal Pollard**

Has a preacher ever been motivated by finance, popularity, or fame? Has an elder ever been motivated by power, influence, or notoriety? Has a Christian ever served in any way for notice, accolades, or to satisfy pride? In individual cases, it's so hard to tell (ultimately, it's impossible). But, knowing human nature, we would have to say motivation can be tainted and corrupted.

Paul says as much of preachers, that they preached Christ from envy, strife, and selfish ambition (Phil. 1:15,17). Greed propels some preachers (1 Th. 2:5; 2 Pet. 2:3,14). Woe to the preacher who falls into traps like those! He may do harm in this life, but it cannot compare to the ultimate harm he does to himself and others. Peter calls out elders who he says serve for sordid gain or on a power trip (1 Pet. 5:2-3). Woe to the elder who serve from such a base motive! He will not joyfully anticipate the appearing of the Chief Shepherd (cf. 1 Pet. 5:4)! Christians have been led by their appetites and an earthly mindset (Phil. 3:19). Woe to the Christian who serves God for selfish reasons. Such will not be able to successfully endure their spiritual race.

Sometimes, our words and actions betray our motives and intentions. So often, what gets in the way is self—self-service, self-will, self-interest, self-indulgence, self-importance, selfish ambition. It leaves a sour taste and sounds ugly when said. It is manifestly unattractive to even read the words. It is detestable when witnessed in others. But “self” is such an impediment to spiritual service.

I don't know why anyone else is serving Jesus. But I need to be careful to examine myself. How terrible to let my speech and actions be the cause of anyone questioning what moves me to render any act or service. Let our goal be to live so selflessly that no one has legitimate cause to ask why we do what we do in God's Kingdom. Paul contrasts Timothy with others, saying, “ For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus” (Phil. 2:21). Let's be a Timothy, moved by a genuine concern for others (Phil. 2:20). That's just what this cynical world needs to see!

## HOW MANY PAGES ARE IN YOUR BIBLE?

**Gary C. Hampton**

The question that serves as a title for this article is, admittedly, an unusual one. I cannot remember anyone ever asking me. It is, however, a good question. The answer might help each of us stay on track to read our Bibles through in a year.

My Bible has 1,096 pages, with 843 in the Old Testament, 248 in the New Testament, 3 blank pages and 2 title pages. Reading it from “civer to civer,” as the old woman said, requires me to read three pages per day, not counting the blank and cover pages. It is really simple to complete the task. I can usually read three pages while I eat a leisurely breakfast. I use the Bible app on my phone to keep track of my progress.

Reading the Bible from the app on my phone also means that I almost always have my Bible with me. Waiting in lines or at doctors' offices is much less frustrating when I can delve a little further into the Word of God.

My annual trek through God's Word has caused me to have a deeper appreciation of some passages. It has helped me to see the correlation between Old Testament shadows and New Testament substance. God's patience and His unfolding plan are clearer because of my growing knowledge of the entirety of truth.

How many pages are in your Bible? Will you join me in reading it all the way through in each year? I guarantee it will help make you a more appreciative child of God