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

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Wednesday Night Summer Series (2018)

OH I WANT TO SEE HIM!

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

Elders:

Frank Bohannon
Jonathan Loveday
Larry McDuffee
Brian McLaughlin
Jon Tatum

Deacons:

Jim Bell
Charles Evans
Kyle Fairman
Dale Hennessee
Mike Isaacson
Doug Loveday
Don Napier
Tom Parham
Mark Roberts
Jason Wyatt
Jerry Wood

Ministers:

Alan Judd
Ken Mears

Missionaries: (India)

Don Iverson
Jim Waldron

Service Times

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

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

JULY

July 4: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Created Me"

Wayne Lankford, Murfreesboro, TN

July 11: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Provides for Me"

Steve Higginbotham, Knoxville, TN

July 18: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Comforts Me"

Glenn Randolph, Fairfield Glade, TN.

July 25: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Teaches Me"

Jason Gann, McMinnville, TN

AUGUST

August 1: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Came For Me"

Justin Morton, Knoxville, TN

August 8: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Lived For Me"

Alan Judd, Crossville, TN

August 15: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Died For Me"

Clarence DeLoach, Cookeville, TN

August 22: "Oh I Want To See the One Who Rose For Me"

David Lipe, Cookeville, TN

August 29: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Mediates for Me"

Dale Barger, Wheeler Hill, TN

SEPTEMBER

September 5: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Forgives Me"

Ben Bailey, McMinnville, TN

September 12: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Encourages Me"

Jeff Archey, Cleveland, TN

September 19: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Loves Me"

Derrick Coble, Sparta, TN



QUICK TO CONDEMN OR QUICK TO ASSIST?

By: Alan Judd

It is easy to look at the mistakes others make and point out their transgression. It takes no special skill to determine that the transgressions of another are distasteful and destructive. Many followers of the Lord are speedy in the denunciation of evil, but slow to offer help to the one who has stumbled.

Read the following words carefully. If I knew the author, I would cite him or her, but the words are worthy of your contemplation, even if we are unaware who penned them.

When some fellow yields to temptation,
And breaks a conventional law,
We look for no good in his make-up
But oh my! How we look for a flaw!
No one will ask, "How tempted?"
Nor allow for the battles he's fought;
His name becomes food for the jackals;
For us who have never been caught.

"He has sinned!" we shout from the house-tops,
We forget the good he has done,
We center on one lost battle,
And forget the times he has won.
"Come, gaze on the sinner!" we thunder,
"And by his example be taught,
That his footsteps lead to destruction,"
Cry we who have never been caught.

I'm a sinner, O Lord, and I know it,
I'm weak, I blunder, I fail.
I'm tossed on life's stormy ocean,
Like ships embroiled in a gale.
I'm willing to trust in Thy mercy;
To keep the commandments Thou hast taught,
But deliver me, Lord, from the judgment
Of saints who have never been caught!

These words are not meant to suggest we should gloss over sin and ignore it; perish the thought! They are meant to remind us of what Jesus taught in Matthew 7:1-5 and urge us to be merciful and kind when helping those who struggle and not think we are immune to shortcoming. Let's help each other walk closer with our Lord!

PRAYING THROUGH CONTROVERSY

By: Cody Westbrook via The Southwesterner—Austin, TX

The first recorded controversy of the early church is found in Acts 3. After healing the lame man on Solomon's Porch, Peter preached the gospel to the crowd that had gathered and "many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand" (Acts 4:4). Unsurprisingly, the event caught the attention of the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees. They arrested Peter and John and commanded them to cease preaching in the name of Christ. Once released, the two apostles joined their brethren to report what had happened. How did the church react to this challenge? The answer may surprise you. They were not intimidated and did not change their message; neither did they go into hiding. Acts 4:23-31 tells us that they prayed.

- They prayed together (v. 24a). Peter and John "went to their own companions" and they "raised their voice to God with one accord." The Greek word translated "one accord" is found 10 times in Acts to emphasize the unity of God's people (cf. 1:14, 2:1, 46, 4:24, 5:12, 15:25, etc.). Truly, they understood the importance of being unified in all things but especially in a time of crisis. Does the church today still place the same value on unity and come together through turmoil?

- They appealed to God's power (v. 24b). In prayer the church addressed God "who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them." They knew that in approaching their Heavenly Father they were also approaching the Creator and Sustainer of the universe—He who holds the power of life in His hand. They knew that the God with the power to create the world also had the power to help them through their struggle. Do we?

- They appealed to God's wisdom (v. 25-28). Not only is God powerful, He is also wise. The church appealed to the wisdom of God by citing the Messianic prophecy of Psalm 2 and noting that God's purpose had been carried out. They believed that the God whose infinite wisdom crafted the scheme of redemption and planned the church in eternity would certainly know how to help them. Do we have the same measure of faith?

- They asked for help (v. 29-30). They simply prayed that God would grant them boldness and that He would help them in their task. God does not work miraculously today, but He still works (Phil. 2:13). Certainly it is appropriate for us to ask our Father to help us as we serve Him, especially in difficulty.

- God answered (v. 31). God wants His people to pray to Him and when we do so, we must have faith that He will answer (1 John 5:14-15). Sometimes the answer is not what we expect or when we expect it, but we must have faith. The early church dealt with a great deal of controversy and yet they endured and continued to preach and teach the gospel. Their willingness to approach God in prayer and their faith that He would hear and respond gave them strength. What about the church today? We are met with challenges just as our first century brethren were, but how do we respond? Why not begin by uniting in prayer to a powerful and wise God then trusting Him to help us?