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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

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

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
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

GOD EXPECTS MUCH OF US

Charles Box

Members of the church of Christ, in the United States during the 21st century, have truly been blessed. These great blessings bring great responsibility to each of us. "But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more." (Luke 12:48) Let us understand our responsibility to God and to man.

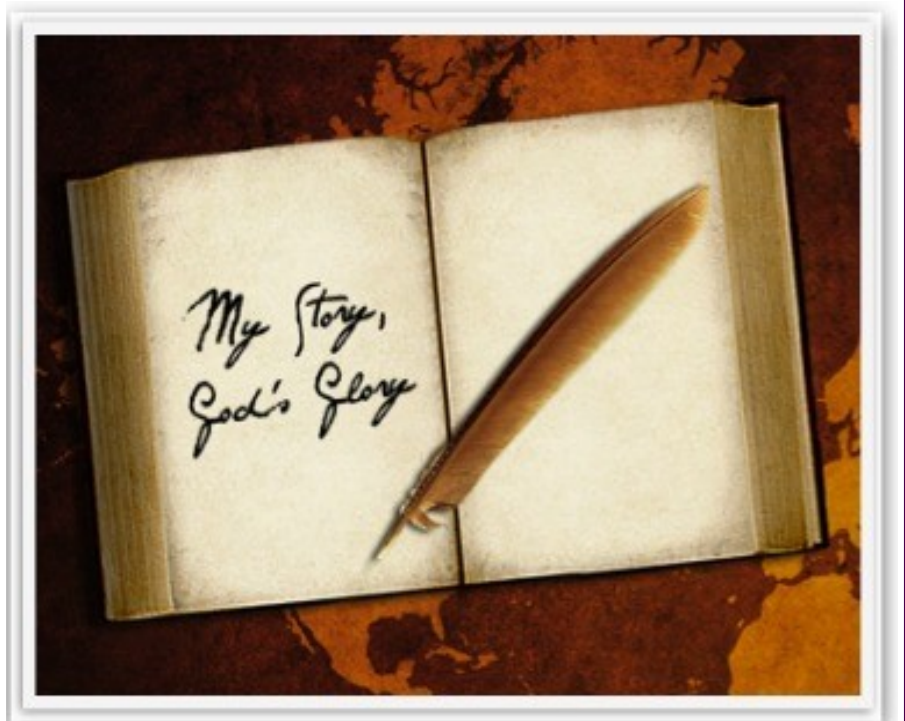
The judgment shows our responsibility: Accountability toward God is seen in the fact of final judgment. "So then each of us shall give account of himself to God." (Romans 14:12) All will "stand before the judgment seat of Christ." (Romans 14:10) Our deeds, good or bad are open before God. "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." (Hebrews 4:13) If we fail to fulfill our responsibility to God we will answer for it on the Day of Judgment.

The journey of life reflects our responsibility: As we live this life responsibility is often seen. We see (1) responsibility toward government -- "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." (Romans 13:1) (2) Responsibility toward parents -- "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." (Ephesians 6:1) (3) Responsibility toward elders in the church -- "Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you." (Hebrews 13:17) Make the world better by fulfilling your responsibility to God and man!

The joy brought by fulfilling responsibilities: Fulfilling responsibility is not a burden, but rather a source of joy. "For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself." (Romans 14:7) God has blessed you with certain abilities. Happiness comes as you use those abilities for God. This was the case of the men who had received the talents. (Matthew 25) The use of those talents brought "the joy of the Lord."

The justice of bearing our responsibility: Justice relates simply to that which is right. It is right to (1) use your ability to help save others (Mark 16:15-16), (2) use your money to help those in need (Galatians 6:10), (3) Use your influence for the cause of Christ (Matthew 6:13-16), (4) do what you can for Jesus. (Mark 14:8)

We are responsible for many things. Luke-warmness is the result of people failing to fulfill their responsibility and we should all know the consequence of being lukewarm. (Revelation 3:14-22) Let us all become children of God (Galatians 3:26-27) and be ready for every good work. (Titus 3:1)



THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

Ken Mears

According to Webster's New World dictionary, the word reconcile means: to make friendly again, to settle a quarrel etc.; to make consistent are compatible. Man had sinned against God and God's justice demanded that man be punished. Man was in a position where he could do nothing to change his loss condition. God stepped in, gave his Son on the cross of Calvary and made a way for man to be saved. This action on the part of God is called grace, or the unmerited favor of God. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). The work of bringing man back to God is called the "Ministry of reconciliation."

Everyone needs to be reconciled to God. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Everyone can be reconciled to God through obedience to God's word and the cleansing of the blood of Christ. "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:17-18; 6:3-4).

To whom has God given the ministry of reconciliation? Has he given it only to the preacher, the elders, the deacons or the Sunday school teachers? The ministry of reconciliation has been given to all that have been reconciled to God. How do we know this? 2 Corinthians, 5:18 says, "And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation..." Who is "us" in this verse? It could not have been only the apostles. Were they the only ones who had been reconciled to God? No! Paul was including himself among all of those who had been reconciled to God.

If we can determine who has been reconciled to God, we will know exactly who has been given the ministry of reconciliation. All of those who have faith in God, who have repented of their sins, confess their faith in Christ as God's Son and have been baptized for the remission of sins, have been reconciled to God. What? Did you say to yourself "that sounds like me?" You are right. It is you and it is me; we have been reconciled to God. Now that we know who has been reconciled to God, we know who has received the ministry of reconciliation. It is you and it is me. Are you surprised? Most people are, because we have allowed others to do our ministering for us. We have been convinced that we can hire a preacher, appoint elders and deacons and they will do our ministering for us. NOT SO! It doesn't make any difference how many preachers we hire or how many elders and deacons we appoint, you and I will never be free from the fact that we have been reconciled to God and you and I have received the ministry of reconciliation.

The ministry of reconciliation is God and man working together to bring about the salvation of the souls of men, women, boys and girls. God gave his son for the salvation of lost mankind and we are spreading that good news through the preaching of God's word.

The ministry of reconciliation belongs to those who have been reconciled to God through obedience to his will.