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# COMPASS

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

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**Service Times**

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

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

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

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**September 9, 2018**

**Wednesday Night Summer Series (2018)**

## OH I WANT TO SEE HIM!

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

### 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

## We're Just A Passing Through

Alan Judd

Last Tuesday evening we walked through the house in Jackson County that we had called home for the past four years one last time. We invested both physically and financially into this home. It was constructed with much sweat equity and sacrifice. Many priceless memories were made in this home and fond remembrances we will carry with us for the rest of our days fill our minds and hearts. I could go on and on, but it would bore you and sadden us. (This may be an article I tell Amy and the boys to skip reading to spare them the potential sadness.)

Why do I mention the above? It is not to elicit sympathy or to make you think we are unhappy with our moving to Cumberland County. To the contrary, we are excited beyond measure and give thanks to God every day for this opportunity He has provided. I write to remind us all how we should view this life and the things we acquire herein. Houses, cars, jobs, and everything else God gives should be received with appreciation, but must also be viewed simply as tools to utilize for living and serving Him during our brief earthly sojourn. Yes, I am well aware how easy it is to grow attached to places and to stuff.

Before moving to work at the Allons congregation, I was offered the pulpit at the Arnold congregation, which was located in a suburb on the outskirts of St. Louis. I guess the brethren could tell Amy and I had some reservations about moving to the "big city" and they tried to ensure us of our safety and the many opportunities living in a metropolitan area would offer. Even more impressive they had the song leader try to influence us to take the work by leading *This World Is Not My Home, Anywhere Is Home, Anywhere with Jesus*, and other hymns on the same theme urging us to remember God goes with us wherever we may go in this world and Christians ought to be more concerned with their eternal home and focus less on their earthly home. Despite their best efforts, we decided to come back to our home area of the Upper Cumberland and God blessed this decision.

Now as we start a new journey in this place serving the Lord, I am reminded again at how good God is to us. We assumed and planned on living the rest of our days in the house we constructed in Jackson County, but God had other plans. Amazingly, the home we purchased here fits our needs better than the one we left behind and will serve us, if God sees fit, the rest of our days. If He has other plans, then we are assured He knows what is best and will always provide the care and blessings we need.

I need to remember and urge you to likewise recall how Scripture warns us to view life as a temporary time. Peter captured this idea well in 1 Peter 2:11: "Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul." Notice the words sojourners and pilgrims as these are fitting words describing our time on earth. Hebrews 11:8-10 reminds us how Abraham lived a nomadic life dwelling in tents as he looked for the city God was building. His life of faith can be observed from the obedience he rendered and while we are not commanded to live in tents today, we must follow this example of faith and not grow too comfortable here, but live in such a way necessary for gaining entrance to the heavenly city.

Perhaps the words of the old hymn say it best: "This world is not my home I'm just a passing through, my treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue. The angels beckon me from heaven's open door and I can't feel at home in this world anymore." What home are you living for?

## Love + Truth = Unity

Barry Grider

Love, truth and unity are three of the most treasured words in the language of God. Much emphasis is placed upon each one throughout the Holy Scriptures. When love and truth are together they promote the kind of unity which pleases God. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1). The psalmist says look upon unity and observe its beauty. Desire it for it is rare to find that which is so pleasant and so good for you at the same time.

It is interesting that Jesus addressed the three lofty terms love, truth and unity in the upper room with His disciples where we find our Lord shortly before His betrayal. Perhaps one should not be surprised that He would dwell upon these profound subjects just after instituting that wondrous supper that is to memorialize His death. After all, Jesus would die because of His infinite love. Hanging on that cross, He is the embodiment of Truth. Through His death He could unite all believers in one body (Eph. 2: 14- 16).

One of the identifying marks of New Testament Christianity is love. But man has always been commanded to love. In fact, we are in love with the idea of love. Valentine's Day is celebrated by millions of people because people want to express love. Never mind that many confuse love with lust, people are in love with what they conceive to be love. However, there is the danger that the word has become used so flippantly. We love pizza. We love our new car. We love our dog. We love God. Yet Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34). Therein lies the difference. Love each other as He has loved us. What sublime sacrifice! "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25).

Genuine Christ like love leads to a conscientious observance and agreement with divine truth. No wonder a wife feels neglected, insecure, and unloved when her husband is not completely forthright with her. Love speaks truth. Love delights in truth (1 Cor. 13:6). True love cannot pretend. That is the reason a wife is not fair to her husband when something is obviously wrong and he asks what's wrong and she replies that nothing is wrong. While Jesus was speaking to his disciples, He moved quickly from love to truth, for that is the natural progression (John 14-16). He is aiming for unity. But such unity can only come to fruition if you have love and truth working together. In fact, such unity is always the result when love and truth are working together. Therefore, Jesus speaks to His disciples about love and truth but he prays for unity (John 17). Grant, therefore, He prays to the Holy Father, unity for those who practice love and truth. "That they also may be one in us" (John 17:21). So whether it be with your mate, with friendships, with brethren, with the divine Godhead, love and truth must work together if there is to be unity.

