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Service Times:

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

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

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April 14, 2019

**You Are Invited To Attend Our Annual
SPRING GOSPEL MEETING**
Theme: "... we would see Jesus" John 12:20-26

MEETING DATES

Sunday, May 5 – Wednesday, May 8

SCHEDULED SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday, 9a.m., 10a.m., and 6p.m.
(Potluck/fellowship immediately following
morning worship service).

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday @ 6p.m.

Guest Speaker: Jeff Archey



Topics:

Sunday 9am Bible Study: We Would See Jesus in the Bible.
Sunday 10am Worship: We Would See Jesus in the Church.
Sunday 6pm: We Would See Jesus in Our Lives.
Monday 6pm: We Would See Jesus in Our Homes.
Tuesday 6pm: We Would See Jesus in Our Salvation.
Wednesday 6pm: We Would See Jesus in Eternity.



HOW WILL YOU GO?

Alan Judd

Last week I visited a man in the hospital whom I consider to be one of my heroes. I wrote a tribute article to him last year, but I suspect most do not remember his name. Some do recognize his name: O.L. Ransom, Jr. He is known affectionately simply as Bro. Junior. He preached at my home congregation during my adolescence, and I credit him with encouraging me to give preaching a try. I accepted his invitation in my early teen years, and that has brought me to where I am today.

He helped establish the congregation that meets at Grimsley, and some remember him from the work he did there more than 30 years ago. He is now north of 90 years young and lives in an assisted living facility in Cookeville. When I walked into his hospital room, he warmly greeted me and immediately began questioning me as to how my work was going. After I updated him on how life was for my family and me, he described the efforts he was making to teach others at the assisted living facility. He mentioned how he was occasionally able to speak on Sundays when his health permits, but he added that he was able to pass out spiritual literature (bulletins, tracts, other printed information about Jesus and the church) and have conversations with other residents throughout the week.

He next inquired if I had any update about other congregations where he had previously served. Sadly, I had to inform him that many of those were dwindling and some had even closed their doors. He lamented this fact as did I, but then he resolutely affirmed in a surprisingly strong voice: "IF WE DON'T GO, WE WON'T GROW!" These words are true through and through!

I marveled at the burning desire of this "Senior Saint" who is not contemplating retirement from the Lord's Work but is continuing to seek opportunities to teach others and encouraging other Christians to do likewise. "Go Ye means GO ME" was the way Bro. Ivan Stewart phrased this duty our Lord charged us with fulfilling in Mark 16:15. How will you go? That is the question I want to examine with you in the remainder of this article.

Some will go personally. As I write these words, Bro. Jim Waldron is in route to India, can you believe it? His tenacity to preach and teach is fantastic! "I can't do that" is the objection immediately offered. Perhaps not, but have you considered other ways that you can go and take the Gospel to others? Let me highlight a few opportunities you can utilize.

Elon and Betty Thomas would love to have your help in working with inmates in our jail system. They do have some helpers, and we appreciate each one that assists them. Serving in this area requires training and courage, but it is an essential work. Groups and organizations promoting all types of error are active in the prison system, and if we do not share the truth of the Gospel, who will? Ask them today how you can help take the Gospel to the incarcerated.

Howard Burnette and his helpers would love to tell you how you can partner with them in going with the Gospel. The Old-Fashioned Neighborhood Bible Study crew would love for you to join them. You can invite a friend or family member to join you. Ask Howard for details.

Don Napier, Mark Roberts, and Brandon Savage are involved in various aspects of our evangelism efforts, and they would welcome your assistance in their efforts and would be happy to suggest ways to help you reach others. Ask them today for details.

You can go with the Gospel from your home by sharing articles on Bible teaching on Facebook and other social media platforms. Like our church page and share what is posted there. Write or share other messages promoting truth. Many different ways abound for you to go with the Gospel. Invite a neighbor to the Gospel Meeting, give a coworker a tract or DVD from the church foyer, and pray for the efforts of all who work to go with the Gospel. If we don't go, we won't grow! Will you go with the Gospel?

WHAT JOSHUA DIDN'T ASK

Jonathan Medley

There are numerous miracles described in the Bible. Many of them had lasting impacts on those who witnessed them. Just think of all those who were healed of various diseases (Matthew 9:18-34), and even those who were pulled back from death's grip (John 11:38-44). However, only a handful of miracles had an immediate impact on the entire planet at the same time. I'm thinking back to things like Creation (Genesis 1) and the flood (Genesis 6). These miracles were felt globally.

There is one other miracle that was felt globally, and it's absolutely fascinating to me. It comes in Joshua 10 when Joshua led the children of Israel to help Gibeon in their war against the kings of the Amorites. Something very unique happened in this battle that had never happened before (Joshua 10:14). Joshua asked for the sun to stand still until they could complete the defeat of the opposing forces (Joshua 10:12-13). Have you ever stopped to think about what impact that had on the world? The indication from scripture is that the sun literally stood still (well, for all you science folks, I guess that meant the earth actually stood still and stopped spinning on its axis). From a scientific point of view, what impact would that have had on the planet? While it was daylight longer for Joshua, it would have been nighttime longer on the other side of the planet. We were concerned what the eclipse in 2017 was going to do to animals – just imagine what kind of impact this had! A quick Google search of “what would happen if the earth stopped spinning” says that everything not attached to the earth would keep going. Imagine standing on a moving platform that just stops all of a sudden – you would keep on going. The control God has over this planet to make something like this happen without it destroying the planet is astounding!

But there's something else very astounding to me about this request that Joshua made, and it has nothing to do with science. Look at the request Joshua made. He requested for the sun to stand still “until the nation took vengeance on their enemies.” What is really neat to me is what Joshua DID NOT request. He did not request “God, please go ahead and kill the rest of these enemies since it's getting late.” He did not request, “God, we are getting tired. Please give us some rest.” He did not request, “God, send some more of those hailstones you've been throwing on the enemy.” (Joshua 10:11) Joshua did not ask for the job to be done for him. He did not even ask for the job to be made easier. He simply asked for the resources necessary to carry out the work that needed to be done. In this case, the resource he needed was more time before it got dark. God provided it.

Do I have the courage to do something like that? When I see someone in need, do I ask God to take care of them, or do I ask God to give me the resources to take care of them myself? When I have a difficult decision to make, do I ask God to show me the answer, or do I ask God to give me the wisdom to make the best decision? In other words, do we want God to do the heavy lifting for us, or are we willing to do all the grunt work? If God had wanted to spread the gospel to the entire world Himself, He could have done that easily by giving everyone a miraculous dose of knowledge. However, He sent us to do it (Mark 16:15). He told us to care for orphans and widows (James 1:27). He didn't tell us to let Him know when things are too tough, and He'll do it for us. He told us to do it, with His help.

When I pray, do I ask God to do something for me, or do I ask Him to give me the right tools so I can do something for Him?