

March 26, 2017

Privileged to Serve:

Announcements	Glenn Bowles
Song Leader	Freeman Mahan
Scripture Reading AM: Ephesians 1:18-23 PM: Colossians 1:9-18	Billy Lowery
Opening Prayer	James Odom
Closing Prayer	Randall Collins
Lord's Table	Steve Deavours Ted Harbin Paul Davidson Robert Brown
Lock Building	Randy Deavours
Prepare Lord's Table	Sandra

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*Schedule
of
Services*



Sunday AM

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:30

Sunday PM

Worship 5:00

Wednesday PM

Bible Study 7:00

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Lessons from the Tabernacle

God gave Moses a very detailed pattern for the construction of the tabernacle and its contents. Without going into great detail, the tabernacle was a tent structure divided into two sections, the holy place and the holy of holies. The holy place contained the table of shewbread, the golden lampstand, and the altar of incense. Inside the holy of holies was the ark of the covenant. No one was allowed inside the tabernacle except priests, and only the high priest could enter the holy of holies. The tabernacle was enclosed by fence which had only one entrance into the courtyard. In the courtyard were an altar for burnt offerings and a laver in which the priest washed before entering the tabernacle.

The fence, which was mostly fine linens, was a barrier between man and God. Separated from God by their iniquities (**Isa. 59:2**), the people were given specific instructions as to how to approach Him. They were to enter through the one gate on the east side, and there present their animal sacrifice to a priest who would offer it upon the altar, and then make intercession for them in the holy place. Only by following God's specific instructions could they receive the benefits of His blessings.

There are interesting comparisons we can make from the tabernacle and how the people were instructed to approach God then to how we approach Him now. When Jesus died on the cross, some things changed. The blood needed to remit the sins of man was offered by Jesus in His death once and for all, and there is no longer a need for the perpetual offering of animal sacrifices (**Heb. 9-10**). Additionally, when Christ became our high priest, there was no longer the need for a human priesthood to offer intercession on our behalf, as He is now our advocate before God (**1 John 2:1**). Jesus becomes our high priest when we submit to Him through obedience to the gospel (**Heb. 5:8-9**). There is no other way by which our sins can be forgiven (**Acts 4:12**).

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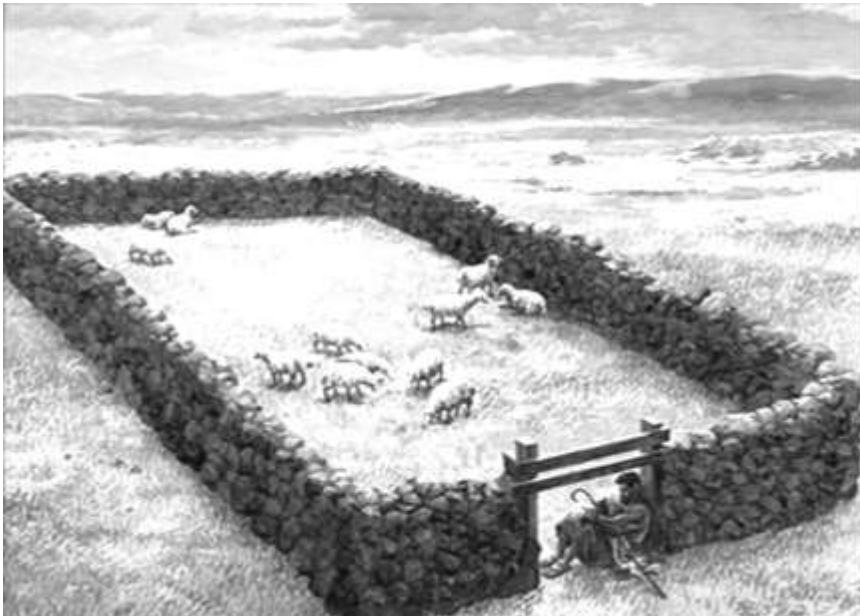
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The offering of the animal sacrifices was not just a once-in-a-lifetime occasion, but rather there were various offerings made throughout the year and repeated year after year. Under the new law, Christians are to walk in the light in order to receive a continual cleansing of our sins. Even though our past sins are washed away when we are baptized, we will not remain sinless because we are human. These sins require confession and repentance so that God will forgive us (**1 John 1:7ff**).

One thing has remained constant since the Creation, and that is that God has always provided a way for sinful man to come to Him. And as in the tabernacle, there remains only one entrance. Today that entrance is Jesus Christ (**John 10:7ff; 14:6**), and no one can come to God except through Him.

~Freeman



MEMORY VERSES: Proverbs 30:5-6:

⁵Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

⁶Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Prayer Needs:

- Laura's brother **Bill Sims** is in UAB with an inoperable brain tumor. A biopsy was done Friday; he is to undergo radiation treatments.
- **Maronda** is still awaiting the results of her EKG that was done Tuesday.
- **Charlie Bagwell** has been transferred to Senior Care Unit at the Winfield hospital for rehab. Visits there are very limited.

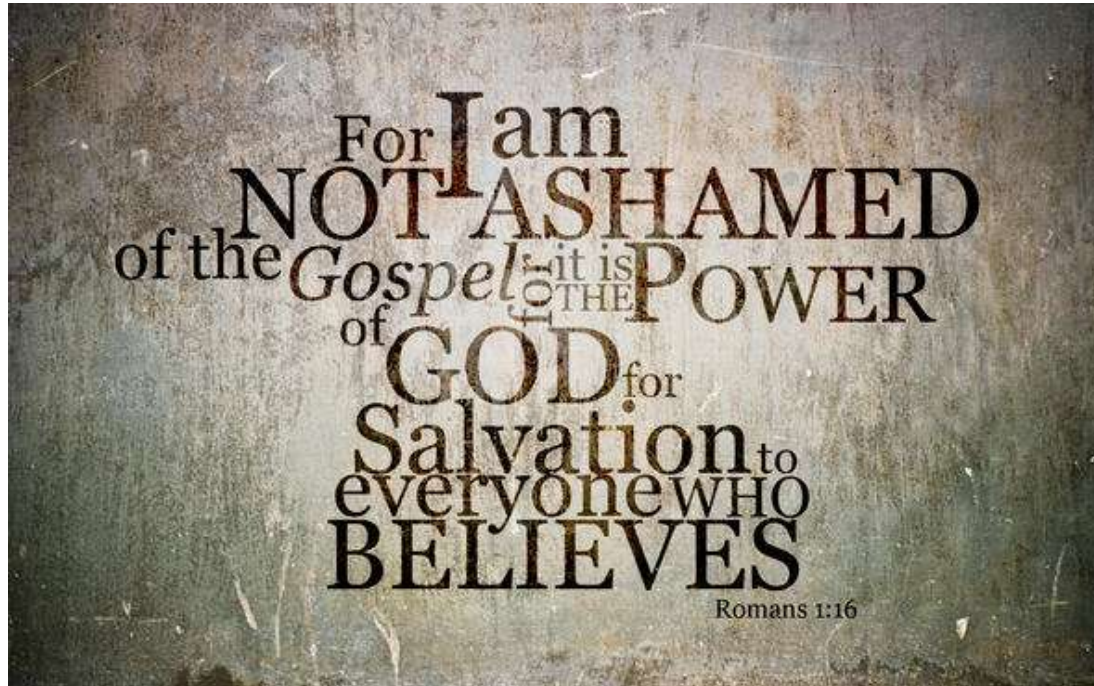
Please continue to remember **Linda Loe, Carol, Hubert, Jimmy & Virginia, Jerrell, Bessie Bagwell, Norma Nabors, Roger Peters, Steve Ellis, Terry Moore, Barbara Tarwater...**

News & Notes:

- **We welcome our visitors;** we are indeed honored to have you with us. Please give us an opportunity to get acquainted with you following services.
- Our **Gospel Meeting** with Frank Chesser begins today and continues through Wednesday. Please keep our meeting in your prayers, and plan to be present at every service. We will enjoy a **potluck fellowship** together at 5:45 each evening, including tonight.
- **Nursing Home Singing & Devo** at 2:00 this afternoon.
- The **Tuesday Ladies Bible Class** meets at 10AM in the fellowship hall. Lesson 11 continues this week; index card passages are Acts 20:29-30; 2 Thes. 2:1-4; 1 Tim. 4:1-3.
- **Deloris's New Address:** 13833 Willow View Lane, Northport 35475.
- **In the Area:**
 - **Gospel Meeting** at Northport April 2-5 with Gary Hampton.
 - **Ladies Day** at Northport Saturday, April 1.
 - **Ladies Day** at Blackwater-Macedonia Saturday, April 1.
 - **Ladies Day** at Fayette April 22.

Please check the foyer board for details.

PRAYER LIST: Charlie & Bessie, Maronda



Benjamin Franklin Hall related to Alexander Campbell about an Indian who had been given a Bible by a Methodist preacher, around the spring of 1825. He read it through. Some years later, he went to the preacher and asked if he'd go to the river to baptize him. Preacher asked why, saying he could take water from a tumbler and baptize him. Then the Indian said, "If that is baptism, you gave me the wrong book."

– Campbell published story in the Millennial Harbinger

Smile and Silence
are two powerful tools.
Smile is the way to solve
many problems.
And Silence is the way to
avoid many problems.



- Those interested in participating in the **World Bible School** program **through the postal system** are asked to give your name to one of the elders so they can take the proper steps to get set up for it. Those who wish to participate online should go to www.worldbibleschool.org and follow the instructions there.

Rom. 12:10-21

¹⁰Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; ¹¹Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; ¹²Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; ¹³Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. ¹⁴Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. ¹⁵Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. ¹⁶Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. ¹⁷Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. ¹⁸If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. ¹⁹Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. ²⁰Therefore, if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. ²¹Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reflection

*Help me to live so that others may see
A reflection of You, Lord, dwelling in me.
May those I encounter see Your light each day
In all that I do and in all that I say.*

*May I never be found besmirching Your name
In want of this world's goods or fame.
And if with a neighbor I should disagree*

And one must suffer wrong, Lord, let it be me.

*May I never be guilty of being harsh or unkind,
Or stand in the way of one seeking to find
You, O Lord; make my words sweet and true
So that I never cast a bad reflection on You.*

*As I strive to be salt, Lord, give me savor;
And as Your shining light, please grant me favor.
Guide my path, may my feet never stray,
So that those who are watching see clearly Your way.*

~Ponna

