

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....(473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer.....Tim Fisher  
 Reading.....Parker Smith  
 Scripture.....Matthew 10:29-31  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Doug Hendrixson  
 (S).....\*Jeff Flatt  
 (N).....Bruce Pryor  
 (N).....Don Cathey  
 (N).....Dustin Rhea  
 (S).....Harold McGinness  
 (S).....Jamie Brock  
 (S).....Marty Boles  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....David Keele

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....(473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover  
 Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
 Scripture.....Proverbs 31:10  
 Lord's Table .....\*Harold Cook  
 .....\*Shannon Griffin  
 Sermon.....Sam Jones  
 Dismiss.....Gordon Mayfield

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing.....David Keele  
 First Prayer.....John David Keele  
 Reading.....Jamie Brock  
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Allen Hughes

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Don & Susie Griffith  
 P.M.....Glenda Faye Ferrell & Myra Bell

**Bus Driver:**.....Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

**Ushers:** .....Brian Moody & Willie Newby  
**Attend Nursery:**.....Kathy Elam  
**Un/Lock Building:**.....Josh King/Jeff Templeton  
**Prepare Communion:** .....Brocks & Turners  
**Assist with Baptisms:** .....Judy Sullivan & Doris Smith

**Pantry Item:** .....Green Beans

**Elder Closing Remarks:** .....Rodney Reynolds

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship.....346  
 Bible Study.....280  
 P.M. Worship.....266  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....199  
 Contribution.....\$9,057

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**Services**

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Wednesday</i>	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM	Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM		
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	<i>Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> of each month)</i>	
		Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

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Rickey Hurst	David Keele
Ken Martin	Kurt Maynard
Gordon Mayfield	Jeff McVey
Willie Newby	Bruce Pryor
Jim Slatton	

**Missionary**

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## Sick

### At Home:

*Willus Roberts*

*Mildred Glenn*

*J.B. Reynolds (Rodney's brother)*

### In The Hospital:

*Zollie Settles - in hospital in Phoenix, AZ following bypass & valve replacement surgery*

*Clara Roller - Raintree Manor*

*Larry Goodman - NHC to go home Tuesday*

*Trena Hayes (Rita Prince's sister) - Centennial*

*Medical Center for bone marrow transplant*

## Sermons For Sunday

AM .....What Are You Worth?

PM.....Summer Series—Great Bible Questions: Who Can Find A Virtuous Woman? - Sam Jones

## Gospel Meetings

**West Sparta** – June 16-20, Sun 9, 10, 1:30; Mon-Thu, 7 pm with Chad Ramsey

**Harmony** – June 23-26, Sun. 10, 11, 7:30; Mon-Wed, 7 pm with Bob McCoy, Lane Dix, Roger Comstock, Gene Brock & Gene Bray

**Summitville** – July 7-11, Sun 9, 10; Sun-Wed. 7 pm with B.J. Clarke

## Vacation Bible Schools

**Central**, June 16-19, 6:30 pm

**Morrison**, June 29, 9 am - 2 pm

## Summer Series

This Sunday evening our speaker will be brother Sam Jones. He is the Vice-President of Spiritual Development, Professor of Family Studies, Bible and Counseling at Freed-Hardeman University. He is also the evangelist for the Oak Grove church of Christ near Henderson, TN. He will be speaking on the topic: Who Can Find A Virtuous Woman?

## Rattled

A certain young man worked in a factory where heavy machinery rattled the entire building. Not liking the jarring, he brought a rubber mat to the factory and stood on it. The vibrations no longer bothered him as they once had. However, after several days, someone stole his mat. He responded by getting two pieces of rubber and nailing them to his heels. He now had two little rubber mats that no one could steal and that went with him everywhere. The name of the young man was O'Sullivan, the inventor of rubber heels. Like this young man, we as Christians have that which protects us against the jarring of the world. It is called prayer, and it goes with us everywhere.

~ Wade Webster ~

## How Do We Hear?

We are warned in Scripture to take heed what we hear (Mark 4:24) and how we hear (Luke 8:18). We may not always be able to control everything that might fall on our ears, but much of it we can. And, whatever we do hear we can take care how we hear, that is, what effect it might have on us. We can use self-control and self-discipline regarding our reactions to such things. But do we hear any better than the next fellow?

What I am asking is whether we pay any attention to what we hear more than others even when we hear the Gospel truth of Jesus Christ? Do we respond any more favorably before God than those who reject His Word altogether?

Yes, most would say they hear better when it comes to hearing God's Word. We often criticize those in religious error for just not paying real attention to the revealed truth. This criticism is justly given. But when I hear the command to "assemble faithfully" being taught, and see brothers and sisters act as if such a command was never given, it does make one wonder how we hear.

~ James W. Boyd ~

## Everyone Knows John 3:16...Or do they?

Everyone knows John 3:16, right? Christians and unbelievers alike have seen this verse advertised at nearly every sporting event for the past thirty years. It speaks of God's love for man. "For God so loved the world..."

While it is true that this verse tells us of the depth of God's love (after all, he gave his Son), an important point I think we have often missed is that this verse also tells us of the nature of God's love.

Generally speaking, I think many have missed the significance of the little word "so" in John 3:16.

Typically it has been understood to signify degree. "For God 'sooo' loved the world." In other words, "God loved the world 'so much.'" But I don't believe that is the significance of the word "so" in this verse. Rather I believe the word "so" is used as an adverb of manner. In other words, "in this way" God loved the world.

Consider what Jesus just stated in the immediate context (verses 14-15). He explained how God saved Israel with the brazen serpent. The people had sinned by complaining (Numbers 21), therefore God sent poisonous serpents among them to punish them for their sin. Moses made intercession, and God told him to make a brazen serpent wrapped around a pole, and those who looked to it would be healed. Notice though, God didn't cause the serpents to go away. People continued to be bitten as a divine retribution for their sin. But those who looked to this brazen serpent would be saved.

Now, why would Jesus tell that story just before John 3:16? For it is in this same manner that God loves us today. Notice that John 3:16 even begins with the word "For." This indicates there is a connection between what was just said and what he is about to say.

Just as when God's love for Israel moved him to save them from punishment when they looked to the brazen serpent, "SO" he does today for those who look to Jesus! His love for us isn't such that he is willing to remove the punishment for sin. It's still there. But those who look to Jesus can be saved from God's retribution.

The next time you read John 3:16, instead of seeing the "so" as a term of degree (God sooo loved the world...) see it as a word describing manner, connected to the immediate context of verses 14-15 (God, in "this manner" loved the world...).

If we understand the term "so" as an adverb of manner, connected to the "brazen serpent" story in Numbers 21, we will see that the common and popular notion that says, "Since God loves us so much, surely he won't punish us" is mistaken. On the contrary, John 3:14-16 teaches us as clearly as any passage I know that the nature of God's love is such that it can and will punish those who sin if they do not meet his terms of pardon.

Give it some thought.

Steve Higginbotham  
(from PreachingHelp.org)

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