

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

Sunday morning worship (Bible study)	9:30 AM
Sunday morning worship (Preaching)	10:30 AM
Sunday afternoon worship (Preaching).....	4:00 PM
Wednesday evening worship (Bible Study).....	7:00 PM

NEWS AND NOTES

SCHEDULE: The schedule for July is posted on the bulletin board so the men can see what their responsibilities are for the month.

SICK AND SHUT-INS: Donna Criswell is doing better. Her aunt Nell is now in the Red Bay hospital after surgery to repair broken bones from a fall. However, her mental state seems to be worse. Remember Donna in your prayers. Donna's brother is doing better. Telford's sister is back at Southern Magnolia after a stay in the hospital. Remember Telford's brother-in-law. Virgie Waddle and her sister-in-law are in Sothern Magnolia assisted living. Nancy Summerford continues helping care for her mother who has Alzheimer's. She is hoping to be able to be back at services soon. George Hutto is getting close to being through his chemo treatments. Raymond Poston is scheduled to have eye surgery soon. Kevin Poston is now involved in ongoing treatment for his brain tumor. Raymond requested continued prayer for Kevin. Gerald Ricketts' wife, Michele, is making good progress in her recovery from a heart attack. Jack Elliott's nephew, Tim Mauldin, is in the hospital dealing with kidney failure as a result of Covid-19. He is not doing well. Mike Gay underwent surgery to remove a tumor from his pancreas. He is out of the hospital recovering from his surgery. Results from lab test on the tumor will be available in about two weeks.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING: This week's reading is **Philippians 1-4**.

TEACHING EFFORTS: The **EASTSIDE EXAMINER**, will be inserted in the **Red Bay News** this week with an advertisement for our meeting with Ben Hall. Copies will be in the foyer at that time. These may be used to give to a friend or neighbor. When depleted, more can be printed. There is an ad in the paper once a month offering a free Bible correspondence course. DVD copies of past TV programs are available. Our radio program continues on 95.5 FM at 10 AM each Sunday. Pray that these efforts will reach people interested in studying God's word.

TRAVELERS: Rita Thompson is in Nashville this weekend. Welcome back to all who have been traveling.

NEW DIRECTORY: Copies of the new directory are on the table in the foyer.

GOSPEL MEETINGS / SINGINGS: Our meeting with Ben Hall July 11-16 Regular service times Sunday then Mon – Fri 7 pm. Russellville July 11-16 with Lonnie Oldag. Mon-Fri 7pm. Belgreen July 18-23 with Brad Sullivan. Mon-Fri 7pm. Parkway July 25-30 with Ben May. Mon-Fri 7 pm Pleasant Valley (Lauderdale County) July 25-30 with Lowell Sallee Mon – Fri 7pm. If you know of meetings or singings in the area, please tell the one making announcements.

POINTS TO PONDER

- He who conquers himself has won a greater victory than he who conquers a city.

THE EASTSIDE REMINDER

2Pet 1:12-15

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OUR GOSPEL MEETING

July 11-16

Service times are:

Sunday 9:30 & 10:30 AM & 4:00 PM

Monday - Friday 7:00 PM

Speaker: Ben Hall

**For more information or transportation
Call 662-542-3170**

Please consider this to be your personal invitation to this gospel meeting and be sure to invite your neighbors and friends to attend with you.

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND

THE ETHIOPIAN MAN'S EXAMPLE

By Glen Young

"And Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except someone shall guide me? And he besought Philip to come up and sit with him" (Acts 8:30-31).

I am fascinated by the Ethiopian man's desire to understand the scripture. It is my experience that such men and women are rare. Too many are of the conviction that they do not need instruction. Their minds are settled. The one thing they do not want is someone coming along and confusing the issue.

God, in His infinite wisdom, gave to humankind the ability to mentally ponder information, then reach a conclusion. At times and for various reasons, we need someone to come along and ask the question Philip asked of the Ethiopian.

A person may need help to understand scripture because of poor reading skills. We all know the statistics. Our school system is allowing students to graduate without basic reading skills of comprehension. It should be obvious to all that reading is fundamental to understanding. Does this mean a person with poor reading skills cannot understand the scripture? No, they could allow someone to guide them!

A person may need help to understand scripture because of prejudice. Most, if not all, enter a study of the Bible with pre-formed opinions. Parents, teachers, grandparents, and a host of others have influenced our thinking about life in general and religion in particular. Does this mean that someone indoctrinated into a particular religious theology cannot understand the Bible? No, they could allow someone to guide them!

Personal relationships often hinder a person from understanding the scripture. A son or daughter may fear the disapproval of parents, should they accept a different doctrine. A desire for peace and harmony in the home may cause a spouse to remain ignorant of Bible truth. A sibling who craves the companionship of brothers and sisters remains faithful to that bond rather than to Bible truth. All of these, can and do, cause a person to fail in their understanding of the scripture. Does this mean that a person with close personal relationships cannot understand the Bible? No, they could allow someone to guide them!

The great wise man, Solomon, identified those who would take counsel as those who are wise. He also said that those who are right in their own eyes are fools. Hear his words! "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; But he that is wise hearkeneth unto counsel" (Proverbs 12:15).

The example of the Ethiopian man illustrates one willing to heed wise counsel (Acts 8:35-39). Can the same be said of you? Do you understand what you are reading? Seek out the wise counsel of faithful teachers of God's Word that you may go your way rejoicing.

SHE INVITED A FRIEND

The "True Story" of a four-year-old girl! Each Sunday morning and Wednesday night a little girl named Becky would skip out of her front door and over to the next door with a tender knock. Becky's question was simply, "Can Denise come to church with us today?" Most of the time the answer was yes. The invitations continued. The visits continued. But one day something was different. Becky made her Sunday morning journey next door, but the answer was no! But the words that followed were music to the ears. "No," the father answered, "Denise will be going with us this morning. We will see you at worship, Miss Becky." The family visited, studies followed, and Denise's mother and father were baptized into Christ!

What is the magic, the mystery, the awe? There is none! Just an invitation given over and over. Some things we make too hard. Some of the easiest things in life we conjure up in difficult messes. Some want sophisticated mail-outs to do it for us. Some believe that carefully designed "programs" will do it for us. Some want others to do it for us. Some sadly enough, don't care! Please understand; the benefit of mail-outs, programs and other avenues are wonderful when used wisely and Scripturally. But nothing dismisses our personal responsibility to invite folks! Who? My neighbor, postman, doctor, his nurse, our mechanic, coach, teacher, friend, parent, child, uncle, aunt, co-worker, partner, boss, banker, and on and on. Jesus freed the man who had been possessed by demons; he was changed, grateful, and he wanted to go with Jesus. Jesus however refused to let him go instead telling him, "Go home to your friends and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you" (Mark 5:19).

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