

GOD'S TEAM

This coming Sunday evening we will begin our Vacation Bible School for 2017. We will be studying "God's Team, Stories of God's Power" by Lambert Book House. We will begin at 6:30 pm each evening Sunday - Thursday, July 9-13th. Various teachers have been working and preparing for the classes. I have no doubt that a lot of preparation will take place over the next week with classrooms and with teaching materials. The teen class will be taught by Matthew Scoggins again this year. The adult class will have a different teacher each evening. John Anderson will teach on Sunday night. His lesson will be "God Makes The Sun Stand Still" from Joshua 10. Wayne Lankford will teach on Monday night. His lesson will be "God Wins With A Small Army" based on Judges 7. Randy Bybee will be the teacher for Tuesday. Randy's lesson will be "God Gives Life To A Boy" from 2 Kings 4. Wednesday will be Ben Smith. Ben's assignment will be "Jesus Heals A Man's Hand" from Luke 6. We will wrap up on Thursday night with Jeremiah Tatum teaching. The Thursday night lesson will be a summary of the lessons for the week. All of these men have taught VBS previously and I know they will do an excellent job. Let me encourage you to make plans to be here and invite a friend. Our VBS is a time for young and old alike to take time out of their summer to study God's word. Join us as we study about God's Team! *L. Cole*

FOR WHAT WOULD YOU PRAY?

If you found yourself imprisoned overnight in chains for no reason other than your religious beliefs, and before your release the following day, you were severely threatened to never speak about Jesus again, what would you do? What actions would you take upon release?

Well, I can imagine the first action you might take would be to contact a lawyer. After all, you have rights! You can't be treated like that! Next, you would probably get on the phone and tell as many fellow-Christians as you could...and they'd help spread the word...and before you know it, your entire church family would know of your harrowing experience.

When Sunday eventually rolls around, I'm sure your situation would be a priority in prayer. No doubt, the congregation would lift up your situation before the throne of God in prayer, but what would they pray? I can image the church would be praying that:

We would return to a time when we could worship without "fear of molestation."

We would pray for changes in our government.

We would pray that these secular inroads into the "American way" would be defeated.

We would pray for God's favor upon political candidates who promised to protect religious freedom, etc.

While up to this point, we've just been "imagining," but the above scenario actually happened to Peter and John in Acts 4. Peter and John were arrested for their faith in Jesus, severely threatened to never speak of him again, and then released. Once released, they met with the church and prayed. But do you know what they prayed for?

They didn't pray for a better government. They didn't pray for the removal of current politicians for more sympathetic leaders. They didn't pray for a more tolerant cultural climate in which to live.

Do you know what they prayed for? They prayed for "boldness!" (Acts 4:29). The text doesn't say they prayed for God to make their circumstances easier, the text says they prayed for boldness to stand up to, and face their ungodly culture.

Today, as we witness our religious freedoms eroding, I'm not suggesting it's wrong to pray for change. I am saying the change we probably should be praying for is within us and not without. You see, the world will always be the world. Praying to God to make the world adhere to Christian values is probably unreasonable, but praying to God for boldness to face our culture is far more profitable.

Let's not allow our circumstances to dominate our focus. Whether our government is sympathetic or hostile toward Jesus is not nearly as important as the need for boldness in the lives of Christians.

— Steve Higginbotham, www.Preachinghelp.Org, 6/22/17

AM I FAIR

1. I don't want people to talk about me—do I talk about them? (James 4:11)
2. I don't want people judging my motives—do I judge theirs? (Matt 7:1)
3. I don't want to be defrauded—do I defraud? (Mk. 10:19)
4. I don't want to be snubbed—do I snub others? (Prov. 18:24)
5. I don't like people trying to pick me for information—do I do it? (Prov. 25:19)
6. I like kind treatment—am I kind to others? (Eph. 4:32).
7. I want honor—do I fully give it to my associates? (Rom. 13:7)
8. I want people to accommodate me—am I helpful? (Gal. 6:10).
9. When I am sick, I want visitors—do I visit? (Matt. 25:36)
10. I know a man in business whose conception of fair play is trading with him—is this my view? (Phil. 2:4)

The above list is rather challenging, is it not? How well did you do in answering the above questions, honestly? Are we really fair and just in our dealings with our fellow man?

Author of list unknown, Taken from The Green Plain Proclaimer 11/28/2000—Virgil Hale

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM July 09, 2017

Coordinator Billy Halliburton
Announcements George Clay
Scripture Reading.. Mk. 16:15,16 Austin Clay
Song Leader Adam Jolley
Opening Prayer. Jacky Carver, Sr.

Lord’s Supper-Preside: Mitchell Brooks

Serve: Steve Anderson, Brian Smith

Ted Russell, Gavin Spurlin

Closing PrayerBen Silcox

Greeter— Dallas & Paige Eddie

Greeter— Roger & Cynthia Draper

**[Greeters, please be here by 8:40 to greet
before services]**

Count Offering. Dallas Eddie

. Kaleb Bush

AM Sermon —What Must I Believe

PM Sermon —VBS begins

WORSHIP—SUNDAY--6:00 PM

Announcements George Clay

Song Leader Adam Jolley

Scripture Reading..Psa. 147:4,5 . Austin Clay

Opening Prayer Jacky Carver Sr.

Lord’s Supper Robert Hackett

. Addison Halliburton

Closing Prayer Steve Anderson

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcements George Clay

Song Leader Jacky Carver, Sr.

First Prayer. Mitchell Brooks

Opening Prayer Dallas Eddie

Closing Prayer Justin Draper

Prepare Communion for **JULY**

Mel Smith

Note: If you are not able to fulfill your assignment listed above, **please notify the coordinator** so that he can find a replacement.

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OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

07/02/17

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 9-13th. VBS— **6:30** each night.
July 16-22nd ... JSCYC at Taylor Christian Camp
July 30th. Fifth Sunday. Young Men Conduct services

READING SCHEDULE FOR JULY

01 Psa. 116-120	12 Prov. 3-5	22 Eccle. 4-8
02 Psa. 121-123	13 Prov. 6-8	23 Eccle. 9-11
03 Psa. 124-126	14 Prov. 9-11	24 Eccle. 12; S. of S. 1-2
04 Psa. 127-129	15 Prov. 12-16	
05 Psa. 130-132	16 Prov. 17-19	25 S of Sol. 3-5
06 Psa. 133-135	17 Prov. 20-22	26 S of Sol. 6-8
07 Psa. 136-138	18 Prov. 23-25	27 Isaiah1-3
08 Psa. 139-143	19 Prov. 26-28	28 Isa. 4-6
09 Psa. 144-146	20 Prov. 29-31	29 Isa. 7-11
10 Psa. 147-149	21 Eccle, 1-3	30 Isa. 12-14
11 Psa. 150; Prov. 1,2		31 Isa. 15-17