

## BULLETIN AND GBN

It has been suggested that we check to see who would be interested in receiving the bulletin by e-mail. The cost of mailing it and House to House is around \$3,000 per year. There is a lot of work that goes into printing it and getting it ready for mailing. We currently mail over 220 bulletins weekly. Let me know if you would be interested in receiving it in your e-mail. My e-mail is [lwcole@nctc.com](mailto:lwcole@nctc.com). We have to mail at least 200 bulletins to continue using the mail permit, so we have to have a significant number to request receiving by e-mail in order to do this. Let me know and I will pass that information on to the proper channels.

Also we have talked about GBN and their schedule. Patsy Taylor shared this information with me for Dish Network, In Search of the Lord's Way is on Channel 239 Sunday at 6:00 am Central time. On Channel 262 is The Gospel of Christ, Thursday at 6:00 pm Central. On Channel 267 is Preaching the Gospel Sunday at 6:30 am Central time. Counterpoint is on Channel 267 on Tuesday at 6:00 pm Central time and on Friday at 9:30. Getting to Know Your Bible is on Channel 267 on Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 Central time. It is also on Channel 66 Monday -Friday at 9:00. Take advantage of these programs. —L. Cole

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## FILL IN THE BLANK

In a moment, I am going to give you the opportunity to “fill in the blank” with either the word, “and” or the word, “but.” Although you may not recognize the passage I am about to share with you, I want you to insert the word you think best fits the context and belongs in the blank.

Okay, here it is...

“For a great and effective door has opened to me, \_\_\_\_\_ there are many adversaries” (1 Corinthians 16:9). So, what word did you think best fits, “and” or “but?”

If you filled the blank with the word “but,” you chose the wrong word. The translators used the word, “and.”

The significance of this is that Paul wasn't necessarily making a contrast between the good and the bad in his life – (e.g. I have an open door, but I also have many adversaries).

Instead, of translating the word, “but” and making these two thoughts stand in contrast with each other, the translators used the word “and,” allowing for us to join the two thoughts together and see them as complimentary. In other words, the “many adversaries” Paul had can be viewed together with his “open door.”

My point? Let's stop complaining about our adversaries and take advantage of the opportunities with which they present us. Return good for evil; love for hatred; compassion for brutality; and justice for prejudice. The darker the "backdrop of our culture" becomes, the greater the contrast as we show people the "light of the world" (Philippians 2:15; Matthew 5:16). Stop feeling hopeless and worrying about present and future persecution directed toward children of God. Instead, consider how that adversity can be an open door!

Instead of simply lamenting the direction our government and politics have taken, use that as an opportunity to point dissatisfied and disillusioned people to a better kingdom and a better King.

In short, open your eyes to the open doors AND the many adversaries we have. Take advantage of both of them to glorify God!

*Steve Higginbotham, [preachinghelp.org](http://preachinghelp.org), 07/20/16*

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# GOSPEL MEETING

MONTROSE CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

**JUNE 17-21st 2018**  
SUNDAY: 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM  
MONDAY - THURSDAY: 7:00 PM

**SPEAKER:**  
**WAYNE LANKFORD**  
from East Main church of Christ,  
Murfreesboro, TN

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## **THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

### **WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

**MAY 20, 2018**

Coordinator . . . . . Steve Anderson  
Announcements . . . . . Kaleb Bush  
Scriptures Reading.. Acts 26:26-29...Dallas Eddie

Song Leader . . . . . Jacky Carver, Jr.  
Opening Prayer. . . . . George Clay

Lord's Supper-Preside: Roger Draper  
Serve: Glen Reece, John Leonard  
Gavin Spurlin, Austin Clay  
Closing Prayer.....Jacky Carver, Sr.

Greeter— Jacky & Jacqueline Carver  
Greeter— Glen & Patsy Reece  
Count Offering. . . . . Dallas Eddie  
. . . . . Kaleb Bush  
AM Sermon—First Gospel Sermon  
PM Sermon— Holy Spirit and the Christian

### **WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM**

Announcements . . . . . Kaleb Bush  
Song Leader. . . . . Jacky Carver, Sr.  
Scripture Reading...Acts 2:36-38 Dallas Eddie  
Opening Prayer . . . . . Mitchell Brooks  
Lord's Supper . . . . . Roger Draper  
. . . . . Billy Halliburton  
Closing Prayer . . . . . Glen Reece

### **BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM**

Announcement..... Kaleb Bush  
Song Leader . . . . . Dallas Eddie  
First Prayer. . . . . Justin Draper  
Opening Prayer . . . . . Jacky Carver Sr.  
Closing Prayer . . . . . Mitchell Brooks

**Prepare Communion for MAY**  
**Patsy Reece**

**Pantry Item: Canned Soup**

### **MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD**

#### **NURSING HOME:**

Opal Agee-Kindred  
Pearl Anderson—Knollwood Manor,  
Kasel Dillehay—Overton Co. Nursing Home

**THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;**

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,  
Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,  
Ramelle Cole, Susanne Tisdale  
Billy Halliburton, Tim Smith,  
Diana Preston, Mac Holliman

Sympathy to the family of Joe Taylor in his passing. He preached at Montrose some years ago.

**OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST**

05/13/18

Wednesday. . . . .	36
Worship Sunday AM . . . . .	105
Bible Study Sunday AM . . . . .	85
Daily Bible Readers . . . . .	37
Worship Sunday PM . . . . .	51

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

May 25th. Youth Trip to the Ark  
May 27th. Visiting Preacher  
May 27th. Fellowship Meal

**READING SCHEDULE FOR MAY**

01 II Chr 28-30	11 Esth 1-3	22 Job 28-30
02 II Chr 31-33	12 Esth 4-7	23 Job 31-33
03 II Chr 34-36	13 Esth 7-10	24 Job 34-36
04 Ezra 1-3	14 Job 1-4	25 Job 37-39
05 Ezra 4-7	15 Job 5-7	26 Job 40-42
06 Ezra 8-10	6 Job 8-10	27 Psa 1-5
07 Neh 1-4	17Job 11-13	28 Psa 6-8
08 Neh 5-87	18 Job 14-16	29 Psa 9-11
09 Neh 8-10	19 Job 17-19	30 Psa 12-14
10 Neh 11-13	20 Job 20-23	31 Psa 15-17
	21 Job 24-27	