

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Billy Box

Opening Prayer: Ralph Burleson

On the Table: Head - Greg Lowery
Servers - Josh Berryhill
Eddie Dickinson
Bradley Box

Closing Prayer: David Key

Preparing the Lord's Supper Linda Lawrence

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am
Evening Worship	5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 pm
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Looking Forward To Being There



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Pay Attention to What is Written

By Dan Jenkins

If America would understand the importance of studying the Old Testament, our world would drastically change and head in a new direction. Why do we have that old covenant when we live under the new one? Listen to what God says. “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope” (Rom. 15:4). We are a sick nation because we have not paid attention to those things written before.

There is evil in our land as there was evil in the land of Noah. When godly people became intertwined with the ungodly, our holy God responded. “Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart” (Gen. 6:5-6). At one time, we at least said that we wanted to be “one nation under God,” but now we have become a nation which longs to be “one nation out from under God.” How much longer will it be before God is sorry that He ever made America?

What things were written before? Read those verses from Genesis again and understand they were for our learning!

How do these words from Micah describe our land? “Woe to those who devise iniquity, and work out evil on their beds! At morning light they practice it” (Micah 2:1). They cunningly devise their plans and then carry them out as soon as the morning light comes. How good are they at it? “They do evil ... successfully with both hands” (Micah 7:3). We are truly a land filled with ambidextrous people!

Once a nation starts down the road of evil it becomes more and more corrupt. Paul described it this way, “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived” (2 Tim. 3:13). Jeremiah’s words are so graphic: “And like their bow they have bent their tongues for lies. For they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know Me” (Jer. 9:3).

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

David Warren: he is fighting cancer, please be praying that his cancer will be defeated

Janet Spann: has severe COPD and other health problems, please keep her and her family in your prayers

Tommy Housh: diagnosed with bladder cancer, please pray that they will be able to successfully defeat this cancer

Ren Garrison (Donna Martin’s Nephew): is still dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that this issue will be dealt with successfully

Jack Willis (Meg Rutledge’s Father) is fighting cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please pray that she will improve

Celia Grace Hamlett (3 year old): biopsies came back cancer they are doing blood studies to confirm; let us pray that the results are negative and that she is cancer free

Nelle Fraizer (Lellie’s Sister); she has some ongoing health problems

Winfred York: is at home and has been placed under hospice care, please continue to pray for him and Mrs. Vertie

Upcoming Events

Today	Regular Sunday Schedule Bible Study (2nd Sam. 14:15)- 10:00 am Morning Worship - 10:45 am Evening Worship - 5:00 pm
Tonight	Sunday Night Singing 5:00 pm
May 20 th	Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm
June 21st – 25th	Gospel Meeting (Dorian Flynn)

We hear that the economy is booming, and while that may be true, there is something far more important. Our land has become a place where “evil is booming.” Will we never learn? Is there no hope? The hope for us is found in the opening words of this article. Those things written before were written for our learning!

How do we respond to all of this evil? What values must we place in our homes? It’s very simple. We must not follow the multitude to do evil (Ex. 23:2). We must not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:21).

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The Bible’s Marvelous Unity

■ **It’s 66 books were written by some 40 men over a period of some 1600 years:**

These men {

- Lived at different periods of time
- Spoke in different languages
- Were of different backgrounds
- Wrote in different languages

■ **Among the writers of the Bible were:**

- Kings
- Statesmen
- Apostles
- Scribes
- Shepherds
- Fishermen
- Tax Agents
- A doctor
- Prophets
- Unlearned men
- Military leaders
- A tentmaker
- Priests
- Profoundly wise men
- Poets
- Prisoners

■ **Consider the variety of conditions under which these men wrote:**

- Some in palaces
- Some in exile
- Some in prisons
- Some in captivity

■ **The writers cover a wide variety of materials:**

- History
- Proverbs
- Poetry
- Civil legislation
- Direction for worship
- Biographies
- Oratory
- Sermons
- Prophecy
- Personal & general letters
- Autobiography
- Psalms
- Parables
- Romance
- Apocalyptic visions
- Philosophy
- Hymns
- Doctrinal Discussions
- Drama

And yet . . . not one single contradiction

When all of these factors are weighed, it must be admitted that the Bible was written by **one hand** and produced by **one mind**.




Barnes Bible Charts

Knowing The Unknowable

By Mike Brooks

“But we speak God’s wisdom among those who are mature; ... but just as it is written, ‘Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.’ ... For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God”
(1 Corinthians 2:7, 9, 11 NASB).

A favorite pastime in recent days has been to try to anticipate or out-guess the authorities as to when restrictions of travel and assembly might be reinstated. In Alabama this week many were surprised and disappointed when Governor Ivey displayed much caution only slightly relaxing previous “Stay at Home” orders. People in other states and countries continue to deal with rigid restrictions with no end in sight. Especially in South Asia hunger and desperation are growing as close to 2 billion people remain under imposed lockdown with no travel, work, or business permitted outside the home.

This makes us all wonder, “What are our leaders thinking? What do they know that we do not?” We wonder and guess, but are left to wait, hoping that someone has answers to this dilemma.

The apostle Paul was a scholar, a leader, and one who was much respected among his contemporaries in Judaism. Yet when he became a Christian he gave up all claims to personal wisdom, relishing his call to simply speak the words of God as they were revealed to him (1 Corinthians 2:1-5). It was and is God’s wisdom rather than man’s which the world needs, and this is especially true when it comes to salvation from sin.

Only the mind of God could resolve the paradox of justice and love presented by man’s sins. Because God is just, sin must be punished (Romans 2:5-10; Galatians 6:7). Because God loves the humans whom he made, he wants to save them (John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:9). These contradictory imperatives were each satisfied by the gift of Jesus’ death on the cross (Hebrews 9:14; 1 John 2:1-2). Judged by the intelligence of man, the events of the Gospel were beyond imagination or belief (1 Corinthians 1:22-31).

Yet the infinite wisdom of God devised the one possible means by which sin could be forgiven without divine character being compromised.

Who can know the mind of God? Only his own spirit. Yet he has chosen to reveal those things which formerly were a mystery through the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. First entrusted to his Apostles, then to all who would receive it, this mystery continues to spread throughout the world. Like the apostles we are controlled by the love of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14) to share with others that which we have come to believe (2 Corinthians 4:13).

It is not for man to question or complain about God’s activities on our behalf. Rather it is for us to accept them, trusting and obeying without reservation. As Paul commanded Timothy let us do also:

“I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate; that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the proper time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords; who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light; whom no man has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen” (1 Timothy 6:13-16).

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