

<b><u>Times of Services</u></b>	
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>
9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship	7:00 p.m. Bible Study
<b><u>Other Study and Worship Opportunities</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Pines/Cady Hills Bible Study -Sun. &amp; Thurs. at 7:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Young Bible Scholars --To be announced.</li> <li>• Lady's Bible Classes at YMCA – 4/12; 4/13 Caledonia.</li> <li>• Sunday Sermon is recorded and placed on Darrell Powell's Facebook page and can be viewed later when posted.</li> <li>• Third Sunday Neighborhood Bible Study – 3:30 p.m. TBA</li> <li>• Gospel Meeting, April 10-15, Brent Paschall</li> <li>• Sturgis Gospel Meeting – April 17-22</li> </ul>	
<b><u>News and Notes</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prayer Requests:</b> Doug Wheeler, Steve Coburn, Mike Butler, Lee Gallop, and the Andy Elliott Family.</li> <li>• <b>Sick:</b> Doug Wheeler is recuperating from shoulder surgery. Willis Logan is undergoing cancer treatment. Amber Morehouse is undergoing therapy for ankle surgery. Wade McCrary had successful artery surgery and is recovering well. Jim Ratcliff is being treated for angina issues.</li> </ul>	
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## I Was Glad

*Ps 122:1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."*

David was a man after God's own heart. He had a heart to know God and worship Him. He longed to be with God and commune with Him.

Are we like David when it comes to Gospel Meetings? Are we glad to be able to come together with fellow believers and worship the God of all Creation?

We have that opportunity in abundance coming this next week, April 10-15, with our Spring Gospel Meeting. Brent Paschall is coming from Roanoke, Virginia and has prepared a series of gospel sermons on perfecting our growth as a church entitled "The Rest of the Pattern". I pray you will be glad to attend all the sessions you possibly can and truly be able to say, "I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."

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## Can He Depend on You?

The life of Christians here on Earth is a battle, a proving-ground, a work-place in which we are disciplined and challenged to stand firm and work diligently. Hear Paul's instruction to Timothy: "You therefore must endure hardship as a **good soldier** of Jesus Christ" (2 Timothy 2:3). "And also if anyone **competes in athletics**, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules" (2 Tim. 2:5). "The **hardworking farmer** must be first to partake of the crops" (2 Tim. 2:6). What is the point? "Consider what I say, and

may the Lord give you understanding in all things” (2 Tim. 2:7). He used his own life to illustrate his point: “For which (my gospel) I **suffer trouble** as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the Word of God is not chained” (2 Timothy 2:9).

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a **worker** who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth” (2 Timothy 2:15). With these words, Paul set before Timothy, **and sets before us**, the conduct unto which we have been called by the Gospel of Christ. We did not rise from baptism to life on a couch or recliner. We did not enter a new life of indolence, to be served on every hand, and bask in the satisfaction of a job well done. We arose from baptism as new servants of Christ, servants of righteousness (Romans 6:3, 4, 17, 18). We **must not be** “slothful in business,” but rather be “fervent in spirit, **servicing** the Lord” (Romans 12:11). Our earnestness **must drive us** to seek diligently what we can do and where we can help to further the Cause of Christ. Our own families, friends, and neighbors need our caring diligence in service and our prayers as we “work while it is day.” Brethren, “the night is coming!”

**Gilbert Alexander, from the “God Has Spoken” series of articles**

## How Men Act When They Repent

In Matthew 12:41, Jesus said, “The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.” According to Jesus, the men of Nineveh repented at the preaching of Jonah.

You remember the story, don't you? God had commanded Jonah, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me” (Jonah 1:2). Now Nineveh was not only a city filled with wickedness, it was also the capital of the Assyrians, hated enemies of the Israelites. Jonah didn't want to go. He fled from God's presence. However, after being given some quality time in the belly of a fish to reflect and pray, Jonah decided to obey God. Jonah walked through the city proclaiming the judgment of the Lord upon these pagan people: “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” (Jonah 3:4)

The people of Nineveh repented. They “proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them” (Jonah 3:5). When word came to the king of Nineveh, “he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes.” He decreed that “neither man nor beast, herd nor flock” were to eat or drink and that “every one” was to “turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hand” (Jonah 3:7-8).

The text says that “God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them” (Jonah 3:10). God can read men's hearts. He knows more about what is going on in our heads than we do ourselves. But He did not need to read the minds of the Ninevites to know that they had repented. He “saw their works, that they turned away from evil.” When the men of Nineveh repented, nobody was left to wonder whether or not their repentance was genuine. Nobody was left guessing about their intention to stop committing evil. Nobody would have doubted they had actually repented of their sins.

We really need to learn this lesson from the men of Nineveh. We need to learn how to act when we repent. Repentance isn't just saying, “excuse me,” “my bad,” or “forgive me,” and then going on with our lives as if nothing happened. Repentance should produce real change in our actions. We are to “bear fruits worthy of repentance” (Matthew 3:8). I am afraid that too many of us think that our repentance should go unnoticed. We are incognito repenters! And while God hardly asks us to don sackcloth and ashes today, He does ask us to “do works befitting repentance” (Acts 26:20).

Let's resolve to turn away from sin in our lives, and make sure that we behave in such a way that folks can tell that's what we've done!

**Steve Klein, via The Beacon (Columbia, TN), 12-8-20**