

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday – July 23
Bible Study – 9:00 A.M.
Classes for all ages

Morning Worship, 10:00 A.M.

Announcements.....Glenn Woodlee
 Lead Singing.....Marion Turner
 Prayer.....Wade Farley
 Sermon.....Joey Davis

LORD’S TABLE:

PRESIDING – PRAYER.....Mick Ralph

SERVE COMMUNION

Larry Williams.....Dave Herrin
 Robert Elam.....Shane Wilson

Dismiss.....Chris Woodlee

Evening Worship, 6:00 P.M.

Announcements.....Glenn Woodlee
 Lead Singing.....Craig Hollis
 Prayer.....Don Prater
 Sermon.....Joey Davis
 Dismiss.....James Tillett

Wednesday, July 26, 7:00 P.M.

Announcements.....Ike Turner
 Lead Singing.....Craig Hollis
 Prayer.....George Roberts
 Speaker.....Chris Perry
 Dismiss.....Mick Ralph

If unable to serve, please contact
Mark Parker – 668-9003

Pick Up Communion Cups - **July 23**
 Supervisor – **Gerilyn Lemons**

Hannah Turner.....McCall Turner
 Chloe Wilson.....Lydia Wilson
 Zeb Wilson.....Katelyn Woodlee

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
 Worship 10:00 A.M.
 (CST) 5:00 P.M.
 (CDT) 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class (Oct. – May) 10:00 A.M.
 Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY

Ladies Bible Class (Oct. – May) 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

ELDERS

Dawson Campbell Johnny Parker
 Glenn Woodlee

DEACONS

Mark Parker Don Prater
 Ike Turner Marion Turner

MINISTER

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“You People Don’t Believe the Old Testament”

Joey Davis

Perhaps you have heard the above accusation made concerning members of churches of Christ. The implication is that we find no valuable use for the Old Testament Scriptures and so we do not study them. This is simply not true. Still, I have an idea that some of us are not completely sure of how to answer such challenges and accusations. Therefore, a consideration of the Old Testament’s value for study, its aid in Godly living, and its role in establishing authority for religious practices today should be beneficial.

First, is the Old Testament worthy of our study? Undoubtedly, without it, we would be left with many questions concerning our origin and concerning God’s instructions for us today. In fact, Paul wrote, “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope” (Romans 15:4). The Old Testament, those things written aforetime, is for our learning and helps strengthen our foundation of faith and hope. It has often been stated that “the Old Testament is the New Testament concealed and the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed.” Indeed, much of what we find in the New Testament makes sense only in light of what we have learned through our study of the Old Testament. So, the value of the Old Testament in our study is indisputable.

Second, what help does the Old Testament offer when it comes to Godly living today? Well, in the first few chapters of the first book, we learn the importance of obeying God. Adam and Eve, the very first human couple, **(CONTINUED ON PAGES 2 & 3)**

THE RECORD

Evening Worship, 07-09.....113
Bible Study, Wed. 07-12.....96
Bible Study, 07-16.....89
Morning Worship, 07-16.....145
Contribution, 07-16.....\$2,798.00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Wylene McMahan, Shaun Malloy, Roy Robinson, Pat Cantrell, Mary Elizabeth Martin, Athelia Herrin, Rose McKelvey, Thedra Newby, Bobby Prater, Mildred Hoover, Louise Pellum, Georgia Willis, Mildred Williams, Lucile Campbell, Dan & Dell Simpson, Lucille Fletcher, Bill Flowers, Jake Davis, Alice McCormick, Janette Murphree, Jean Pirtle, Kenny White, Jimmy Rogers, Frank Pierce, James Floyd, Faye Willey, Debby Pavatte, Josie Love, Ethel Dyer, Lyte Northcutt, Lillard Vandagriff, Sandra Thurne, Jimmie Hulett, Pat Julian, Jackie Johnson, Connie & Marion Turner, Connie Woodlee, Wanda Paul, Estelle Panter, Georgeanna Bryan, Mary Meeks, Alvena Davis, David Sharpe, Cindy Terrell Owen, Juanita Lemons & Willard Bouldin. **John & Cory Pearson** are both improved. **Sandra Woodlee** was able to be out for services last Wed. **Bea Bonner** continues with her recuperation at home. **Teresa Parker** had her surgery and they feel it went well. **Laura McAfee** fell and broke her right arm at the shoulder. She is in River Park. **Alvena Davis** had a bone marrow scan and she is cancer free. Wonderful news! **Opal Woodside** broke her hip and she is in River Park. **Mildred Herrin** is in Centennial with Rocky Mt. Spotted fever. **Doran Thompson** has been back in the hospital but is home now and doing a little better.

LOCK THE BUILDINGS

Mark Parker will be responsible for locking both buildings, all services **July 23rd & 26th**.

SINGINGS

On July 21st **Woodbury church**, Woodbury, TN & **McEwen church**,

McEwen, TN will host the singings. Then on **July 28th Trinity Lane church, Nashville** will host the singing. **All singings begin at 7pm.**

GRASS CUTTING

Jeff Youngblood is scheduled to cut the grass at the church building the week end of **July 21st**.

GOSPEL MEETINGS & ETC.

Ivy Bluff church will have a gospel meeting, **July 16-20**, with **David Dunn, 7 pm nightly**. **Summitville church** will have a gospel meeting with **Eddie Brinkley, July 16-19, Sunday night 7:30 pm & week nights 7pm**. **Bybee Branch church** will have **VBS, July 17-19, 7 – 8:30 pm**. **Sugar Tree Knob church**, Woodbury will have a gospel meeting with **Earl Sutton, July 16-20, 7:30 pm nightly**. **Smartt church** will have a gospel meeting with **George King, July 23-27, Mon. – Thurs. 7:30 pm**.

SUMMER SERIES

On **July 26th** the speaker on our **Summer Series** will be **Chris Perry** speaking on **“Fear and Anxiety”**

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were giving specific instruction, they failed to comply, and were punished by God (Genesis 3:1-17). Also, we learn that sinful people, even if they are the majority, will not be accepted by God. The Bible says, “And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Genesis 6:5). Consequently, we read, “and the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I

have made them” (Genesis 6:7). Further study reveals to us that Noah and his family, a total of eight people, were saved by God while the remaining people were destroyed. The examples of God’s dealings with His people seem almost endless and they are very valuable to us because God expects the same respect and obedience today as he did during Old Testament times.

Third, is the Old Testament a legitimate source of authority for the religious practices of us? Many religious groups today, finding no instruction for their practices in the New Testament, will appeal to the Old Testament for authority. The use of mechanical instruments of music in worship is a fitting example. The question is, “Does man today have God’s approval to use such instruments in worship simply because they are mentioned in the Old Testament?” To begin, Jesus Christ is our sole source of authority today. Notice a few passages which undeniably demonstrate this fact:

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth** (Matthew 28:18). God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, **Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; (Hebrews 1:1-2)

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him** (Matthew 17:1-5).

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: **the word that I have spoken**, the same **shall judge him in the last day** (John 12:48).

In light of these passages, we are to understand that Jesus’ words are the source of our authority today – those spoken by Him personally and those communicated to the New Testament writers by inspiration (John 14:26, 16:13). Consequently, anything we do must be done by His authority and with His approval (Colossians 3:17). We find that approval and authority in the New Testament scriptures and not in the Old Testament.

To conclude, in answering the aforementioned accusation, we can boldly affirm our faith in and appreciation for the Old Testament scriptures. We do believe in and value the Old Testament in our study of the whole Bible because it deepens and perfects our understanding of many New Testament teachings. We learn valuable lessons from the Old Testament about God’s consistency in dealing with the obedience and disobedience of His people. Finally, while we love, appreciate, and value the Old Testament scriptures, we can not appeal to them for authority in what we do today simply because they are not a valid source of authority any longer (Colossians 2:14).