

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

**Sunday – Sept. 17**  
**Bible Study – 9:00 A.M.**  
Classes for all ages

**Morning Worship, 10:00 A.M.**

Announcements.....Johnny Parker  
 Lead Singing.....Marion Turner  
 Prayer.....Dawson Campbell  
 Sermon.....Joey Davis

**LORD’S TABLE:**

**PRESIDING – PRAYER**.....Mick Ralph

**SERVE COMMUNION**

Frank Turner.....Vernon Parker  
 Tyler Farley.....Robert Elam

Dismiss.....Chris Woodlee

**Evening Worship, 6:00 P.M.**

Announcements.....Johnny Parker  
 Lead Singing.....Paul Stubblefield  
 Prayer.....George Roberts  
 Sermon.....Joey Davis  
 Dismiss.....Aaron Roberts

**Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7:00 P.M.**

Announcements.....Joey Davis  
 Lead Singing.....Paul Meacham  
 Prayer.....Wade Farley  
 Speaker.....Thomas Reid  
 Dismiss.....James Tillett

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

Pick Up Communion Cups - **Sept. 17**  
 Supervisor – **Jessica Roberts**

Dillon Meacham.....Hannah Turner  
 McCall Turner.....Chloe Wilson  
 Lydia Wilson.....Zeb Wilson

**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

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**Have You Prepared Your Heart?**  
**Joey Davis**

A profound statement is made in Ezra 7:10 concerning Ezra, the prophet of God: “For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.” There are four qualities listed in this text that are worthy of our serious consideration.

The first quality is found in the fact that Ezra prepared his heart. In other words, Ezra was **interested** in the Law of God and how it applied to him. The Word of God is applicable in every situation and can be a very valuable tool in any decision making process, if people will just develop an interest in what God has said through His Word.

The second quality is really an add-on to the previous. Ezra not only prepared his heart, but he prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord. In other words, Ezra **investigated** the Law of the Lord. When one is prepared to seek God’s instruction, he will search diligently in order to develop the knowledge necessary to live a life which is pleasing to God.

The third quality relates to the fact that Ezra was prepared “to do” the Law of the Lord. Ezra **implemented** the things he had learned through his investigation. Regardless of the implication or the individual changes that had to be made to ensure compliance, Ezra was set on doing what God required.

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Morning Worship, 09-10.....	155
Contribution, 09-10.....	\$2,317.10
Tuesday night Ladies Class, 09-05.....	06

## 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, Dan & Dell Simpson, Lucille Fletcher, Bill Flowers, Jake Davis, Alice McCormick, Janette Murphree, 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, Wanda Paul, Estelle Panter, Juanita Lemons, Opal Woodside, Gean Pirtle, Lil King, Dot Holder, David Sharpe, Laura McAfee, Gretchen Jernigan, Frank Herrin, & Cindy Terrell Owen. Donald Prater had his biopsy and the results were not good. He goes back to the doctor on Monday to discuss the results and see where he goes from here. **Ellen King** had a procedure done last Wed. and is now at home. We're glad she was able to be out. **David Meacham** has returned to his home and is under the care of hospice. **Willard & Martha Bouldin** have a number of health problems. **Lucile Campbell** is having problems with fluid build-up, again. **Doran Thompson** is in DeKalb hospital with pneumonia. **Teresa Stinson**, has a detached retina. **Glenn Thompson**, uncle of Ray Hale is in Rain Tree.

## LOCK THE BUILDINGS

**Donald Prater** will be responsible for locking both buildings, all services **Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**.

## SINGINGS

**Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> Pennington Bend church, Nashville** will host the singing at **7pm**. **On Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> Carthage church** will host the singing in **Carthage, TN, beginning at 7pm**. **On Tuesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm to 7pm, the Bybee Branch church Youth Group** will host a **Youth Singing** at the **Antioch building** located

in the **Fairfield Village** and everyone is welcome.

## GRASS CUTTING

**Gary Woodlee** is scheduled to cut the grass at the church building the week end of **Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**.

## SUMMER SERIES

On **Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>** the speaker on our **Summer Series** will be **Thomas Reid** speaking on, "Handling Discouragement." This will end our **Summer Series** for this year. The following **Wednesday** our **Fall Gospel meeting** will be in progress.

## GOSPEL MEETINGS

**Browntown church** will have a **Gospel Meeting, Sept. 10-15, with Ernest Lemons, nightly services at 7pm**. **Prairie Plains church** will have a gospel meeting, **Sept. 21-24** with **Roger Hamlet, 7pm nightly**. **Shady Grove church** will have a gospel meeting with **Charles White, Sept. 24-29, Sun. 7:30 pm, week nights 7pm**. **Our Fall Gospel Meeting, is Sept. 24 – 28, with Lynwood Mathis.**

## LADIES' RETREAT

The **Ladies' Retreat** will be held on **Sept. 22-23** at **Hy-Lake Lodge, Quebec**. The theme this year is "CHANGE." The building will be open after 4:00 pm for your arrival. Dinner will be Dutch treat at a local restaurant, "**The Foglight**," at **6:00 P.M.** Friday night will be spent relaxing, talking, strolling the grounds, or doing absolutely nothing. The activities, speaker and lunch will be on Sat. and the bus will leave the building here at 8:00 am to take the ladies to Hy-Lake. Ladies who plan to attend let **Hollie Roberts** or **Paula Centracchio** know, as they will need to know the number that will be present for lunch. The activities will begin at 9:00 am with song and prayer followed by the speaker, **Linda Gilbert**. Lunch will be at 11:00 am. In the afternoon, group discussions will take place. The price for the retreat this year will be **\$12.00**. You may give your money to **Teresa Parker** anytime between now and **Sat., Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

## Ladies' Day Program

**West Sparta church** will have **Ladies' Day, Saturday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – Noon**. The speakers will be **Carol Harris & Crystal Byrd**. We need to **RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>** so please let the office know by **Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>** if you plan to attend.

## YOUTH DAY

**Bethlehem church** will have **Youth Day on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:15 am – 2:15 pm**. The theme will be "Living A Christian Life." The speakers will be **Steve Hillis and Freddie Clayton**. There will be activities and lunch will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

## RESPONSE

On **Sunday night, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>**, **Dustin Barrett** came forward stating that he had failed to be the Christian father and husband that he needed to be and he wants to change that. Also, **Henry Hall** came stating that his example was not what he desired it to be and he wanted to do better. Sunday morning, **Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Erika Searcy** responded to the Lord's invitation stating that she had not been the Christian she should have.

## LADIES' BIBLE CLASSES

Our **Wednesday Ladies' Bible Class** will begin, for the fall session, on **Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**. We will begin with **Chapter 46** in the book of **Genesis** and **Mildred Prater** will be the teacher. The **evening Ladies' Bible Class, and anyone else who would like to**, will go to **NHC on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**. There will be **no class** the week of **Sept. 10-16**. The class will meet on **Thursday night, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>**. The following week, **Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> & Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>**, we will be in our meeting and there will be **no classes**.

## INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The elders have scheduled our **Informational meeting** for **Sunday afternoon, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**, at **4:30 pm**.

## VISITATION GROUP #3

**Visitation Group #3** will meet at the home of **Vernon & Dianne Parker** on **Sunday night, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**, following our evening service.

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**Joey Davis**

The fourth and last quality has to do with **Ezra's** teaching what he had learned. **Ezra instructed** others so that they could benefit from God's instruction to man.

There are great lessons to be gleaned from the Bible (Romans 15:4), and **Ezra** is just another great example of tried and tested principles that will always be of great benefit to God's people.