

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM
Study Sunday 10:00 AM
Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM
Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM
Singing every 2nd Sunday evening
Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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“By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king’s edict,”

— Hebrews 11:23



Servants during April:

Songleader: Peter (2), Stanley (9), Larry (16), Peter (23), Stanley (30)

Reading: Peter

Announcements: Larry

Table: Marty, Stanley, Mike M, Mike B

Wednesday Lesson: Larry (5), Stanley (12), Kris (19), Larry (26)

Lawn Mowing (week starting): Stanley (2), Larry (9), Kris (16), Marty (23), Stanley (30)

Meetings: Market Street, 4/16-

19, Jeff May; **Jordan Park (Huntsville)**, 4/23-26, Matt Lannom; **College View**, 4/29,30, Wilson Adams; **Piney Grove**, 4/30-5/3, Lonie Oldag; **Bethel (TN)**, each Monday 7pm, Series: How we got the Bible, Scott Richardson

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“Examine everything carefully...” —1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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The Faith of Parents

by M. W. Bassford

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews has many lessons for us, and surely among them is that God finds people of faith in places where we wouldn't look. We see an instance of this in Hebrews 11:23. Here, the writer refers to a familiar story, the story of the birth of Moses. Typically, our children learn that Moses' parents hid him and eventually put him in the basket in the bulrushes before they turn five.

However, the Hebrews writer adds a spiritual dimension to this account. He notes that the parents of Moses acted as they did out of faith. They spared their son because they saw that he was beautiful and they did not fear the king's edict.

This is an awfully bold stance for a couple of slaves to take! Typically, slaves fear the edicts of kings greatly, especially when they already know that the king has no love for them or for their people. It

doesn't seem like the beauty of a baby should weigh heavily in the balance against royal wrath.

To understand this, we must start with Genesis 9:5-7. This snippet contains a pair of theological opposites. On the one hand, people were not to shed the blood of other people, and God would require their blood if they did. Instead, they were supposed to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth. God wants humans to seek life, not death.

The parents of Moses can't have known very much about God, but this is one of the few things that they could have known, and it offers the best explanation for their conduct. Their child was beautiful to them, and in part he was beautiful as an expression of the divine will for humankind. They did right in having children, regardless of what the law said.


Similarly, they did not fear the

king's edict because the king was not the highest authority in their lives. His tyranny could and would be checked by God, and ultimately, God's will would stand, not his. Even slaves don't have to fear the king if they have God on their side!

In the moment, this is only obvious to the eyes of faith, but it becomes clearer in history. Throughout the Bible and throughout the millennia that have passed since its writing, powerful forces often have arrayed themselves against the righteous. In the end, though, earthly powers are cast down, and the word of God continues along with those who follow it.

Today, parents and prospective parents have many reasons to fear.

The days seem to be growing more evil, opponents of Christianity are getting more vocal and more influential all the time, and overt persecution may be on the horizon. It's easy to despair of raising godly children or even having children at all.


Nonetheless, we must be fearless. We must do what is necessary to train our children in the ways of the Lord, regardless of what opposition we face. The parents of Moses had no idea that one day their son would bring Pharaoh to his knees, and we have no idea what the future holds either. However, this much is certain: When the people of God trust Him, no power in heaven, on earth, or in hell can overcome them. 

When we visited my grandmother's house, there was a blackboard set up in the kitchen. And on that blackboard was a verse of scripture. There was no breakfast, until we memorized that verse. My uncle told me that one verse seemed to appear there regularly. It was Philippians 2:14: "Do all things without murmurings and disputings."

As a child, I remember that after supper my brothers and I would go to the living room where mother would read to us from the Bible, and then from Hurlbert's Story of the

Bible (Incidentally, it's still my favorite Bible story book).

We have wonderful classes for our children on Sunday morning and Wednesday night, but are these Bible lessons reinforced at home?

Timothy was a blessed young man. He was taught at home by both his mother and grandmother, 2 Tim 1:5; 3:15. From childhood he had known the "sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." Will your children be so blessed? 

A godly parental example and home-life is no guarantee that children will choose to follow after Christ: even Samuel's children grew up to be worthless men, 1 Sam 8:3. Proverbs 22:6 ("Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.") is a general truth, not a guarantee. God has granted us freedom to choose, and we all have seen children of godly parents choose a path of sin. Consider: God is the very best of Fathers, yet we ourselves rebel against His will (cf Mt 7:11)! We can't change our past decisions as parents; but we sure can do our best to reflect Christ from here on out (Col 3:10), and simply trust God for the results with our children. Don't give up on those that reject Christ; keep sharing the truth, Eph 4:29. It is the gospel that changes minds and saves souls, and His word that causes spiritual growth, Rom 1:16; 1 Pet 1:23-2:3.--ksv

Pray for our meeting scheduled with Nick Woods, May 7-12!

At Home

by John Gipson

"And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ," Acts 5:42.

Harold E. Luccock once observed, "We have not ceased to preach at the temple. But we have, rather largely, ceased to do it at home. And

therein lies one of the major differences between the church of the book of Acts and the church of our own day."

Teaching and preaching are still done in "the temple," but it is not enough. In fact, it is meager unless there is the teaching "at home."

Remember in Prayer

Mike Beckman has begun treatment, and continues to see specialists to combat his cancer. **Joyce** continues to deal with her cancer, as well. **Hazel's son-in-law, Shane Reed**, has chosen to remain home, and stop further treatment for his leukemia.

Pollard's newborn, Paige, was

transported last Sunday to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore; please pray that things would go smoothly as they transition to going home. **Dot** hurt her feet, and can't walk while until they heal.

Let's continue to pray for **Betty, Buddy, and Carolyn**. 