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You are always "WELCOME" at the South Highway Five Church of Christ! We had a wonderful VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL here last week! What a happy, enthusiastic, positive time it was for all. To the teachers and many, many workers who helped make it the great success it was: THANK YOU!!!

"A Crying Need"

"For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27). There is a crying need for men of God to declare "all the counsel of God." It is not enough just to say we did not preach error. We must declare the truth. If we wish to see a generation that does not oppose mechanical instruments of music in worship, it is not necessary to advocate such. No, all we need to do is not declare the whole counsel of God. Just do not preach on the subject. Do you want to see baptisms cease? It is not necessary preach that baptism is not essential to salvation. No, all one needs to do is stop preaching on baptism for the remission of sins. What is needed in order to foster a denominational concept of the church? It is not necessary to preach that the church is just another denomination among men. No, all that is required is to not preach lessons on the nature and identity of the New Testament church. A lack of teaching will eventually dull the senses. If we fail to teach on any subject, the time will come when people will be indifferent toward it and regard it as unimportant. The Lord did not leave us without direction. He promised to send the Holy Spirit who would guide the apostles into all the truth (John 16:13). We now possess *"the faith which was once delivered unto the saints"* (Jude 3). Let us believe it, live it, preach it, defend it, honor it, exalt it.

--by Alan E. Highers, 2008 FHU Lectureship Book, pp. 12-13.

What must I do to be saved?" asked the jailor (Acts 16:30). The question is supremely important. *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ"* (2Cor.5:10). Have you done what one "must" do to be saved? Christ teaches that one must believe (Jn.8:24), repent (Lk.13:3), confess him (Mt.10:32; Rom.10:10), be baptized (Mk.16:16), and be faithful (Rev.2:10). *"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation"* (2Cor.6:2). Tomorrow may be too late! *"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for you know not what a day may bring forth"* (Pro.27:1). God's desire is that none be lost, but that all repent (2Pet.3:9). We're happy to assist you in your desire to love and obey the Lord.