#### Chapter 2: "The Sermon On Pentecost.......continued from last week

#### A Refutation of the Charge of Drunkenness: Verses 14,15

When the apostles began to speak in the languages of the people assembled on Pentecost, many freely acknowledged that "we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God" (verse 11). But "others mocking said, these men are full of new wine" (verse 13). Peter makes it clear, however, that he and the other apostles are not drunk "seeing it is but the third hour of the day"—that is, only 9 o'clock in the morning (verse 15).

All devout Jews spent the hours before any major feast in prayer and vigilance. The apostles had done the same prior to Pentecost (Acts 1:12-14). As H. Leo Boles has cogently stated, "The accusation was so absurd that Peter passes it by with the emphatic denial and the observation that all could make. He now points them to the real cause of all that they had heard and seen" (Boles).

#### A Declaration of the Fulfillment of Prophecy: Verses 16-21

Having dislodged the charge of drunkenness, Peter proceeds to explain what the multitude is seeing and hearing. "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel" (verse 16). As the inimitable Foy E. Wallace, Jr. used to say, "When an inspired apostle says, 'this is that,' we may know for certain that the event taking place is the fulfillment of the matter prophesied: that 'this' indeed is 'that'!"

Some have seen Peter's quotation of Joel 2:28-32 as a panoramic overview of the last days (the Christian dispensation), beginning with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles there on the day of Pentecost and culminating with the second coming of Christ when (according to those holding this view) "the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood before that great and notable day of the Lord come" (verse 20).

The more plausible view is that Joel is using apocalyptic language to describe the beginning of the Christian age and the ushering in of the divine scheme of redemption which God had planned from the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4). Such vivid, dramatic, hyperbolic describe great events in God's economy. Daniel and Ezekiel are outstanding examples of prophets who used such language. Jesus Himself, in foretelling the cataclysmic destruction of Jerusalem (which occurred in 70 A.D.) stated: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be slackened" (Matthew 24:29). The apostle John, in the book of Revelation, also employed the apocalyptic terms to describe the victory of the saints in the seven churches of Asia over the Roman Empire of their day. Continued next week.

\*The above is taken from the book "The Kind of Preaching Needed Today" by Hugh Fulford, published 2006. Although this book is directed more toward preachers, it also addresses many things each of us can use in planning seeds for Christ.

## Martha Durham-CA-colon/ Dorothy Killebrew- fell last wk/ Bonita Madewell/ Michelle Lashlee John Hurt-Pneumonia Jim Buckner-in Horizon rehab Rita Stephens-CA Richard Lory-CA

Jimmy Arnold (Bruce & Roxanne's son's father-in-law) CA

Wiley Marshall-(CHF) & Faye Marshall-(Traci Adams) parents

Mary Gugelchuk-(Michelle Lashlee's grandmother) will have surg on Nov 7th

Beth Schreiber Fritts (Wesley Parrish's cousin) breast CA

Marsha Simpson-M Burns aunt-broken back Larry Haves-Elder @ WCOC-Ca has returned

Carter Robb (1 yr old CA-treatments)

April Howton-(Sammy Long's dght-)Breast CA

Savannah Patrick-(Marsha Patrick's granddaughter)able to be back at school

Annette Smith (Carl's wife) stroke

Maggie Wright (friend of N. Buttrey)CA-chemo

Kim Marlow-CA (F.Featherstone-dght/Regina's sis)

Jerry & Judy Smith

Colleen Browning-recovering fr surgery

Becky Keele—CA treatments Kenna Rickenbrode-CA

Julie Shannon (Bob Thommasson's dght-CA

Gracelyn Darety-CF

Beth Campbell-(Thomas Cook's sis) CA.

Mary Ann Gray –CA (friend of N. Buttrey's)

Terry McKay-(Michelle Lashlee's fd) broken wrist.

June Dreaden-(S. Rachford's mom)

Carolyn Eddings-taking cancer treatments

Tessa Estes(Jacob & Lindsey (Baker) Estes-now home,

Virginia Tate-(D. Gentry's mom)

Joe Vargas-Kathy Martin's friend

#### **ASSISTED LIVING & NURSING HOME**

AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons, TN 38363-Wyle Marshall (Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad Dickson Health & Rehab-901 North Charlotte, Dickson, TN 37055 - Clayton England - Marvin's brother

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Our sympathy to the family of "Dallas Hudson. ne was the uncle of Jimmy Long, Jean Buttrey & Nańcy Long family.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**



**MISSION SUNDAY COMING UP ON NOVEMBER 5TH!!!** Meal to follow.

#### Two Exciting Opportunities:

.New Adult Bible Class -starting on Sunday mornings Nov 12th, downstairs in the fellowship room Study will be on how we can learn & re-late to Biblical characters lives in our lives today.

In need of "Greeters"! Is a great way to let members & visitors know how important they are to us & the Lord!!!

#### Our **FALL FAMILY RETREAT** this weekend Oct 20th-22th

@Nathan Bedford. Cost will be \$15. All going or would like to go will meet this Wednesday night after classes in the Fellowship room.

Elders, Deacons, **Preachers** Meeting & Meal on Tuesday, October 24th



@ 6:30. **Bring your** favorite chili or soup!

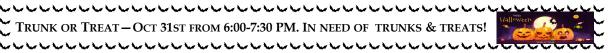
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Faith, Obedience, Unity, Character, Salvation

Our youth activities for last week began with our combined FLAME and BUGS group activity. We met Wednesday night at 5:00. We played a game inside together and then headed outside for a game of kickball. We had 8 little ones and 7 older ones in attendance. After our games we headed back in for a meal together. We had a great time and a lot of fun!

Our final youth activity was our Devo Sunday night at the home of Joe and Janna Smith. We enjoyed a devotional period outside by the fire on a cool night. I appreciate Joe for bringing us the devotional thought! After Devo we enjoyed great food and great fellowship together. I appreciate Joe and Janna so much for hosting. It was a great night! In Christian Love, Keith

TRUNK OR TREAT – OCT 31ST FROM 6:00-7:30 PM. IN NEED OF TRUNKS & TREATS!



#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### Sunday October 22nd 2023

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Welcome	Ethan Tummins
Lead Singing	Mark Forster
1st Prayer	Derek Berryman
Sermon	Bruce Mayfield
Lord's Table	Mark Forster
Mike Robertson	Glenn Ross
Mike Burns	Mike Tyler
Jimmy Suddeath	Dwight Stuart

Closing Prayer	Wayne Berryman
Collect Cards	Sterling Hurt & John Hurt
Greeters	Not at this time
Nursery	Not at this time
Collect Cups	Youth Group
Security	Team #3

#### Sunday 6PM, October 22nd 2023

Lead Singing	Mark Forster
Prayer	Drew Swearns
Sermon	Bruce Mayfield
Lord's Table	Danny Dotson Billy Buttrey
Closing Prayer	Jim Ridings

### Wednesday 6:30 PM, October 25th 2023

Lead Singing	Bruce Mayfield
Prayer	Drew Buttrey
Adult Class	

If you are unable to serve...please contact Wade *Tummins, in advance.* (cell 931-209-6291) If changes need to be made in scheduling please contact Jimmy Phy.

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#### **OUR RECORDS for 10/15/2023**

Sunday Morning Bible School — — — — - 105
Sunday Morning Worship 170
Sunday Evening Worship 86
Wed. Mid-week Bible Study (10/11) 109
Sunday Contribution — — — — — —
Number of Seeds Planted $$ 20

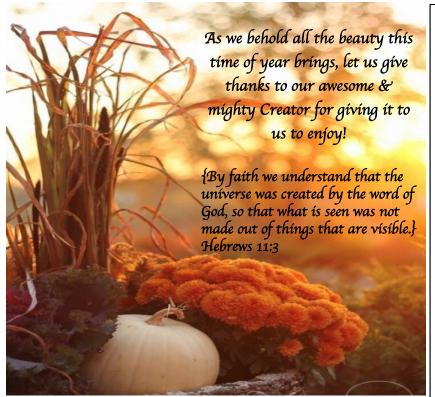


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#### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Study	9:00am
Worship	
Evening	6:00pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Study......6:30pm

#### Elders:

Calvin Buckner James Buckner Billy Buttrey Bruce Mayfield W.R. Long Mike Robertson

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Derek Berryman Mike Burns Wayne Coates Mark Forste Iohn Hurt Robert Proctor Elton Smith Dwight Stuart Dennis Tester Wade Tummins

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