

The Aims of Preaching/Manner of Preaching-Chapter 1.....Concluding Observations

Our world is changing, and will continue to change. It has been changing ever since the Garden of Eden. Someone has said that when they were driven from the Garden, Eve turned to Adam and said, “The times, they are a changin’.” How true! We must recognize the fact of an ever-changing world and not be intimidated by it. We cannot afford to retreat into a cocoon and refuse to accept the reality of change.

Change per se is not wrong. Some changes are wrong, but not all are. Changes (good and bad) in customs, life-styles, technologies, and values will continue to take place. Preachers would be wise to stay informed of the changes taking place in the world. Within the arenas of expediency and matters of human judgment and opinion, it is wise to be flexible and adaptable. The late H. A. Dixon used to frequently quote Alexander Pope, the English essayist, who said, “Be not the first by whom the new is tried, nor yet the last to lay the old aside.” That is good advice for preachers today. All preachers of the gospel should be willing to say with Paul, “I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some” (I Corinthians 9:22 ASV). But in matters of faith and doctrine, we must “preach...the preaching that I {God} bid thee”(Jonah 3:2).

In summary the kind of preaching needed today is the kind Paul had in mind when he wrote, “I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word! Be instant in season, out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and teaching” (II Timothy 4:1,2). If preachers will be faithful to this charge the church faces the future with great hope and optimism and with the promise that God Himself will give the increase. This is the kind of preaching needed today!

Chapter 2 : “The Sermon On Pentecost.....

Acts 2 is the heart of the Bible. That is to say, everything before Acts 2 pointed to the events recorded in that chapter, and everything after Acts 2 points back to that landmark. At the heart of Acts 2 is the sermon preached by Peter and the other apostles of Christ. Such being the case, that sermon and what it sets forth constitutes the core of what the Bible is all about.

The sermon begins in verse 14 and reaches its crescendo in verse 36 with the irrefutable conclusion. “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made this same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.” This affirmation is the central truth of God’s plan for human redemption.. It is, therefore, the central truth of God’s revelation to man.

An analysis of the sermon shows that it is divided into three parts:(1) a refutation of the charge that the apostles were drunk (verses 14,15); (2) a declaration that what was being seen and heard was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy (verse 16-21); (3) an affirmation that Jesus of Nazareth is Messiah and the savior of the world (verses 22-36). We shall now examine each part of the sermon in detail.. It is a brilliant, to say nothing of being an inspired, example of the kind of preaching needed today. 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 a seed for Christ that Jimmy Phy presented & implemented for us to use last week.

On Our Prayer List...

Jim Buckner-in Horizon /Pacemaker
Rita Stephens-CA

Al Peek

Toad Smith-Hm fr hosp last wk
Richard Lory-CA

Mary Gugelchuk-(Michelle Lashlee's grandmother) will have surg on Nov 7th.
Wiley Marshall-(CHF) & Faye Marshall-(Traci Adams) parents
Savannah Patrick-(Marsha Patrick's granddaughter)recovering fr spinal surgery.
Beth Schreiber Fritts (Wesley Parrish's cousin) breast CA
Marsha Simpson-M Burns aunt-broken back
Larry Hayes-Elder @ WCOC-CA has returned
Carter Robb (1 yr old CA-treatments)
April Howton-(Sammy Long's dght-)Breast CA
Robert Durham- recovering fr spinal surg
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-K.Martin's frd

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
Humphreys County-104 Forte Hill Rd/Waverly,TN.37185 –Billy Adams-Rm 712 / Ann Spicer
Lifecare Center of Centerville-112 Dickson Rd,Centerville, TN 37033/Jim(Rm309) & Earline(Rm315) Davis
NHC-812 N. Charlotte St. Dickson, TN 7055 –Mary Adair- (Rm 117) Thelma Carpenter-Amy & Bo's mom
Ronnie England-(Rm 113) & Doris Stokes-(Rm 127)

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EARL FORSTER-131 Bold Springs Rd.

JOYCE LONG-P.O.Box 386
JIM BUCKNER-9367 Hwy 70 East

GO INTO ALL THE WORLD

ACROSS THE STREET AND ACROSS THE NATIONS

MISSION SUNDAY COMING UP ON NOVEMBER 5TH!!!

OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF

"Mildred Sparkman"-
Al Peek's sister, last week.
"George Hamblin"-
Roy Deloach's friend.
"Andrew Vaughn" -
Wayne Vaughn's brother, Kim Forster's uncle. Service was on Oct.11th @ 12:00 @ Taylor .

Our FALL FAMILY RETREAT will be held on Oct 20th-22th @Nathan Bedford. It is for All Ages!!! Sign-up sheet in the foyer. Cost will be \$15.

Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meeting & Meal on Tuesday, October 24th @ 6:30. Bring your favorite chili or soup!

IN F.O.C.U.S.

Faith, Obedience, Unity, Character, Salvation

Our big activity for last week, which wasn't a youth activity, but a church wide activity, was our Cookout and Softball game on Saturday evening. We had a group of around 55 in attendance. We began the evening with a great meal together of hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings, plus sides and desserts. We had a great time of fellowship together. I appreciate those who brought the sides and desserts and Ethan Tummins grilling all the burgers and hot dogs. After we ate, we divided up the teams and headed to the field. We had a group of 33 who played or attempted to play. It was so much fun and such a blessing to be able to spend this time together in fellowship with our great church family. We shared so many laughs and made so many memories together. I appreciate all those that played and the ones who stayed and watched. I cannot wait to do it again next year! In Christian Love, Keith

Trip to the Pumpkin Patch (for Youth of all ages) Parents too if they like, this Saturday the 14th, meet here at the building @ 10:00 AM.

Our hearts continue to rejoice over the baptism of Alexis Carter, last Sunday.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday October 15th 2023

WelcomeMike Tyler
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....Mike Robertson
Sermon.....Cliff Hand
Lord's Table.....Dwight Stuart
Dennis Tester Gerald Curtis
Bruce Mayfield Robert Proctor
Carter Howard Wendell Monroe

Closing Prayer.....John Hurt
Collect Cards.....Jaxon Holt
 & Matthew Dotson

Greeters..... Not at this time
Nursery..... Not at this time
Collect Cups.....Youth Group
Security.....Team #2

Sunday 6PM, October 15th 2023

Lead Singing..... Mark Forster
Prayer.....Danny Dotson
Sermon..... Jim Suddeath
Lord's Table.....Derek Berryman
 Gerald Curtis
Closing Prayer.....Barry Phy

Wednesday 6:30 PM, October 18th 2023

Lead Singing.....Jimmy Long
Prayer.....Jim Suddeath
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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Return Service Requested



*If you are unable to attend any service please tune in to our Facebook page or our YouTube page to watch the services. This is NOT a replacement for the command to assemble together as Christ's Body, but a tool for those who may be homebound/shut-in or sick.

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to view!



OUR RECORDS for 10/8/2023

Sunday Morning Bible School	-----	100
Sunday Morning Worship	-----	173
Sunday Evening Worship	-----	97
Wed. Mid-week Bible Study (10/04)	----	106
Sunday Contribution	-----	-\$7,965
Number of Seeds Planted	-----	13



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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:00am
Worship..... 10:00am
Evening.....6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 6:30pm

Elders:

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

Deacons:

Derek Berryman	Mike Burns
Wayne Coates	Mark Forster
John Hurt	Barry Phy
Robert Proctor	James Ridings
Elton Smith	Joe Smith
Dwight Stuart	Drew Swearns
Dennis Tester	Ethan Tummins
Wade Tummins	Ronnie Tyler

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