

Chapter 2: The Sermon on Pentecost.....continued from our Nov. 12th bulletin

An Affirmation that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah: verses 22-36

First, (continued from our 11/12 bulletin article) John wrote, “And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples which are not written in this book; but these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:30,31). Those in Peter’s audience had seen many of Jesus’ miracles. They knew that God approved of Him!

Second, Peter declared that Christ had been “delivered by the determinate (determined) counsel and foreknowledge of God” to the Roman authorities (verse 23). Through these authorities the Jews had “crucified and slain” the “man approved of God.” Peter does not mince words. He is bold to charge his hearers with the sin of slaying the Son of God. In a later message to the Jews in Jerusalem Peter charged them with having “killed the Prince of life” (Acts 3:15).

Third, Peter affirms of Christ, “Whom God hath raised up” (verse 24). He shows proof of the resurrection by quoting from the sixteenth Psalm in which David states (among other things) that God would not “leave my soul in hell (hades, the unseen realm of the dead); neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.” Peter points out this prophecy could not refer to David himself because “he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto the day” (verse 27). David’s body had long ago seen corruption. The Jews could still see his tomb in Jerusalem. So it was not himself that David was talking about in Psalms 16. As a prophet, David knew that “God has sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh (his descendants), he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne” (verse 30). By divine inspiration, Peter declared, “He (David) seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ” (verse 31a). The Jews had long honored David as the greatest of all their kings. Now faced with these citations from David himself they could not deny the inescapable truth: “This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses” (verse 32).

Fourth, Peter speaks of the exaltation of Christ. “Therefore, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which you now see and hear” (verse 33). The Jews understood from Joel’s prophecy that God would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh (Joel 2:28). In various New Testament references the Holy Spirit is said to be sent or given by both God and Christ (see John 14:26 and John 15:26). Now Peter asserts that Christ “having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear.” The force of Peter’s argument could not possibly be lost on his hearers. If God pours out the Holy Spirit and if Christ Himself had “shed forth” what those on Pentecost were now seeing and hearing, then Jesus of Nazareth must indeed be the “man approved of God!”

Continuing to emphasize the exaltation of Christ, Peter points out that it is not David who has ascended into the heavens, but rather one whom David himself called “Lord.” “The Lord (God) said unto my Lord (Christ), Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thy foes thy footstool” (verse 34,35, quoting from Psalms 110:1).

During His earthly ministry Jesus had confronted the Jews with this very passage of scripture. “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord’ saying: ‘the Lord said to my Lord, “sit at my right hand till I make Your enemies Your footstool”? If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He His Son?” (Matt

\*The above article is a continuation from the book “The Kind of Preaching Needed Today” by Hugh Fulford, published 2006.

On Our Prayer List...

Evie Jean Smith-now in Humphreys County Rehab  
Al & Vicki Peek

Rita Stevens-CA back-keep in yr prayers  
Dorothy Killebrew


**Patsy Sanders**-(fractured hip repair in rehab @ Waverly Hospital)  
**Mary Mulliniks**-(Cindy Kilpatrick) had shoulder surgery on Nov 28th  
**Virgil Wright**-(Amy Tester's dad) in Horizon rehab.  
**Tessa Estes**(Jacob& Lindsey(Baker) Estes baby girl-now home  
**Waylon Lammel**-(friend of N. Buttrey's) baby @Children's hosp in Knoxville on ventilator  
**Beth Schreiber Fritts** (Wesley Parrish's cousin) breast CA  
**Darrell Tummins**-fr Sylvia COC-in now in Signature Hltcare in Erin, Rm 223B  
**Wanda Wright**—having chemo treatments  
**April Howton**-(Sammy Long's dght)-Breast CA  
**Kathy Czyszszak**-(friend of Gail Forster's)fell & fractured shoulder  
**Carolyn Eddings**-taking cancer treatments  
**Maggie Wright** (friend of N. Buttrey)CA-chemo  
**Virginia Tate**-(D. Gentry's mom)

**Scottie Lashlee**-(Michelle's husband) cataract sg  
**Shirley Arnold**-(S. Mayfield's mother-in-law)surg on 11/13  
**Presley Carter**(Alex's dad) blood clots-  
**Julie Shannon**-Bob Thomason's dght-CA  
**Dale Brock**-(fr Diane Curtis) multiple hlt issues  
**Jimmy Arnold** (Bruce&Roxanne's son's father-in-law)CA  
**June Dreaden**—S. Rachford's mom  
**Mary Ann Gray** —CA (friend of N. Buttrey's)  
**Carter Robb** 1 yr old— CA treatments  
**Annette Smith** (Carl's wife) stroke  
**Faye Marshall**-(Traci Adams) mom  
**Kenna Rickenbrode**-CA  
**Marsha Simpson**-M. Burns aunt-broken back/

**Sue Smith**-(Joe's mom)  
**Kim Marlow-KE** (F.Featherstone-dght/Regina's sis)  
**Jerry & Judy Smith /Becky Keele**-CA treatments

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS			
Beginning <b>Wednesday night, January 3rd</b> , we will continue to meet at 6:30, but instead of going directly to class we will meet upstairs first for announcements & a brief devotional then be dismissed for class. <b><i>The Elders</i></b>	<b>“Golden Age Dinner”</b> <i>{for ages 55 &amp; up}</i> Saturday, December 9th @ 12:00 noon @ Samuel’s on the Square. *Sign-up list in the foyer.	 will be here, Monday, Dec 4th from 1:30-5:30.	Our sympathy & prayers to the family of <b>“Kaye Barker”</b> from the Bruceton COC & who was a dear friend to Kathy Martin.
	<b><u>Upcoming Meetings</u></b>		
	Dec 3rd –after evening service - Bible School Committee Meeting with Supervisors. Dec 10th –@ 5:00 -VBS Planning Meeting- {for anyone interested in helping with VBS next year}		

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*IN F.O.C.U.S.*

Faith, Obedience, Unity, Character, Salvation

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I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday and that the kids enjoyed their break from school. My family and I enjoyed some great food and great family time with my side of the family and Laurie’s side of the family. Only 3 more weeks and the kids will be out for Christmas break.

Our only youth activity for this past weekend was our youth devotional Sunday night after evening service. We had a group of 17 kids in attendance and 10 adults. We began the night with a short devotional focusing on what we are thankful for. After the devo we enjoyed a great meal together and a great time of fellowship. Thank you to Jamie Stanfill for bringing the food, it was all so good!

In Christian Love, Keith

# SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

## Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

Welcome .....	Calvin Buckner	
Lead Singing.....	Mark Forster	
1 <sup>st</sup> Prayer.....	Jimmy Suddeath	
Sermon.....	Mark Forster	
Lord's Table.....	Ethan Tummins	
	Terry Parchman	Andy Marlor
	Dennis Tester	Glenn Ross
	Mike Tyler	Mike Burns
Closing Prayer.....	Marvin England	
Collect Cards.....	Sterling Hurt & John Hurt	
Greeters.....	Not at this time	
Nursery.....	Not at this time	
Collect Cups.....		
Security.....	Team #4	

## Sunday 6PM, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

Lead Singing.....	Mark Forster	
Prayer.....	Drew Swearns	
Sermon.....	Carter Howard	
Lord's Table.....	Ronnie Tyler Jim Ridings	
Closing Prayer.....	Dwight Stuart	

## Wednesday 6:30 PM, December 6<sup>th</sup> 2023

Lead Singing.....	Bruce Mayfield	
Prayer.....	Wade Tummins	
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.*

<u>OUR RECORDS for 11/26/2023</u>	
Sunday Morning Bible School — — — — —	93
Sunday Morning Worship — — — — —	165
Sunday Evening Worship — — — — —	92
Wed. Mid-week Bible Study (11/22) — — — —	91
Sunday Contribution — — — — —	\$6,971
Number of Seeds Planted — — — — —	7



# The MESSENGER

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*A Caring Church Lifting Up The CROSS And CROWN of CHRIST*



### Schedule of Services

*Sunday*

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

*Wednesday*

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

Elders:

<i>James Buckner</i>	<i>Calvin Buckner</i>
<i>Billy Buttrey</i>	<i>Bruce Mayfield</i>
<i>W.R. Long</i>	<i>Mike Robertson</i>

**Deacons:**

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

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