

South Gate Church of Christ

2700 Pulaski Highway
Columbia, TN 38401
office@sgcoc.org
www.southgatechurchofchrist.org
Office: (931) 388-7334

Listen, and share our lessons

Listen to Podcasts— South Gate
Watch at southgatechurchofchrist.org

Radio Broadcast on WMCP 1280 AM
each Sunday at 7:15 a.m.
Joe Macer - Speaker

Informer



Volume 62

February 1, 2017

05

Preaching about the Kingdom

⁴² When day came, Jesus left and went to a secluded place; and the crowds were searching for Him, and came to Him and tried to keep Him from going away from them. ⁴³ But He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose."

⁴⁴ So He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Luke 4:42-44

Early in Jesus' ministry there was a lot of excitement. He came to preach the good news about the coming kingdom of God. As He proclaims that He is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy in his hometown they try to throw him off a cliff. He heals a demon possessed man in Capernaum and the word got out about him. Crowds of people with various diseases and those who are demon possessed come to him seeking healing. He lays his hands on "everyone of them and healed them" all as the sun goes down. Imagine the excitement of those who started the day with a serious disease, and at the end of the day it is gone. They were so blessed by Jesus' actions.

The verses above, however, give us an important insight into Jesus' ministry. The next morning as Jesus goes to a quiet place to pray his disciples come to Him and tell Him they want him to stay with them. They want Jesus to stay with them and take care of their needs, however Jesus has a clear understanding of His purpose. His main job was to preach about the kingdom not take care of physical needs. While taking care of the needs of others was important, the most important thing he could do was to give his time to telling others about the kingdom. What does that tell us about sharing the message of the kingdom? It was Jesus' main priority even above the physical needs of the people around him. Let's not ever forget the upmost importance of sharing the message of the Kingdom.

John

Tell me, please ...

Acts 8:34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?"

The Ethiopian eunuch is a marvelous character to learn from. This man had a high ranking job in Ethiopia. He had served as the official in charge of the queen's treasury and yet he felt the need to take a trip to Jerusalem. What was the purpose of this trip? The trip was taken for no other reason than to go there for worship. Either the eunuch was a Jew or he was a Gentile that feared God - more than likely the former. He was serious about his worship of God. The man also read Scriptures. As he is traveling home, he is reading from the book of Isaiah. His reading is not simply on the surface but rather he was seeking to understand. As he was approached by Philip, he was hoping for knowledge associated with his reading. Tell me please, who is the prophet talking about? What a wonderful question.

As you study the Scriptures, do you seek for understanding? There are many concepts that require some deep thinking. Are we willing to put the time and effort into gaining understanding? In this example, the eunuch asked Philip for an explanation to the passage. Philip took the opportunity to explain that the passage was about the Messiah. The eunuch was introduced to Jesus and after hearing the explanation, he made a commitment to the Lord. The great need for today is to find honest seekers who want to know what God wants them to do. Among worshippers of God, there needs to be a desire for deeper understanding. How are we doing at growing in our knowledge of the Lord?

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Alice Bolton
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 104
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman - undergoing chemo weekly
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris
- Corrine Goetz
- Tal Gray
- Billy Ray Hardison
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Libby Moss - at home recovering from surgery
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Melba Pollard - recovering from surgery
- Elaine Pope
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Melissa Stutts
- Donald White
- Suzanna White
- Elaine Whitehead

Congratulations to Matthew and MacKenzie Boyd on the birth of Bentley Jackson, born on January 28. Proud grandparents are Tonya and Gary Boyd. Proud great grandparents are JoAnn and Johnnie Johnson.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Sonny Massey - 600 Lookout Dr., Elmer Rummage, Beatrice Baker - sister-in-law of Lorene Hickman - NHC Walnut Ln., Rm. 104-B, Baby Fulton McCoullah, Edith Sharp - sister of Betty Lentz, Sunny & Stacy Hobbs, Maddox Jackson, Natalie Kuykendall, Marie Skelton, Lori Brown, Carter Sexton, friend of Boyd & June Wood, William Nicholson - brother of Larry, Jennifer Coble - friend of Ashlea Bermudez, Carson Vitrano 13 yr. old friend of the Barbers, Jeanne Nicholson - chemo, JoAnn Posey, Alene Cox, Ronald Mayberry - brother of Eldridge & John Mayberry, J.C. Gray - cousin of Kay Beard, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Ralph Gilmore, Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, James Garner-uncle of Terry Burgess, David Phillips, Laurie Ann Beever - cousin of Kim Fitzgerald and Baileys Christensen - friend of Kim, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long and Joyce Runions - relatives of Phillis Churchwell, Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Debbie Spears, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John & Eldridge Mayberry - Life Care, Rm. 141A, Nick Tank, Clarence Weaver, Stacey Brown, Dorothy Rea, Evelyn Felker, Ann Graham, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, Kendall Westmoreland, Virginia Clay, Willard Blocker, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8.

WORSHIP LEADERS FEBRUARY 5, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Randy Jones
Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
Prayer.....Trent Hill
Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Donnie G. Davis
 Jim Pollard Sonny Hargrove
 Trent Thomason E.J. Hill
 Chris Mobley Boyd Wood
 Jacob Pollard Bill Fuller
Read: John 8:31,32.....Max Ballard
Sermon: We Can Know The Truth.....John Thomas
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
Prayer.....Jeremy Britt
Read: Acts 8:4-12.....Richard Farris
Sermon: The Conversion of Simon.....Joe Macer
Presiding.....Jerry Ballard
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Barry Cross

Ushers: Jason Kelley, Terry Burgess, Barrow Brown

Greeters: Greg & Kelley Lusk, Ryan & Angie Massey

Visual: Chase Thomason, David Morgan

Security Team: A.M. & P.M. - Greg Lusk, Addison Duff

If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (446-0668) or Joe Williams (388-9183)

Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Teresa Lyle, Cecelia Willis
P.M.....Dana & Jessica Daniels

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.

Song Leader.....Sam Quirk
Prayer.....Eric Hixson
Announcements/Speaker.....Blair Keeling