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### Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.  
Morning Worship.... 10:30 A.M.  
Afternoon Worship.... 1:30 P.M.

### Wednesday:

Bible Study ..... 7:00 P.M.

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## From the Preacher

The Bible admonishes, “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works” (Heb. 10:24). This can only be done through faithful attendance to our Lord’s assemblies (v.25). The church is a divine organization and is singularly committed to doing the work of the Lord. Whatever encourages His work we should have the noble desire of being a part of it. It is exciting to know that Christians are “workers together with him [God]” (2 Cor. 6:1). Likewise, it is through Him our work is accomplished. Paul stated, “I planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase” (1 Cor. 3:6).

The Forest Hill elders enthusiastically support all efforts designed to edify and strengthen Christians and help win the lost to Christ. During the last few weeks several programs have been utilized to fulfill these goals. It was a privilege to attend our recent parenting seminar conducted by Forest Hill elder, Greg Mangrum, and his wife, Christa, and Jerry and Lynn Manning. The classes were divided between the men and women and the practical lessons learned were very helpful as young parents consider the awesome responsibility of child rearing. This past weekend the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual mission forum was conducted by Memphis School of Preaching and directed by MSOP Instructor, Billy Bland. If you were here you could not help leaving more zealously determined to win souls for Jesus. However, we must attend such activities to be able to benefit from these spiritual endeavors.

In the coming month, you will have opportunity to be part of several Forest Hill activities that will be beneficial to you. A great occasion for family fun and fellowship will take place on our grounds Friday evening, October 27. Mark your calendar now to be a part of this eventful evening. Ask others to come with you. Through meeting your spiritual family, perhaps these guests will then be desirous of joining us in worship and Bible study.

Speaking of evangelistic efforts, next month Forest Hill will welcome Neal and Kathy Pollard for what is going to be an exceptionally God glorifying week. Kathy will speak at our annual ladies day, Saturday, November 11. Her theme is the title of a book she authored, “Return to Me.” All of us have loved ones who have fallen away and this special day will emphasize winning these souls back to the Lord. Neal will be preaching in our gospel meeting, November 12-15. Our theme for the week will be the same as a book he has authored, “Rise Up and Build.” The Pollards are the parents of three Christian sons and they labor with the Bear Valley Church of Christ in Denver, Colorado. Brochures for the ladies day and the gospel meeting are available in the church lobby. Spread the word about the tremendous treat that lies in store for all of us.

I want to thank my elders and all of our members for giving me the opportunity to occasionally go and preach elsewhere. In recent weeks I preached in a gospel meeting for the Nettleton Church of Christ in Jonesboro, Arkansas and, also, along with Celicia and our daughters, journeyed to Tilton, New Hampshire where I preached three times on a lectureship hosted by brethren there. Following this program, our family spent several days driving throughout New England enjoying the beautiful Fall foliage. However, it is good to be home and back in my favorite pulpit, working with my favorite congregation. God bless you, dear reader.

Barry

## The Gospel Account Of John Chapters 1 and 2

Brock Kendall

The great book known as the Gospel account of John is a masterpiece to say the least. The book was written for a simple purpose. It was penned by the apostle to produce faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of GOD, *“And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of GOD; and that believing ye might have life through His name”* (Jn. 20:30, 31). To encourage his readers John begins his gospel account with a prologue (Jn. 1:1-18), in which, he makes several claims as to who Jesus was/is. He refers to Jesus in this prologue as “the Word” (Jn. 1:1b), and that he refers to Jesus is evident from verses 14-18. This very first claim pertains to the pre-existence of Christ. Therefore, the Christ existed in the beginning, long before being born, and His work in the beginning has great significance for all people today (Jn. 1:3-5).

Interestingly, John was not alone in proclaiming “The Pre-Existence of Christ.” This amazing testimony was foretold by the prophets. Micah prophesied of the pre-existence of the Messiah to come (Mic. 5:2). Isaiah spoke of the King to come as “Everlasting Father” (Isa. 9:6, 7). The prophet Zechariah recorded the Messiah’s own promise to come (Zech. 2:10, 11). Jesus Himself affirmed His eternal nature in His claim to have existed in Abraham’s day (Jn. 8:56-58). In our LORD’S prayer shortly before His arrest and crucifixion He made this claim for Himself (Jn. 17:4, 5, 24). Also, in the revelation He gave to the apostle John divine truth regarding His pre-existence (Rev. 22:13). This testimony was also declared by Jesus’ apostles. Not only did the apostle John declare the eternal nature of Christ (Jn. 1:1-4), but so did the great apostle Paul in his epistles to Corinth (1 Cor. 10:1-4; 2 Cor. 8:9), Philippi (Phil. 2:5-8), and to the church in Colosse (Col. 1:16-17). There is great significance of the pre-existence of Christ. He is deity. Our LORD’S going forth is from everlasting (Mic. 5:2). He was/is the eternal “I Am” (Jn. 8:58; cf. Exo. 3:13, 14). John made it clear in the prologue that Jesus was “with” GOD (implying personal communion with GOD), and that Jesus “was” GOD (explicitly stating His deity). Thus, He is worthy of our love and adoration (Jn. 20:28). Jesus Christ is life, and light (Col. 1:16; Jn. 1:4). All things were made by Him, and all things are held together by Him (Col. 1:17), and without Him, nothing was made. We live in a world of darkness today where people spend their lives stumbling in ignorance, and they are alienated from the life of GOD because of their ignorance (Eph. 4:17-19). Jesus

was uniquely qualified to bring light into the world, and He calls for us to believe that we might become “sons of light” (Jn. 12:35, 36). Thus, Jesus offers us the “light of life” (Jn. 8:12).

It is common to think of Jesus as a gentle, peace-loving man. Yet, on occasion Jesus displayed strong righteous indignation (Jn. 2:13-15). The LORD’S rebuke reveals the reason for His outburst (Jn. 2:16). The temple in Jerusalem was to be a house of prayer, they had turned it into a den of thieves (Mt. 21:13). The LORD was angered by the manner in which some used religion to make money. What if we attend church simply as a form of “networking”, or to make business contracts? What if we take advantage of relationship as brethren to further a multilevel marketing business, a home-based business or any other financial enterprise? The LORD’S temple today is the church, we must be careful lest we defile it as well (cf. 1 Cor. 3:16, 17).

What right did Jesus have to use such a display of force? That is what the Jews wanted to know. This was a great sign that proved His authority. They wanted to know what sign He could offer to prove His right to cleanse the temple (Jn. 2:18). Jesus offered His ability to rise from the dead as the ultimate proof (Jn. 2:19-22). His resurrection proved that He was the Son of GOD (cf. Rom. 1:4). He has been given the authority to exercise such judgment as cleansing the temple (Jn. 5:22, 26, 27).

Today, we cannot discern the hearts of men like the LORD can. Since we cannot read the hearts of men, we must be careful. We are unable to always know the motives of others. We must approach those in opposition with humility (2 Tim. 2:24-26). We must approach brethren overtaken in a fault with gentleness, following Paul’s admonition, “Bretheren if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted (Gal. 6:1).

*(Brock Kendall is a 2013 graduate of the Memphis School of Preaching. He is married to Vanessa and they have a 10 month old son, Ezra. Brock preaches for the Nettleton Church of Christ in Jonesboro, Arkansas.)*

**PRESIDE:** Evan Manning  
**ASSIST:** Andy Ammons  
 Lewis Elliott  
 Gene Kuehn

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**A.M. OPENING:** Lee Frederick  
**A.M. CLOSING:** Daniel Manning  
**P.M. OPENING:** Marion Maund  
**P.M. CLOSING:** Paul Davenport

If you are unable to lead prayer or serve at the Lord's table, please contact Cedric Huff or Paul Connell.

**RECORD, WEEK of October 15, 2017**

BIBLE STUDY: 265  
 A.M. WORSHIP: 345  
 P.M. WORSHIP: 215  
 CONTRIBUTION: \$14,600.00

**OUR SICK**

**BRENDA GITTER**, mother of Bob Gitter, is suffering from Alzheimer's.

**ILL AT HOME:** Libby Goff

**HOMEBOUND**

Joe Baxter	Anita Hopper
Bessie Berry	Albert & Ruth House
Ann Castleman	Clarine Justice
Virginia Ditto	Ryan McCullar
Hazel Eskew	Helen Palazola
Tommy & Nell Herndon	Jerry & Betty Robbins

**OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:**

June Faulkner in the passing of her brother, Paul Case. Mr. Case was also the grandfather of Abby Case.

Jake Schrimsher, MSOP student, in the passing of his grandfather, Paul Winstead.

The family of Lonnie Whitaker, son of E.L. Whitaker, Jr., former Knight Arnold Evangelist.

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOX!**

**HEARTS AND HANDS**

**TEAM "A" (ROBERT BERCH)** will receive assignments the week of October 22.

**TEAM "B" (WARREN DAVENPORT)** will receive assignments the week of October 29.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**LADIES AND MEN'S CLASSES** meet each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 24 there will be a combined class that will meet for a period of prayer. Also, we will meet at Cracker Barrel for breakfast at 8:45.

**KIRBY PINES** Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45 a.m., conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, October 22.

**FALL FAMILY NIGHT:** Friday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m. The coordinator is April Tomlin. See bulletin board for sign-up sheets.

**FOREST HILL LADIES DAY** Saturday, November 11 beginning at 8:30. Theme: "Return to Me." Speaker: Kathy Pollard.

**FOREST HILL GOSPEL MEETING** November 12-15. Theme: "Rise Up and Build." Speaker: Neal Pollard.

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS:**

Congratulations to Leta Fay Anderson who celebrates her 90th birthday, Sunday, October 22.

Congratulations to Clarine Justice who celebrates her 97th birthday, Monday, October 23.

**MACON CHURCH OF CHRIST GOSPEL MEETING**

October 29-November 1. Sunday at 10:00, 11:00, and 1:30. Monday-Wednesday at 7 p.m. John Deberry is the speaker.

*Last week's solution:*  
*Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; Ecclesiastes 12:1*

**CORNERSTONE**

**Scriptogram:** Each letter in the passage is replaced with another.  
 QDY GQME YKFEA AKN KVNEF IFQZO BD VBO NKD VBZFY  
 VNMOF, QDY ZFRFBLFY QEE AVQA RQPF BD MDAN VBP,  
 GZFQRVBDU AVF TBDUYNP NX UNY, QDY AFQRVBDU AVNOF  
 AVBDUO KVBRV RNDRFZD AVF ENZY SFOMO RVZBOA, KBAV QEE  
 RNDXBYFDRE, DN PQD XNZWBYYBDU VBP.  
 V=H Solution next week R=C

## E Pluribus Unum

Sometimes I have heard political leaders say that our nation's diversity is our strength. Indeed our nation is diverse. Many from different social, economic, and ethnic backgrounds have found a home upon these shores of this great nation. Often at great peril, families have left tyranny and poverty behind, seeking for a better way of life in this land. Remember Lady Liberty in New York harbor raises her golden torch high and cries with silent lips, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free!"

However, I do not agree that it is our diversity which makes us strong but, rather, it is a diverse people united upon some common principles that make us strong. Our nation's motto is E Pluribus Unum, Latin for "Out of many, one." While we have may not always agree, there are certain principles we follow in this country that should unite us regardless of political or religious persuasion. As the debate rages in our country about the future direction of our nation, let us remember, that our flag, our national anthem, the statue of liberty, and our constitution all symbolize the freedom we enjoy. That freedom, which was purchased with the blood of patriots, cannot even be fathomed by the people of many of the nations of the earth. Let us as citizens of this country, and as citizens of the Kingdom of God, give thanks for our religious heritage and religious liberty, seek unity and not division in our land, and honor the symbols of our nation which have provided hope and opportunity for so many for over two hundred years.

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