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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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The Power of Preaching

Barry Grider

As the 2018 class of the Memphis School of Preaching prepares to enter the fields of labor, consider the power of preaching according to the biblical model. To make sure your sermon is powerful, it must be:

1. Scripture-saturated. Since the power is in the Word of God, each sermon should be replete with Scripture references. Peter was a proof-text preacher, quoting the prophecies of Joel and David. It is the Word of God that can strike a chord in the heart of man. Paul said,

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek (Rom. 1:16).

Furthermore, the writer of Hebrews states,

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Heb. 4:12).

Jesus understood the power of the Word when confronted by the Devil. Three times, after being tempted to sin, He replied, "It is written" (Matt. 4).

The gospel preacher must give his audience a proper diet of the Word of God. By so doing, he will equip them to stand against the wiles of the Devil (Eph. 6:11). To be scripture saturated does not mean the preacher must quote 200 verses in a 30 minute sermon, however, the entirety of his sermon should be focused on the biblical text. Far too many preachers would rather deliver a tear-jerking, watered-down, human interest story that is appealing to the listeners (2 Tim. 4:3-4). The apostles followed the Lord's command and preached the Word (2 Tim. 4:2).

2. Christ-centered. The focus of our lives should be centered upon Christ (Gal 6:14). Hence, our sermons will exalt the Savior and point men toward Him. Paul stated thusly, "But we preach Christ crucified..." (1 Cor. 1:23). The heart of Peter's message on Pentecost was a crucified Christ and a risen Lord. (Acts 2:36). Salvation is to be found in Him (2 Tim. 2:10; Eph. 1:3). This being true, and since one is baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:27), Peter pointed out the necessity of baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

Likewise, Christ-centered preaching is necessary since all authority rest with Him (Matt. 28:18). Christ-centered preaching does not involve simply speaking about His good life, but also declaring the doctrine of Christ. Jesus said,

Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with he holy angels (Mark 8:38).

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Some preachers can present beautiful oratory concerning the life of Christ, yet reject His teaching. One should remember on the final day we shall be judged by Christ and His Word (John 12:48). Therefore, one who refuses to preach the doctrine of Christ cannot be considered a Christ-centered preacher.

3. Sinner-sighted. Gospel preachers are to present a practical message that meets the needs of the audience. The Bible is designed by God to do just exactly that. When Jesus walked upon this earth, He clearly understood His mission. His was a message of redemption for those who were lost in sin (Luke 19:10). “And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance” (Luke 5:32). On the day of Pentecost, Peter had much to say concerning the sins of those gathered, including convicting his audience that they were guilty of murdering the Lord Jesus Christ. However, Peter offered a message of hope to these sinners. God was able to save them through that very death of Christ on the cross. Just as Jesus did not condemn the world (John 3:17), neither did Peter condemn his audience, but rather convicted them of sin, and called upon each one to repent. The record states,

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls (Acts 2:41).

Therefore, Peter fulfilled his mission on that day. Since soul-saving ought to be the goal of every congregation’s work, every sermon should be sinner-sighted. With this in mind, every preacher will be sure to extend the Lord’s invitation (Matt. 11:28-30) at the conclusion of every sermon. There should be constant pleading for each sinner to respond in obedience to the gospel. Those who are not interested in souls should not occupy any pulpit of our Lord.

4. God-glorifying. Powerful preaching always brings glory and honor to God. This happened at Pentecost (Acts 2:47). It is through preaching that God has chosen to save mankind. It is a reflection of His infinite wisdom (1 Cor. 1:21). God takes great delight in seeing those whom he has redeemed, out of thankful hearts, declare His message to others. Preaching will always be worth our every effort, even when men won’t believe us and refuse to heed the message. Preaching that

is true to the Word always bring glory to God and the crown of life to those who have faithfully proclaimed it. (2 Tim. 4:8).

*Memphis School of Preaching
Graduation 2018*

*The Elders of the
Forest Hill Church of Christ
and Faculty of the
Memphis School of Preaching
Memphis, Tennessee
join Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Clarke
in requesting the pleasure of your
presence
at the
Commencement Exercises and
Reception
in honor of the Graduates
on Sunday, the seventeenth of June
two thousand and eighteen.*

*Reception: 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.
in the Fellowship Hall of the
Forest Hill Church of Christ*

*Graduation: 5:00 P.M. at the
Forest Hill Church of Christ
Auditorium
3950 Forest Hill-Irene Road
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*Guest Speaker:
Cliff Goodwin
Evangelist, Ironaton Church of Christ
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ASSIST: Paul Davenport Bob Gitter
 Jason Moore Billy Rodgers
 Kirk Teachout Irwin Thomas

A.M. OPENING: John Manning
A.M. CLOSING: Robert Jeter
P.M. OPENING: Wayne Sanders
P.M. CLOSING: Dan Dawson

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

RECORD, WEEK of June 3, 2018

BIBLE STUDY: 215
 A.M. WORSHIP: 285
 P.M. WORSHIP: 190
 CONTRIBUTION: \$16,064.00

OUR SICK

Helen Newsom, Baptist Rehab, Room 210.
Betty Sims, mother of Cindy Dawson, Baptist Rehab.

HOMEBOUND

Bessie Berry Anita Hopper
 Virginia Ditto Albert & Ruth House
 Hazel Eskew Clarine Justice
 Tommy & Nell Herndon Jerry & Betty Robbins
 Doris Jean Cole Velton & Dorothy Trimm

Forest Hill Church of Christ

Adult Classes
 Summer Quarter, 2018 (July-August)

<u>Location</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Topic</u>
<u>Sunday Morning</u>		
Auditorium (A)	Greg Mangrum	<i>Ascertaining Bible Authority</i>
Chapel Hall (E)	Keith Mosher	<i>Luke</i>
Break Room (E) (Young Adults)	Robert Berch	<i>The Proverbial Life</i>
<u>Wednesday Night</u>		
Auditorium (A)	MSOP Faculty	<i>Add to Your Faith...</i>
<u>Tuesday Morning</u>		
Ladies/ Men's (A) Class	Barry Grider	Various Topics

A-Auditorium Building
 E-Education Building

HEARTS AND HANDS

TEAM "B" (WARREN DAVENPORT) will meet at the home of Warren and Lisa Davenport Saturday, June 9 at 5:00 p.m. for a fish fry. Food is provided.

TEAM "E" (JIM WOODY) will meet at the home of Harold and Carol Mangrum Saturday, June 9 at 12:30 p.m. for a cookout. See Edwyna for what to bring. RSVP to (901)484-1569, (901)484-1568, or email Edwyna at edwinner@comcast.net.

EVENTS

LADIES AND MEN'S COMBINED CLASSES Tuesdays at 10:00.

VBS 2018 continues through Wednesday, June 6. Also, there will be a pizza dinner Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. Pizza will be provided.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP June 10-16, Chattanooga, TN.

2018 SUMMER SERIES Wednesdays, June 20-August 8. Theme: *Add to Your Faith...(A Study of the Christian Graces)*. Various speakers.

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, June 24.

Thank you for all the phone calls and cards during the time of my broken shoulder and eye surgery.
 Kay Downey

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the congregation for their constant prayers and care concerning our mom's surgery. We are overwhelmed by the way the Lord's providence worked and are so grateful for the Forest Hill congregation. Please continue to pray for Mom's recovery.

In Christian love, The Gootam Family

Gospel Meeting, Ripley, MS Church of Christ, June 10-13. Monday-Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Barry Grider

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOX!

Last week's solution:
Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: Romans 5:1

CORNERSTONE

Scryptogram: Each letter in the passage is replaced with another. Solve the code and discover the verse(s). Solution on last page.
 KWN XWLSL ZSVU UBS JHWEZ WJ QSUBPW BAL JFUBSP-AK-HFN, UBS VPASLU WJ XACAFK
 FKCB BS HSC UBS JHWEZ UW UBS DFEZLACS WJ UBS CSLSPU, FKCB EFXS UW UBS XWTKUFAK WJ RWC, SOSK UW BWPSD. FKCB UBS FKRSW WJ UBS HWPC FVVSFPSC TKUW BAX AK F JHFXS WJ JAPS WTU WJ UBS XACLU WJ F DTLB
 FKCB BS HWWZSC, FKCB, DSBWHC, UBS DTLB DTPKSC NAUB JAPS, FKCB UBS DTLB NFL KWU EWKLTXS.
 J=F Solution next week. D=B

What Are We Here For?

Brett Petrillo

J.M. Boice told an amusing story about Yogi Berra, the well-known catcher for the New York Yankees in the 1950's. During a game, Hank Aaron came up to the plate to bat. Yogi Berra began his usual chattering and tried to distract Aaron. Yogi said to him, "Henry you're holding the bat wrong. You're supposed to hold it so you can read the trade-mark." Aaron didn't say anything in return. When the next pitch came, he smashed it into the left-field bleachers. After running the bases and stepping back on home plate, Aaron looked at Yogi Berra and said, "I didn't come up here to read."

Unless we are careful, it's so easy to get distracted. We are bombarded by things trying to catch our eye. Ads constantly show up on phones, computers, and the T.V. Driving exposes us to countless signs, businesses, and ads. To make matters worse, we even distract ourselves by putting too much time into our jobs, hobbies, and the like. We are so over-stimulated with distractions; it's not all that surprising that it can be a challenge to focus on what's really important. It's past time we slow down and ask ourselves, "What are we here for?"

God didn't put us here to simply chase after our own wants and desires. He didn't put us here to get distracted by all the worldly flash and chatter. Let's not lose sight as to why we are here. We are here to serve the Lord (Matt. 6:24; Gal. 1:10; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15).

No matter how many distractions come our way, let's stay focused on why we are here. Let's remember and echo Joshua's famous words in our lives, "...But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD" (Josh. 24:15).

(submitted by June Faulkner)

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