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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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## Apostolic Authority

Darrell Conley

*[Editor's Note: As reported in last week's bulletin, faithful and able evangelist, Darrell Conley, passed away recently. He was 78. I had the pleasure of being with brother Conley on several occasions. I very much remember being present as he, along with brethren H.A. Dobbs and Jerry Moffitt, very capably debated three Catholic priests concerning the errors of Catholicism, which was conducted in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, in 1996. In 1999, he wrote the following manuscript for the Southwest Lectures, which I had the privilege of directing. We appreciate brother Conley's love for Christ and for the souls of men. Among those he baptized during his many years of preaching was our own Pati Wright, a faithful member of the Forest Hill church. Presently two of brother Conley's grandsons are studying in the Memphis School of Preaching.]*

## The Work Of An Apostle

### The Meaning Of The Name

According to Thayer, the original word used for "apostle," *apostlos*, means, "a delegate, messenger, one sent forth with orders."<sup>1</sup> It is used in various senses in the New Testament. The word is used of Christ (Heb. 3:1). He is called the Apostle of God, because He was sent forth by God. It is used of those who were selected to convey the collection for the poor saints in Judea (2 Cor. 8:23). Although the word in the English is translated "messengers," the Greek word is *apostoloi* - apostles. They were sent back to Judea with the money. The word is used of both Barnabas and Saul (Acts 14:4, 14). Although Barnabas was not one of the twelve, he and Saul had been sent out by the church at Antioch (Acts 13:3) and were "apostles" of the church in Antioch in this sense. Saul (or Paul) was also an apostle of Christ (1 Cor. 7-9). This was true of both Paul and the twelve. They were the apostles of Christ.

And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, who also he named apostles (Luke 6:13).<sup>2</sup>

They had been sent out by Christ, with a special mission, special authority, and special power. this lecture will deal with this group of men and their authority.

### The Apostles Were To Be Eyewitnesses Of The Resurrection Of Christ

The apostles had been with Him during His personal ministry and witnessed His resurrection. He said to them, "Ye are witnesses of these things," (Luke 24:48). One of their major works was to be witnesses.

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Even as they delivered them unto us, who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word (Luke 1:2).

After that he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom he also showed himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing unto them by the space of forty days, and speaking the things concerning the kingdom of God... ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:2-3, 8-9).

He forseeing this spake of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he left unto Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus did God raise up, whereof we all are witnesses (Acts 2:31-32).

And killed the Prince of life; whom God raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses (Acts 3:15).

Him God raised up the third day, and gave him to be made manifest, not to all the people, but unto witnesses that were chosen before of God, even to us, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he charged us to preach unto the people, and to testify that this is he who is ordained of God to be the Judge of the living and the dead (Acts 10:40-42).

From these many passages and from many others, we see that one of the main works that the apostles were to do, and that they were qualified to do, was to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ and to His teachings. It is a great, but common mistake, to refer to Christians in general as “witnesses” of Christ, or “witnessing” or of our “giving our testimony.” Such is usual in the denominations and is becoming common among apostate brethren. Besides being a misuse of the word, it is a useless thing to do. What if one “testifies” to a Mormon or Jehovah’s Witness what he thinks Christ has done for him, and the person replies, “Fine. Let me tell you what He has done for me,” what does he do then? He has to go to the Bible, where he should have gone originally.

### **The Role Of The Apostles In Carrying Out The Great Commission**

Before Christ ascended, He gave the apostles the Great Commission.

Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and

lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world (Matt. 28:19-20).

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned (Mark 16:15-16).

Luke’s account of the Great Commission is found in Luke 24:47-48, and Acts 1:8. In the account in Acts, Christ is quoted as having said,

Ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

This is exactly the order in which the gospel was preached: first in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost and following, then in Judea and Samaria as the disciples began to endure persecution; and then we read,

They therefore that were scattered abroad upon the tribulation that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, and Cyprus,, and Antioch, speaking the word to none save only to Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Greeks also preaching the Lord Jesus (Acts 11:19-20).

The requirements of the Great Commission, to carry the gospel to the whole world, to every creature, applied to more than just the apostles. Christ said those who were converted were to be taught. “all things I have commanded you.” This would have included the command to preach the gospel to the whole world, This applies to us today. How well have we done? How diligent have we been in obeying this command? How faithful to the Lord’s teaching have our own brethren been? Have not others been more aggressive in propagating error, than we have been in carrying the truth to the lost? How many of us have even approached our next door neighbors, or our co-workers with the gospel, much less those on the other side of the world? One of the songs that ought to pierce our conscience goes:

When in the better land before the bar we stand,  
How deeply grieved our souls will be;  
If any lost one there should cry in deep despair,  
“You never mentioned Him to me.”

“You never mentioned Him to me,  
You helped me not the light to see;  
You met me day by day and knew I was astray,  
Yet never mentioned Him to me.”<sup>3</sup>

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**PRESIDE:** Cason Grider Steve Ulrich  
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**P.M. OPENING:** Cedric Huff  
**P.M. CLOSING:** Evan Manning

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

**RECORD, WEEK of September 16, 2018**

BIBLE STUDY: 215  
 A.M. WORSHIP: 280  
 P.M. WORSHIP: 185  
 CONTRIBUTION: \$15,102.00

**HOMEBOUND**

Virginia Ditto Albert & Ruth House  
 Hazel Eskew Betty Jones  
 Doris Jean Cole Jerry & Betty Robbins  
 Anita Hopper Velton & Dorothy Trimm

**OUR SICK**

**Ill at home:** Phil Houston, Martha McKelvey, Keith Mosher, Wanda Rodgers and Cecil Sowell.

**Warren Davenport**, tests, Baptist Collierville.

**Patsy DeShields**, St Francis Hospital, Barry Building, Room 405.

**Betty Jones**, Ave Maria Home Care, Bartlett.

**Rebekah Nichols**, surgery this week, Germantown Methodist.

**HEARTS AND HANDS**

**TEAM "H" (KALON BROWN)** will receive assignment cards September 23.

**TEAM "A" (C.J. STAFFORD)** will receive assignment cards September 30.

**EVENTS**

**LADIES AND MEN'S CLASSES** meet each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

**SALT** (for ladies) will meet Tuesday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

**JC'S KINDNESS EVENT** Sunday, September 23 after the morning service in the Education break room. They will enjoy lunch and make cards. Following the second service they will caravan to visit our homebound members.

**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, September 23.

**YOUTH RETREAT** October 12-14. Details forthcoming.

**TN CHILDREN'S HOME FALL FOOD DRIVE** will continue through October 14. Please see the list of items on the bulletin board.

**2ND ANNUAL JC'S CAMP OUT** Friday, October 19 at the home of Kalon and Melissa Brown. Details forthcoming.

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**Tabatha Jenkins**, wife of MSOP graduate, Tyler Jenkins, has been diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Cards may be sent to Georgia Cancer Center, 5 South Room 5636, 1120 15th Street, Augusta, GA 30912.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Kortland Brown, Makenzie Jones, and Kadie Summitt of the 3 and 4 year old class for learning 23 cards about Jesus.

*Wear a Pretty Dress and Some Fancy Pearls*  
 It's a  
**Tea Party**  
 For the Girls\*  
**Saturday** October 6 11:00 AM  
 Forest Hill Fellowship Hall  
 Kindly RSVP to Mallory Manning, Leah Connell or Christine Hart by September 30, 2018  
 \*Ages 3 to 5th Grade / Please Bring a Guest

**Last week's solution:**  
*For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. II Corinthians 8:9*

**CORNERSTONE**

**Bible Scramble:** Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage.  
 SRPONMEEEC OT ON NMA VLIE ROF VLIE. VRPOIED  
 TSNIHG TSONHE NI EHT TSIHG FO LLA NME. FI TI EB  
 SSPOLIEB, SA UMHC SA TLIHE NI YUO, VLIE YPLEECBAA  
 WTIH LLA NME. YRLEDA VOLEEDB, VNGEEA TON  
 YVUSSROLEE, UTB TRRHEA VIGE PLECA UTON WTRHA:  
 ROF TI SI WTTRNIE, VNGEEECA SI NMIE; I WLLI  
 YRPEA, TSIHA EHT ROLD.

### **The Role Of The Apostles In The Establishment Of The Church**

One of the promises of the Lord to the apostles had to do with the establishment of the kingdom and how they would be empowered to accomplish it. Before His death, He had promised to build His church (Matt. 16:18). In the next verse He says,

I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (Matt. 16:19).

The same authority that He gave to Peter (the Greek pronoun in Matt. 16:18 is singular), He gave to all the apostles in Matthew 18:18,

What things soever ye (plural) shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and what things soever ye (plural) shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Binding and loosing is what is done with keys. This authority was not given to Peter only, but to all the apostles. Actually, the tenses of the Greek verbs in this passage (as indicated in a footnote in the New American Standard Version) have the force of,

What things soever ye shall bind on earth, shall **have been** bound in heaven; and what things soever ye shall loose on earth shall **have been** loosed in heaven.

This is a reflection of the inspiration of the apostles. What they bound and loosed by means of their teaching was actually the teaching of Christ.

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(*The Hub Of The Bible: Remaining True To Acts 2*, Nineteenth Annual Southwest Lectures)

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