

THE CONYERS BEACON

NOTES FROM BOBBY WOOD

Parables of Jesus

In our last lesson, we started our discussion with the Parable of the Sower in Luke eight:

“And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God” (Luke 8:3-11).

We noted in the last lesson that the sower in this parable means that the Word of God is preached or must be preached to the world. We are commanded to spread the Word of God or sow the seed, that is, the Word of God to the world, ***“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen”*** (Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV). In the Book of Mark, the command is worded in the following way, ***“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned*** (Mark 16:15, 16). In the Book of Luke the same mandate is expressed, ***“And He said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with***

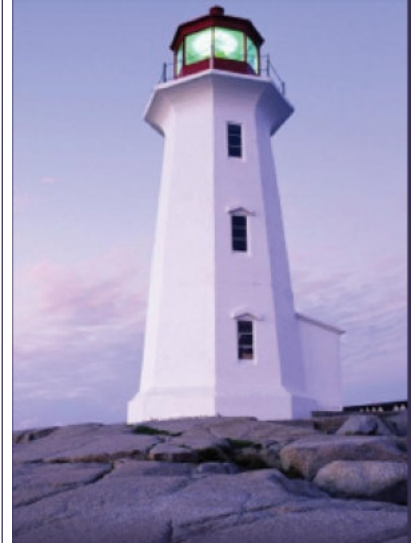
power from on high” (Luke 24:46-49).

The first century church took that mandate seriously, because from the institution of the church the Gospel of Christ was proclaimed, Acts 2:22-38 (KJV).

“Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by

wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 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 ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Until I make thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:22-38; KJV).

*In Him was life,
and that life was the
light of men.*



RAINTREE TRUCK COMING

FEBRUARY 4TH

ITEMS NEEDED

Garbage Bags, (30-33 Gal.), Mayo/
Miracle Whip, Furniture Polish, Liquid
Laundry Detergent, Air Freshners,
Window/Bathroom Cleaners, Toilet
Tissue/Paper Plates,/Cups, Spaghetti
Sauces/ Mexican Foods (Taco Shells/
Sauce/Refried Beans,etc.), Cheese/
Macaroni, Cold Medications, Brooms/
Mops, Paper Towels.

THOSE TO SERVE

JANUARY 27, 2008

SUNDAY	A. M.	P. M.
WELCOME	Gary Jenkins	Gary Jenkins
SONG LEADER	Allen Wood	John Falkner
OPENING PRAYER	Mark O'Hearn	Jim Simpson
LORD'S TABLE	G. Hildebrandt, Caleb Johnson, Jeff Vines, G. Rodden- berry, Ed Prince, Mandela Berry	Jeff Vines G. Roddenberry
READ SCRIPTURE	Chris Prather	Ross Mahan
CLOSING PRAYER	Terry Pulliam	Brad Dunn
USHERS	Buck Howell, Chris Lovern, John Hines	
GREETERS	T.B. Johnson B. Dunn	
AUDIO	Greg Holmes	Greg Holmes
COMMUNION PREPARATION	Kate Born	
NURSERY	Joan & Lynn Mahan	Available Upon Re- quest
WEDNESDAY		
WELCOME	Gary Jenkins	
SONG DIRECTOR	Brad Dunn	
INVITATION	Jeff Johnson	
PRAYER	George McGinnis	
USHER	Buck Howell	
Coordinating Elder January	Gary Jenkins	

EVENT DATES UPCOMING IN JANUARY

27	Care Group FOUR Fellowship
27	MORNINGSIDE SINGING AT 3:00 P. M.
2-03	Care Group ONE Fellowship
2-03	TEACHERS' MTG. at 5:15 P. M.
2-10	Care Group TWO Fellowship

GET TO KNOW US BETTER

THANKS TO:

Thank you brothers and sisters, in Christ, for the thoughtfulness and care that was put into the nice holiday basket that we received. We really enjoyed it. Your kindness made our holidays brighter. Also, thank you for the cards that encourage us along the way. Conyers Church Really Cares!!

James & Martha Dunlap

PANTRY ITEMS:

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS

CONYERS YOUTH:

THE FAMILY GAME NIGHT that was postponed this past weekend, due to the weather, will be re-scheduled.

THE SOUTHSIDE YOUTH DEVO that was postponed this past weekend, will be held this coming Sunday afternoon.

EDUCATION:

IF YOU READ THE BIBLE THROUGH in 2007, please turn in your name to the office.

THE CLASS ON FINANCE taught by Bro. Simpson, continues on Wednesday Evenings.

PLEASE NOTE:

Our next Teachers' meeting will be February 3rd at 5:15 P. M.

PRAYER LIST

Harold Westbrook	Josh Hames	Norma Gazaway
Thomas Poole	Aaron New	Cindy Trutt
Lydia Lewis	Mary Ann Cox	Pat Sikes
Martha Westbrook	Jordon Hensley	Ashley McGinnis
Ruth York	Alice Poole	Nancy New
Don Jimerson	Thomas Threadgill	Elise Hines
Charles Fikes	James Lamberth	Kathy Milburn
Punam Fulks	Robert Dunlap	Vivian Adams

FAMILY NEWS

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND ALL THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST, ESPECIALLY, Punam Fulks, Jordon Hensley, Lydia Lewis, Bob Claxton, Pat Sikes, Warren Roddenberry, James Lamberth, Cleo Surlles, Harold Westbrook, Robert Dunlap and Martha Dunlap. Roger DuPree is as of this writing, in room 259 at Rockdale Hospital with an infection in his leg.

OUR HEARTS REJOICED last Friday Evening as Crisi McAlister was baptized. Crisi is the daughter of Brad and Cari McAlister.

CARE GROUP FOUR will have a fellowship on Sunday after Morning Worship.

OUR MONTHLY MORNINGSIDE SINGING will be at 3:00 P. M.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES	SUNDAY	9:30AM
MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY	10:45AM
EVENING WORSHIP	SUNDAY	6:00PM
LADIES BIBLE CLASS	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER—MAY	10:00AM
MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY	WEDNESDAY	7:00PM

OUR STAFF

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