

**TIME OF SERVICES**

**Sunday:**

**Bible Classes** 10:00 a.m.  
**Worship Service** 11:00 a.m.  
**Worship Service** 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:**

**Bible Classes** 7:00 p.m.

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NOT JOINED A DENOMINATION.**

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1 Peter 2:7



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**What Shall I Preach?**

**By Paul Keller**

**What should a preacher preach?** Various and conflicting answers have been given by men. While some may have hazy notions as to what should be preached there are plenty of people who have very definite opinions as to “what **not** to preach”. Nor are such people hesitant to express their opinions on a multitude of things which one “out not preach”. Fortunately, the gospel preacher is not bound by the fancied of men as t what to preach - not even the prohibitions of his brethren. As a matter of fact, he dares not alter his preaching to suit the whims of men. The word of God tells him **what** to preach, and **how** to preach.

He should not seek to please men with his preaching but should always seek to please God (Gal 1:10).

He should maintain sound doctrine, sound faith, sound speech and sound words (2 Tim 4:3; Titus 2:1,8; 2 Tim 1:13).

He should reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine (2 Tim 4:3). He should rebuke them that sin that others may fear (1 Tim 15:20).

He should preach on giving (1 Cor 16:1,2; 2 Cor 8 and 9). He should preach against worldliness and sin in the church (1 Cor 5); on fellowship and discipline (1 Tim 1:3; 1 Cor 5; 2 Thes 3:6,14; Titus 3:10; Rom 16:17). He should preach on unity (1 Cor 1:10-16); Eph 4:1-6). Let his preach against error and false teachers (1 Tim 1:3,4; 4:14,15; 2 Tim 2:16-19). He should preach on love (1 Jn 3;13-18; ↗

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1 Cor 13); on individual responsibility (1 Cor 12); and on every other Bible subject.

A preacher should preach the truth, whether it is popular or unpopular; convenient or inconvenient (2 Tim 4:2).

The gospel preacher ought not to “beat around the bush,” but preach plainly on subjects needed by his listeners. To the hypocrites let him preach on hypocrisy. To the fornicators he should preach on the damnation awaiting such. To those causing division in the church let him preach unity. To the stingy let him warn of covetousness an exhort to liberality. To the careless “church-goer” let him preach on the importance of assembling. To the unbeliever he should preach Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. In short, he should preach what is needed that men may have opportunity to hear and repent.

The gospel preacher should preach the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27). **Let him not hesitate to preach anything that is taught in God's word.**

If the preacher is rebuked for preaching the truth he need not be discouraged, for the apostle Paul wrote: “*The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ear; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables*” (2 Tim 4:3,4). How his preaching is accepted is not the preacher's greatest concern. His greatest concern should be to preach the truth and warn men of the dangers in which their sins involve them -- that men may repent and obey God's commands, to the saving of their souls. From *PAUSE-PONDER-PROFIT*, April 1987, bulletin of the Second & Walnut Church Of Christ, Paragould AR

**One advantage to getting older is there is nothing left any more to learn the hard way.**

## *News/Notes/Quotes.*

**THE SICK.** Gracelyn Lands' surgery has been scheduled for 12/6...Kodi and Aiden Herndon have both had health challenges but were able to back to services Wednesday night... Carol Caldwell has been challenged by Covid...Sharon Horton has been sick with a fever and allergy symptoms...Bill Cossey had another cancer removed from his scalp...Ellie Beth Pierce (Paul and Melissa's granddaughter) is still being treated for PTSD related issues...John Erickson is recovering from a broken knee....Jane Cureton is recovering from a broken wrist...Pat Spencer is facing a dilemma about knee surgery and chemo...Susie Johnson has a broken toe...Lynissa Davis had a reaction to antibiotics. Virginia Bishop is dealing with some ongoing health issues...Karen Livesay has been dealing with severe migraine headaches...Holly Kortan (Hunter's mom) will have surgery in Little Rock but the time has yet to be determined...Kathryn Dunman's brother-in-law has shown some improvement from his accident...Shutins: Confined at home: Madonna Vines, Betty Shrable, Bob and Jean Evans,,...Rhea Vines (at Roger's house. Roger has had Covid)...Gail Brooks room 423 Lawrence Hall, in Walnut Ridge, Rita Kieffer, St. Bernard Village ...Shirley Coots, Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... Joyce Riley at St. Elizabeth's Place... Pray for these!

**GROUP MEETINGS.** Group 2 will meet Sept 30 at 5:30 at the Christenerry's.

### **GOSPEL MEETINGS**

Oct 1-6 - StoneRidge - Chuck Bartlett

***If you only pray when you're in trouble, you're in trouble.***

***Don't promise when you are happy. Don't reply when you are angry. Don't decide when you are sad.***

***By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.***

***A life with love will have some thorns, but a life without love will have no roses.***

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