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“Back To Basics”

by Corey Sawyers

It is good idea to plan ahead (Luke 14:28-33). That is one of the reasons why a “congregational theme” for a year is also a good idea. It gives a direction to push toward, a focus in our vision, and a mindset to take on as we go through a year. Proverbs 21:5 says, “The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage, but everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty” (NASB). This is why the theme for 2017 has been set as “Back to Basics.” Our lessons this year will all center on that theme.



Great thought and planning has gone into this to attempt to fulfill the needs of the church here in regard to our spiritual growth, edification, evangelism, benevolence and fellowship. In Hosea 4:6, God said, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” We want to make sure this congregation has a good foundation on which to build, grow, and teach others. We want to make sure we all understand the “basics” of our faith.

Through the year I plan to preach on general topics in several series with lessons each week explaining that general topic. Each week one word or idea from scripture will be explained from the pulpit and articles. These articles will be found in our bulletin and additional articles will be found on our website under “Mini-Sermon of the Day.”

Today we have Wesley Walker with us to kick off this theme. Wesley is a graduate of both the Bear Valley Bible Institute (Bachelor of Biblical Studies) and Freed-Hardeman University (Master of Divinity). He is the preaching minister of the Woodson Chapel church of Christ. Wesley and his wife Amanda have three children (Presley, Audrey, and Emmett). Wesley will teach the auditorium class as well as preach for this morning service. Later this year in March, he also will be our speaker for our Spring Gospel Meeting.

I pray for you daily - collectively and individually. I also thank God each day for the opportunity given us to work here and serve our Lord with you! What a blessing it is to be part of the East Wood family!

THEME FOR 2017: Back To Basics

Sermon Topics:

JAN. 1:

AM - Wesley Walker introduces our 2017 Theme
 PM - Praying for 2017

JAN. 8:

AM - “Roots of our Redemption” - Sin
 PM - “WisDUMB” - Adam and Eve

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday AM Bible Study-9:30am
 Worship-10:30am
 Sunday PM Worship-6:00pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Study-7:00pm

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 Channel 16
 7:00am In Search of the Lord’s Way-
 Channel 13
 7:30am Preaching the Gospel-
 Channel 13
 8:00am Good News Today-
 Channel 13

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7:00am In Search of the Lord’s Way
 7:30am Preaching the Gospel
 8:00am Good News Today

STATE OF THE YOUTH

A Christian's Relationship to the Old Testament

Adam Currence

If we're being honest, sometimes Christians have an awkward relationship with the Old Testament. We treat it like that one uncle or cousin we all have. You visit occasionally and sometimes check in to see how they're doing, but that's about it. Or, we just want the "highlights" without having to watch the whole game. We know about Abraham, Noah, David, and if we're especially studious, we may even be able to tell you about Elijah and Elisha.

Is that ok? If not, what should our relationship to the Old Testament be? We can tell you all the reasons and quote all the verses about why we're not under that covenant, which is all well and good, but what value does it have? What's the point if it doesn't tell me how to become a Christian or guide me in Christian worship? Briefly, let's discuss the value of the Old Testament for Christians.

1. **It was written for our admonition.** *1 Cor. 10:11 – Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the end of the ages has come.* An admonition is a warning or counsel. Just like parents admonish their children to cease a certain action or change course, so the Old Testament stories and characters encourage us to change our course so that we can be faithful.
2. **It was written for our learning.** *Rom. 15:4 – For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.* Paul says that the message of the Old Testament was preserved for our benefit today! He even goes on to say that the law provides patience, comfort, and hope! How does the Old Testament provide such things? It is a record of God's faithfulness throughout generations. When we read about God's perfect promises and how He keeps them perfectly, it gives us hope and comfort that He will keep His promises to us!
3. **It makes us wise about salvation in Christ.** *1 Tim. 3:14-15 – But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.* How does the Old Testament make us wise about salvation in Christ? It tells us about the fall of man and the rise of sin. It tells us about God's plan for man's redemption. It gives us details and prophecies about the nature and character of God's coming Messiah. Ironically, if you want to be wise about Christ, read your Old Testament!
4. **It is valuable to teach and instruct us.** Paul encourages Timothy that the scriptures provide doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction for righteousness, and that they make us complete and equipped for every good work (2 Tim.

3:16-17). The Old Testament is full of doctrinal teachings (the nature of God, the nature of man, man's sin, etc.). It is full of examples of reproof (the need for repentance and coming back to God). It is full of righteous instruction (how to live a godly life such as in Psalms & Proverbs). Have you ever noticed how often the Old Testament is referenced or quoted in the New Testament? As a matter of fact...

5. **It serves as our introduction to the New Covenant.** Think about books like Matthew, Romans, Hebrews, and Revelation and how often those writers appeal to the Old Testament. Some scholars estimate at least 250 Old Testament references are contained in the New Testament, which doesn't even include allusions and references. The more you read the Old and New Testaments together you'll see more and more just how cohesive and unified they really are. When we neglect the Old Covenant, we're basically skipping the introduction to our Christian faith.

The Old Testament is worthy of our study! Let's not neglect something that was written for our benefit! Include it in your daily Bible reading, and don't hesitate to dig a little into the background of those Old Testament books! If Paul's words are any indication, it will be more than worth your time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Evangelism University: January 13-15th.

Lock In: January 27th. Details forthcoming.

***Events will be updated in the Bulletin as needed.**

To join the Remind 101 EWYG Group for text updates:

1. <https://www.remind.com/join/ewyg> --- go to this link and follow the instructions.
2. text "@ewyg" to the number 81010. You should receive a welcome text from remind. If not, you did something wrong. This is a simple and easy way to communicate with parents and teens.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bella Millraney

January 1



GREETERS

January 8
 Janie Barrow
 Hazel Blackwell
January 15
 David Belisle
 Craig Brown

OUR ATTITUDE

Sunday AM Bible Study.....199
 Sunday AM Worship.....266
 Sunday PM Worship.....133
 Wednesday PM Bible Study.....208
 This week's contribution.....\$8040
 Weekly Budget.....\$8472

KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bobby Bowen: (Debra Bowen's father in law) Marty's father was airlifted to St. Thomas Monday after suffering a heart attack; 132 Royal Oak Drive, Paris, Tn. 38242

Jason and Britannie Scarbrough (and family): request of prayers as they face several changes in the coming year; 440 Buchanan Road / Buchanan TN 38222

Bryan Russell: Vanderbilt Hospital, ICU 6625. Doing better, hopes of leaving Vanderbilt in a week.

Paul Atkins: home; 129 Dogwood Hills Dr. / Paris

Wilma Brown: Paris Healthcare room 207. Send cards to home address, she loves them; 412 N. Willowbrook Drive / Paris

Ralph Shelton: (Jordan William's paternal grandfather) cancer; 2180 Skyline Drive / Pacific, MO 63069

Sandy Shelton: (Jordan William's grandmother, Ralph Shelton's wife) cancer; 2180 Skyline Drive / Pacific, MO 63069

Sherry Cook: home with new medication; 5470 Hwy 77 / Mansfield TN 38236

Carla Currence: (mother of Adam Currence) December 21 to have a scan to follow up on progress of treatment; 210 Browning Street / Monticello, AR 71655

THANK YOU

Best Wishes and Thanks to all of you for what you have done for me. You have put love and joy in my heart that wasn't there before. God led me to the right place. Zora Adams

The outpouring of love and care from my East Wood church family has been a help and comfort during my time of sorrow. Sharing a heart felt "thank you". In Christian Love and Fellowship, Lori Backer

Thanks to all that contributed to the Christmas Families. We were able to help 18 children from 7 families. Family Committee

Thank you for the fruit basket. It was very nice. Thank you as well to Dan and Ann Patterson who brought it to me, we had a nice visit. In Christian Love, Lottie Smith

I want to thank everyone at the church for the visits and gift during my illness. It means so much to me. Thanks, Jo Priddy and family.

I'd like to thank all of you for the lovely plate of fruit that you sent me. It's great to have such a lovely bunch of Christians to work with. May God bless all of you. Please remember me in your prayers. Thanks to all. In Christians love, Carnell Lowry

Thank you for the fruit, visits, cards, calls and treats I received this year. You are a caring and supportive church family. Lillian Comer

NEW MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Zora Adams - 191 Woodland Acres Road / Paris, TN 38242
 (731) 363-3827

BIBLE TRIVIA

Last Week's Trivia Answered: Noah (Genesis 9:25)
WHO SAID THAT?

"I am but a little child; I know not how to go out or come in"

FOOD PANTRY

Canned soup, Peanut butter, Spaghetti sauce/pasta, Cereal, Canned ham & tuna, Beef stew, Pop tarts, Dry beans *{Please place in the pantry pig}*

FUTURE WORSHIP LEADERS

If unable to serve, please contact Lance Winders @ 336-2421.

Participants in the A.M. service are asked to please meet in the library following the second bell.

SUNDAY A.M.	JANUARY 1	JANUARY 8
Announcements	Bill DeWees	Bill DeWees
Song Leader	Daniel Williams	Zach Golson
Opening Prayer	Craig Brown	Jerry Riggs
Scripture Reading	Charlie Morton	Titus Winders
Closing Prayer	Charlie Neal	Michael Williams
Lord's Supper		
Presiding	Kelly Burke	Lance Winders
East Side	Mike McDaniel Joe Millraney Jerry Peale Stan Wilson	Silas Winders Rayburn Thomason Jerry Shobe Reed Shepherd
West Side	Ronald Brown Fred Grosbeier Randell Foster	Alan Shaffer Aaron Hutson Troy Buttrey
Nursery	Billy Bucy	Ned Morris
Balcony	Edwin Carrington Bob Comer Jimmy Wynn	Jeff Figurelli Dominic Figurelli Nathan Foster
Alternates	Garrett Sawyers Gordon Sawyers Bobby Barton	Micah Sutton Clint Sutton Herman Jackson
Overhead Projector	Jeff Figurelli	Harrison Hutson
SUNDAY P.M.	JANUARY 1	JANUARY 8
Song Leader	Daniel Williams	Zach Golson
Opening Prayer	Rick Moody	Mark Brown
Scripture Reading	Blake Morton	Philip Davidson
Lord's Supper	Patrick Peale	Jon Davidson
Closing Prayer	Lavelle Davidson	Phillip Brown
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 4	JANUARY 11
Song Leader	Michael Williams	Daniel Williams
Invitation	Nathan Foster	Edwin Carrington
Closing Prayer	Charles Clark	Zach Golson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIA Team 1: hand out assignments after Sunday P.M. service

2017 Budget: copies of budget will be available at exits after A.M. service.

Morningside Singing: Today @ 2:00 P.M.

OFFICE CLOSED: Monday, January 2, observance of New Year's Day

Small Auditorium Class: Wednesday nights began a new study on 1 & 2 Peter and the Epistles of John.

Kicking off the New Year: TODAY, Wesley Walker will speak during Bible study and A.M. service. All Adult Classes to meet in Auditorium.

Youth Page: Note updates.

A Bible Answer: Corey Sawyers can be heard, online at www.abibleanswer.org beginning January 1st through 29th, the 4 sessions are Sunday's only. Sponsored by the Phillips Street church of Christ, Dyersburg, TN.

Men's Day: January 21, 7:30—8:00 A.M. Registration (coffee and donuts will be served). 7:30 A.M.—2:30 P.M. (Lunch will be served between sessions.) Speakers: Bob Turner, Randy Duke, and Adam Currence. Topics: Leadership as an Elder. Leadership at Work. Leadership in Youth. (Pick up your flyers at all exits and invite others to come!)

The Freed-Hardeman University Annual Bible Lectureship: will be honoring Brother John Dale at an appreciation banquet on Tuesday, February 7, at 5:00 P.M. Reserve tickets will be sold until January 25. You can order by phone at 731-989-6769. Additional information is on the bulletin board across from the office.

Marriage Retreat: February 10—11. Make plans to attend as Corey and Melody will be conducting the retreat. Watch for more information in January.

ELDER'S CORNER

REMINDER: The elders welcome all newcomers. If you would like to be identified as a member here or if you have not had the opportunity to meet the eldership, the elders would like to meet with you briefly to introduce ourselves and to explain our position on certain issues and matters of doctrine.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 8:** HC Healthcare Singing @ 2:00 P.M.
Meeting for parents or anyone wishing to get involved in youth work @ 5:00 P.M.
- January 13-15** Evangelism University @ Savannah, TN
- January 15:** Eiffel Gardens Singing @ 2:00 P.M.
- January 21:** Men's Day Registration 7:30- 8 A.M.;
8:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.
- January 22:** Youth Devotionals
- January 27:** Youth Lock - In
- January 29:** Deacons Meeting after P.M. Service
- February 5:** Morningside Singing @ 2:00 P.M.
- February 10-11:** Marriage Retreat (Corey & Melody Sawyers conducting the retreat)
- February 12:** HC Healthcare Singing @ 2:00 P.M.

THE LADIES' CORNER:

BE AMAZED

Edited from an article by Kathy Pollard

“Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite” (Ps. 147:5). This one verse alone invigorates me. When I feel inadequate, I need to remember that our God is great. When I feel drained, I must remember to lean on God's abundant strength. I need to stop focusing on myself and start focusing on my God. Then I will be amazed! I am amazed when I look to God because He has done wonderful things (Ps. 98:1; 72:18; 118:23; Isa. 25:1). I see God's wonderful, marvelous things in creation, in His providence, and in His love and grace. When I remember to look for these things, I am amazed.

When men looked to the Son of God, they were amazed (Mt. 27:14; 7:28,29; 22:22; Mk. 10:24). They heard what Jesus said and saw what He did. I need to remember to stay in the Word to be amazed again by what my Lord said and did (Ps. 145:5).

You can be amazed today. You woke up. Your great God loves you. You have purpose. You can look for opportunities to glorify God. You are surrounded by people who need to know God so they, too, can be amazed. Suggestions for the week: 1. Look up the Scriptures listed above about people being amazed by Jesus. Note what specific thing He said or did that had them in awe. 2. Be aware of God's greatness around you in nature, family, a home to take care of, neighbors, your Bible, etc. 3. Sing about it. “I Stand Amazed,” “How Great Thou Art,” “Our God is an Awesome God,” and “We Bow Down” are some good ones.