

PARIS TN

THEME FOR 2024: “DISCIPLESHIP ON DISPLAY” John 13:34-35

**“BY THIS ALL WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES”
by Josh Manning**

Shortly before His trial and crucifixion, Jesus told His disciples, *“Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come,’ so now I say to you. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another”* (John 13:31-35).

The Lord’s “new commandment” is not what we might expect as a final decree given to a monarch’s servants. I mean, what sort of activities do mighty sovereigns expect their subjects to perform? Just think about what we find in the parables of Jesus: servants are to be diligent in their labors, they are to be waiting for the Master’s return, and they must be pure in their faithfulness and devotion, right? And yet, the activity that Jesus selected as the *badge of discipleship* (as it has often been called) was love.

Contemplate this for a little while with me. What identifies us as disciples of the Holy Son of God? According to John 13:34-35, Jesus didn’t choose scriptural knowledge, though in His ministry He certainly demonstrated an awesome understanding and respect for God’s holy word: (cf. Matthew 7:28-29) *“And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”* And if I’m going to be like Him, then surely that is an important trait to emulate. He didn’t choose doctrinal correctness, though He often corrected others for their misunderstanding of theological matters: (cf. Matthew 22:29) *“Jesus answered and said to them, ‘You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.’”* And again, if I am going to grow to be like my Teacher, then the things that were important to Him must likewise be important to me—and engaging in teaching *truth* was a sacred activity for Him and must be for a disciple as well. What about the activity of evangelism? Did Jesus both actively proclaim the kingdom of Heaven personally, and send His disciples out to do the same? Of course, and of course: (cf. Matthew 11:1) *“Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.”* We could include many other good works and righteous activities that Jesus Himself did and also taught His disciples to do, but I hope I have at least prompted some thinking about our subject.

Suffice it to say, Jesus told His disciples that love for one another would be the thing that identified them as being His disciples. This is not to say that those previously mentioned things are unimportant, because they are truly holy and righteous activities. But it is to say that our Lord personally identified something that He wanted to be the identifying marker of His people. We are going to explore this “new commandment” of Jesus this year and learn, together, what it means to be a people identified by the love of the Son of God. And then, God willing, we are going to do our best to grow in our love for one another, as Jesus taught.

Elders

Josh Coleman
Steve Delaney
John McDavid
Rudy Peoples
Michael Williams

Evangelists

Josh Manning
Ethan Schulte

Prison Minister

Ricky Lomax

Deacons

Craig Brown	Brian Foster
Phillip Brown	Billy Hensley
Troy Buttrey	Adam Killion
Bob Comer	Will Little
Jon Davidson	Mike McDaniel
Philip Davidson	Jason Smith
Levi Dodd	Lance Winders

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

Live Radio Broadcast-10:30am
AM 1000, 97.5 FM

Spectrum-Channel 195
Sunday @ 9:00am

Live Streaming Youtube.com
Sunday 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM,
Wednesday 7:00 PM

Sermons: Facebook.com /
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Sunday AM & PM / Leave Message

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Youth Group: www.ewyg.org
Closed Group

HEAR THE GOSPEL ON CABLE TV AND SATELLITE EACH SUNDAY

Charter / Spectrum Cable:

6:00am In Search of the Lord’s Way-
Channel 15
7:00am In Search of the Lord’s Way-
Channel 13
7:30am Preaching the Gospel-
Channel 13

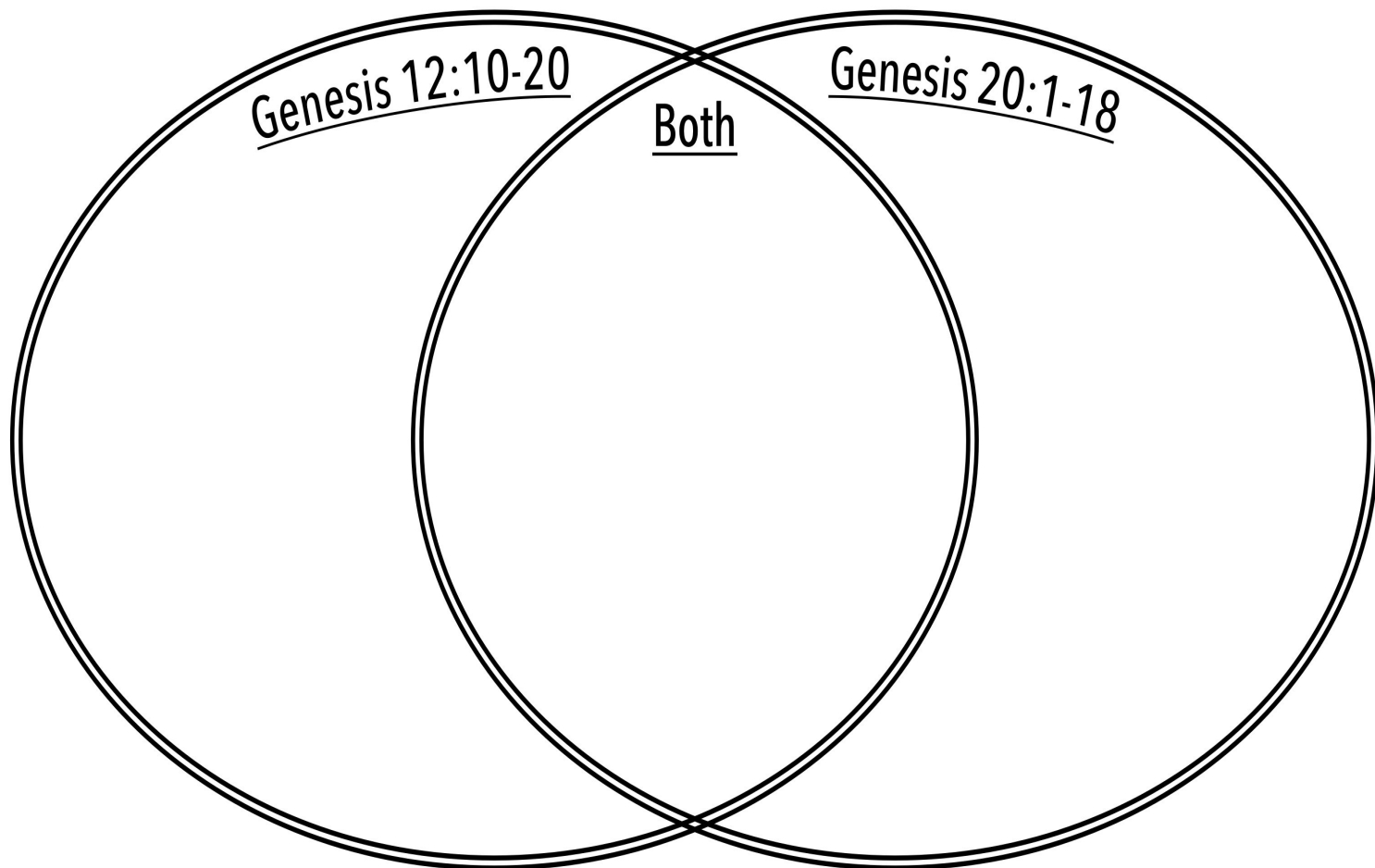
WBBJ-TV/CBS-Charter Channel 708

7:00am A Bible Answer

Dish TV 58 & Direct TV-Channel 30:

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

STATE OF THE YOUTH



**Venn Diagram
of Deception!**

On two occasions, Abraham tells the same deceptive story to stay out of trouble. Read over the two passages above and use the diagram to see what was unique in each situation, and what was the same!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Evangelism University 2024 (EU): “LOOK UP”, January 12-14th, Savannah, TN.

Youth Devotional: January 28th. Guys bring drinks / Girls bring desserts.

CYC 2024 at Pigeon Forge: “FAMILY” February 23-25th. For all 6th—12th Graders.

BIRTHDAYS

Taylor Little January 20

OUR ATTITUDE

Sunday AM Bible Study.....	155
Sunday AM Worship.....	202
Sunday PM Worship.....	97
Wednesday PM Bible Study.....	129
This week's contribution.....	\$9,057
Weekly Budget.....	\$8,751

FOOD PANTRY

Canned Beef, Canned Ham,
Canned Chicken, Spaghetti Sauce, Soups,
Canned Fruit, Jelly and Peanut Butter

SUNDAY A.M.

Announcements
Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Closing Prayer

Preside

East Side

West Side

JANUARY 7

Michael Williams
Jon Davidson
Jason Smith
Josh Coleman
Rudy Peoples
Phillip Brown
Edwin Carrington
Bob Comer
Logan Davidson
Bobby Barton
Blake Morton
Patrick Peale

JANUARY 14

Michael Williams
Craig Brown
Philip Davidson
John McDavid
Ethan Schulte
Mike McDaniel
Dave Perry
Lance Winders
Stan Wilson
Daniel Belisle
Matt Ellis
Patrick Peale

SUNDAY P.M.

Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Communion &
Contribution
Closing Prayer

JANUARY 7

Dan Patterson
Micah Sutton
Eddie Lane
Stephen Blackwell

JANUARY 14

Jim Russell
Gavin Wynn
Troy Buttrey
Rick Moody

WEDNESDAY

Song Leader
Invitation
Closing Prayer

JANUARY 10

Troy Buttrey
Javan Winders
Matt Ellis

JANUARY 17

Philip Davidson
Craig Brown
Charles Clark

JANUARY

USHERS: Levi Dodd/ Brad Smith
BENEVOLENCE: Troy Buttrey / Bob Comer
CONTROL ROOM VIDEO: Javan Winders
EAST SIDE DOOR: Adam Killion

KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Zora Adams: going to St. Thomas for heart cath; 191 Woodland Acres Road / Paris TN 38242

Sharon Crocker: home; 2-B Washington Court / Paris

Judy McAdams: (sister of Larry Scott) in hospital with pneumonia.

Wesley Owen: (Patti Owen's son) HCMC, ICU Room 2802.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Ron and Sue Brown and the family of Ernie Veglio. He passed away December 28th, 2023. Ridgeway Funeral Home handled the arrangements December 31, 2023 with burial in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Edwin Carrington and the family of Margaret Edna Carrinton Risen Rikard. She passed away January 1st, 2024. Funeral Services were conducted at the Lea & Simmons Funeral Home in Brownsville, TN, January 4th, 2024.

THANK YOU

The employees of West Cancer Care Center of Paris/Henry County would like to thank our community for your continued support over the past 20+ years. Our cancer patients at this clinic are our top priority and we strive to provide excellent care and support. The patients sometimes spend long exhausting hours in our infusion room. We would like to ask that you consider donating drinks, snacks and candy for the patients to enjoy while here with us. We try to offer these little "extras" to make an extremely difficult situation more comfortable for them. Any help you can provide for our patients would be very much appreciated. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the lovely fruit plate. Love Mary Malone

Thank you for participating in our Food and Supply Drive and for the generous contribution from your congregation totaling \$738.60 to be used to buy perishable goods and supplies for the children. Sincerely, Glenn Richardson, Coordinator of Annual Campaigns, TN Childrens Home

Thank you to Barbara McDavid for bringing the goodies from the Ladies Wednesday Night Bible class, Betty Tusa for delivering the fruit tray, and for Betty also bringing homemade cookies. Thankful for all of your kindness. In Christian Love, Joan McWherter

Church, thank you for remembering me at the loss of my brother, with the beautiful wind chimes. My spiritual family is everything to me. In Christian Love, Janice Wade

Thank you, I like the rose you sent for me when I was in the hospital. Sharon Crocker

BOYS TO PICK-UP CARDS

Wednesday, January 10th: Owen Smith and Ty Davidson
Wednesday, January 17th: Gavin Wynn and James Wilson

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800 East Wood St.
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Return Service Requested

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contribution: Starting January 7th, we will be passing trays for contribution. All men involved in AM Worship Service will need to meet in the library after Bible Class.

FIA Team 1: will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room for breakfast at 8:30 AM. If you are not able to attend, pick up your assignment in the library.

Baby Shower: Sunday, January 21st from 2:00 PM -3:30 PM for Laura and Josh Manning at the home of Ethan and Alyssa Schulte. They are registered with Amazon and Walmart for their little boy, Caleb; 1020 Diggs Road / Paris

West Cancer Center and Research Collection: we will again be collecting snacks and small canned drinks (limited room for drinks) for the West Cancer Center until February 26th. Collection boxes will be set out, just outside the auditorium, beginning in January.

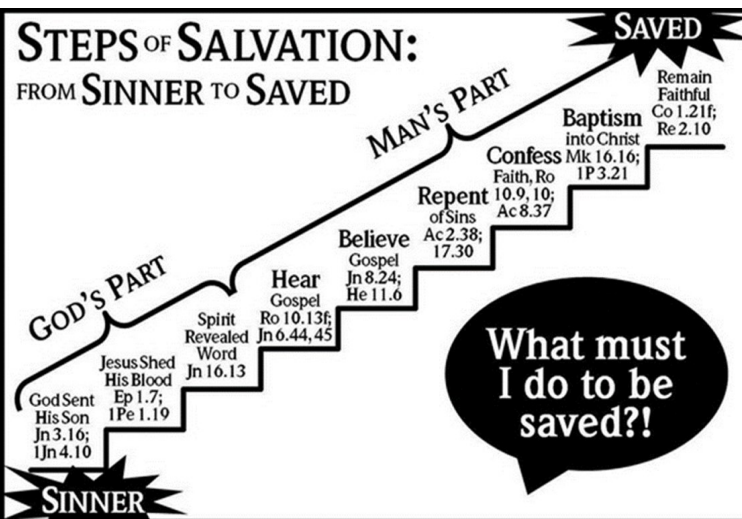
Marriage Retreat: February 14-18th, "Climbing To Greater Heights Together" located at Gatlinburg church of Christ and Sevierville church of Christ. Flyers on Family committee & Office Bulletin Boards. \$99 a couple Registration. Register at www.smokymountainmarriage.com or call 1-877-338-3397 for more information. Keynote Speakers: Scott Cain, Joshua Cantrell, Kevin Hahn and Aubrey Johnson; Additional Speakers/Staff: Todd Clippard, Clark Sims, Mark Howell and Eddy Gilpin.

New to the Library: Donated by Lance Winders

- 1) 268.4 "Someone Died and Left YOU a Fortune" by Sain Publications (paperback)
- 2) 268.4 "Answering The Error" Bible Study Workbook by Gallagher, Aaron and Don Blackwell. Gospel Broadcasting Network (paperback)
- 3) 259.2 "Listen and Make Room" Joining God in Welcoming Children by Harold Shank (paperback)
- 4) 259.2 "Children Mean The World To God" The profound importance of children in your life, your congregation, your world by Dr. Harold Shank
- 5) 220 "The Bible, From The Writers to Us" Compilation by Crosby Road church of Christ

DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 7:** FIA Team 1 breakfast in the MPR @ 8:30 AM
- January 12-14:** Evangelism University, Savannah, TN
- January 14:** FIA Team 2
- January 17:** Wednesday Night Meal Team D
- January 21:** FIA Team 3
Eiffel Gardens Singing
Baby Shower for Laura & Josh Manning from 2:00 PM—3:30 PM at the home of Ethan and Alyssa Schulte.
- January 28:** Youth Devotional
FIA Team 4
- February 4:** FIA Team 1
- February 7:** Wednesday Night Meal Team A
- February 11:** FIA Team 2
- February 14-18:** "Climbing To Greater Heights Together" Marriage Retreat (Two locations)



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.