



PARIS TN

**THEME FOR 2024: DISCIPLESHIP ON DISPLAY**

**By This All Will Know That You Are My Disciples  
by Josh Manning**

Does God care who you marry? It might surprise you to know that the question of *who should I marry?* appears in a number of places throughout the Bible. Take for instance, Genesis 24:3. Abraham makes his servant promise to select a wife for Isaac from a certain place. Abraham cared who Isaac married. The stipulation was made, “*you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites.*” This sets the stage for the future nation of Israel and the laws that Moses would give to the descendants of Abraham—namely that they would not intermarry with the people of the land. God commanded Israel to drive out the inhabitants of Canaan. They were to keep themselves separate from the Gentile nations and avoid becoming like them. Because of the importance of being different from the idolatrous nations around them, God repeatedly forbade the Israelites from intermarrying with non-Israelites (cf. Exodus 34:10-16; Judges 3:1-7; Nehemiah 13:23-27). Passages like Judges 3 illustrate that when the Israelites entered into covenants with idol worshipers, they adopted the sinful characteristics of the pagans rather than leading the lost to Yahweh (read 1Kings 11:1-10 for another example).

The Law of Moses and the Old Testament has much to say about the people of God only marrying other believers (i.e. Israelites). What about the New Testament? Well first of all, when it comes to the teachings of Jesus, while He did teach on marriage occasionally (cf. Matthew 19:1-10), we have to remember His context of ministry: “*But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law*” (Galatians 4:4). Jesus lived and died under a Jewish system. So, if we are looking for scriptures speaking to the idea of Christians and whether or not they should marry non-Christians, we have to look to the writings of the Lord’s apostles. I suggest studying 1Peter and Paul’s writings to the Corinthian church.

As we think about the question, “As a Christian, who should I marry?”, I want to remind you of our theme passage for the year: (John 13:34-35). Jesus tells His disciples, “*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*” A Christian is supposed to live according to the example of Jesus. Though we are imperfect, our faith motivates us to submit to the authority of God’s word and the perfect example of Jesus. Thus, in a marriage where you have two Christians joined to each other, ideally, what should exist is the mutual encouragement to be like Jesus toward one another. Both husband and wife should care for each other according to the New Commandment. When we add to this New Commandment the marriage directions of Paul in Ephesians 5:22-33, what we should see is a relationship of gospel emulation—husband and wife behaving toward the other as Jesus has called us to live.

Now what happens when I remove the *foundation of faith in Jesus* from my marriage? Well, I cannot expect my spouse to understand that marriage is a relationship defined and directed by the love of Jesus if that individual is not a believer. The wisdom of marrying “only in the Lord” is ancient wisdom that goes back to the examples of the Old Testament (1Corinthians 7:39; 10:11). We should heed God’s word and build our lives according to His wise ways.

**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

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**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**

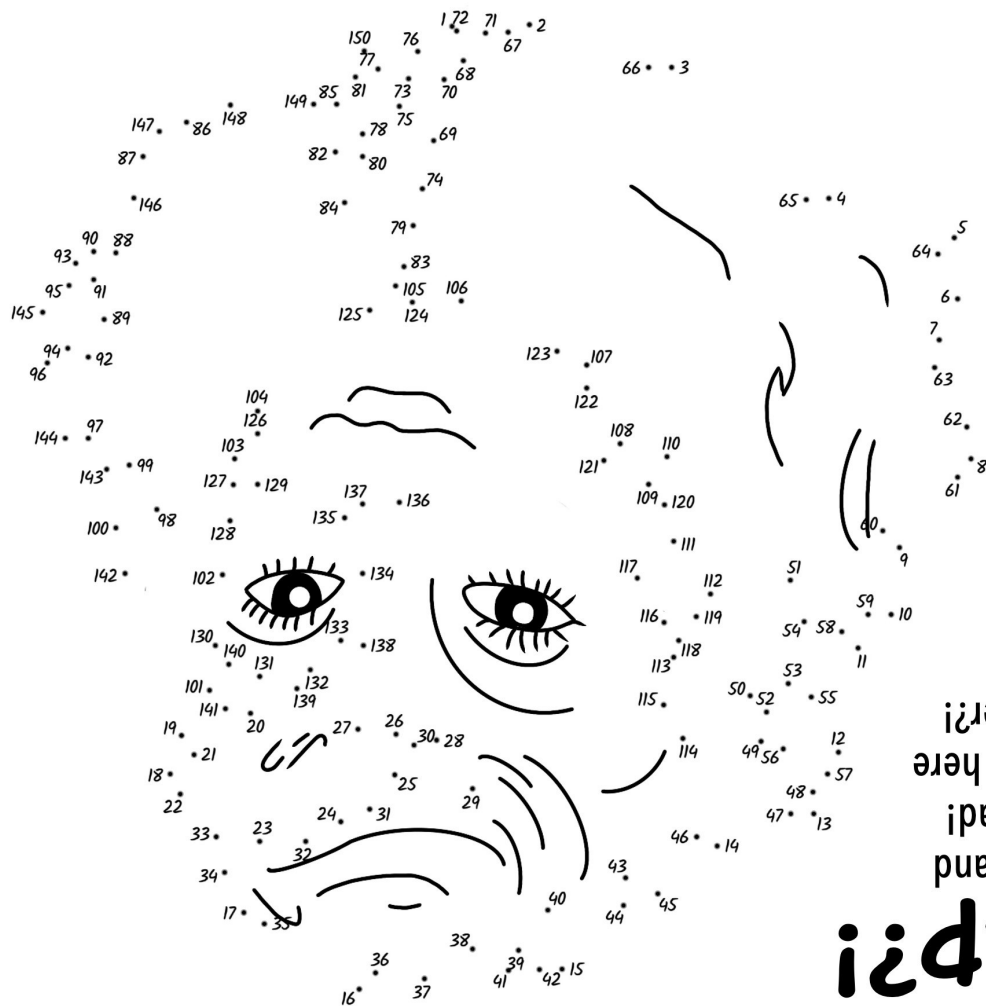
7:00am A Bible Answer

**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

# 7 Years of Wedding Planning



Jacob has worked seven long years to have Rachel as his wife. Connect the dots in order to reveal his beautiful bride!

OH NO! Laban tricked Jacob and gave him Leah as wife instead! Surely Rachel must be around here somewhere. Can you find her?!

## Wife Swap?!

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**Youth Devotional:** February 18th at the Delaney home. Guys bring drinks/Girls bring desserts; 189 Jackson Estates Drive.

**Basics:** Saturday, March 2nd, at the Schulte home; 1020 Diggs Road/Paris.

**Family Skate:** March 9th, \$10 per person.

**CYC 2024 at Pigeon Forge:** "FAMILY" Friday-Sunday, February 23-25th. For all 6th—12th Graders.

**Youth Devotional:** March 17th. Guys bring drinks/Girls Bring desserts.

### BIRTHDAYS

Evangeline Atkins  
Clint Wynn

March 5th  
March 14th

Emery Brown  
Madden Belisle

March 18th  
March 19th

**OUR ATTITUDE**

Sunday AM Bible Study.....	149
Sunday AM Worship.....	190
Sunday PM Worship.....	88
Wednesday PM Bible Study.....	123
This week's contribution.....	\$ 8,523
Weekly Budget.....	\$8,480

**FOOD PANTRY**

Powdered Milk, Dry Cereal (Small Boxes), Instant Potatoes, Canned Black Beans, Canned Carrots, Canned Sweet Peas, Vienna Sausages, Potted Meat, Peanut Butter, and Jelly

**SUNDAY A.M.**

	<b><u>FEBRUARY 11</u></b>	<b><u>FEBRUARY 18</u></b>
Announcements	Josh Coleman	Josh Coleman
Opening Prayer	Jason Smith	Billy Hensley
Scripture Reading	Steve Durham	Blake Morton
Closing Prayer	Steve Delaney	John McDavid
Preside	Will Little	Jon Davidson
West Side	Bob Comer	Logan Davidson
	Eddie Lane	Hunter Bethune
	Patrick Peale	Stephen Blackwell
East Side	Max Henry	Charles Clark
	Philip Davidson	Daniel Belisle
	Bill DeWees	Donald Drinkard
	Bobby Barton	Brian Foster

**SUNDAY P.M.**

	<b><u>February 11</u></b>	<b><u>February 18</u></b>
Opening Prayer	Jim Russell	Craig Brown
Scripture Reading	Micah Sutton	Gavin Wynn
Communion & Contribution	Jerry Peale	Javan Winders
Closing Prayer	Edwin Carrington	Troy Buttrey

**WEDNESDAY**

	<b><u>February 14</u></b>	<b><u>February 21</u></b>
Song Leader	Michael Williams	Mark Brown
Invitation	Edwin Carrington	Josh Coleman
Closing Prayer	Lance Winders	Rick Moody

**FEBRUARY**

**USHERS:** Levi Dodd/ Phillip Brown  
**BENEVOLENCE:** Will Little  
**CONTROL ROOM VIDEO:** Matt Ellis  
**EAST SIDE DOOR:** Adam Killion

**KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Bob Perry:** having difficulty walking due to possible fractured toe; 302 A Paris Harbor Drive / Paris

**Jimmy and Doretha Jowers:** (Patsy Davidson's cousins) Jimmy had back surgery Feb.7 and Doretha has shingles internally in her eye, very painful. Prayers requested.

**Joan Shankle:** doing well after hip surgery, January 28th; Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive / Columbia TN 38401

**Peggy Shepherd:** came home Friday, February 2nd; 887 County Home Road/ Paris

**Molly Harris:** (Daughter of Dan & Ann Patterson) enlarged lymph node in her neck, will have a biopsy Tuesday; Prayers appreciated.

**CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Zora Adams  
 Leon and Carolyn Bumpus  
 Sara Champine  
 Buddy Goad  
 Zet Presson  
 Darla Russell  
 Ray Tucker  
 Valerie Wynn  
 Amber Cate  
 Darlene Humphrys  
 Rickey Lomax  
 Dale & Kathy McCant  
 Stan Summers  
 Marcia Wimberley

**THANK YOU**

Thank you so very much for the cards, calls, and prayers. Your kindness and care is greatly appreciated. Love, Molly Harris

Thanks for the meat tray-prayers, and visitation at the funeral home for our son- in-law and Anna's father. Ron & Sue Brown and Anna Veglio.

Thanks for the nice fruit plate. I enjoyed it very much. Love, Sara Champine

Thanks for all your prayers. Thanks for the beautiful rose. Love, Sara Champine

**BOYS TO PICK-UP CARDS**

Wednesday, February 14th: Clint Wynn and Logan Davidson  
 Wednesday, February 21st: Charles Atkins and Ty Davidson

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800 East Wood St.  
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Return Service Requested

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FIA Team 2:** will meet today after Morning Service, for a potluck meal, at the home of Michael and Evonne Williams; 69 Creekside Drive / Paris. For those who cannot attend, please see Stephen Blackwell.

**Marriage Retreat:** February 14-18th, "Climbing To Greater Heights Together" located at Gatlinburg church of Christ and Sevierville church of Christ. call 1-877-338-3397 or go online [www.smokymountainmarriage.com](http://www.smokymountainmarriage.com) for more information.

**Game Night:** Friday, February 23rd, at 6:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room. Bring finger foods, drinks and of course, Games!

**West Cancer Center and Research Collection:** collecting snacks and small canned drinks (limited room for drinks) for the West Cancer Center until Sunday, February 25th. Collection boxes have been set out, just outside the auditorium.

**SPRING GOSPEL MEETING:** March 3rd-6th, 2024  
Guest Speaker Eric Owens.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 AM**  
"The Gateway to Happiness"

**Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10:30 AM**  
"Why You Can't Find Happiness"

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL** after AM Service

**Sunday 1:30 PM Service** to follow Meal  
"Why Religion is Not Making You Happy"

**MONDAY-WEDNESDAY SERVICE: 7:00 PM**

**Monday PM:** Do We Serve God or Does He Serve Us?"

**Tuesday PM:** "Do You Have Eyes to See or Are You Blind?"

**Wednesday PM:** "A Joy That Can't Be Taken"

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**February 11:** FIA Team 2 Potluck at Michael and Evonne Williams home after AM Service

**February 14-18:** "Climbing To Greater Heights Together"  
Marriage Retreat (Two locations)

**February 18:** FIA Team 3  
Eiffel Gardens Singing @ 2:00 PM  
Youth Devotional @ the Delaney's home  
Guys bring drinks/Girls bring desserts.

**February 21:** Wednesday Night Meal Team B

**February 23:** Game Night in MPR at 6:30 PM

**February 23-25:** CYC at Pigeon Forge

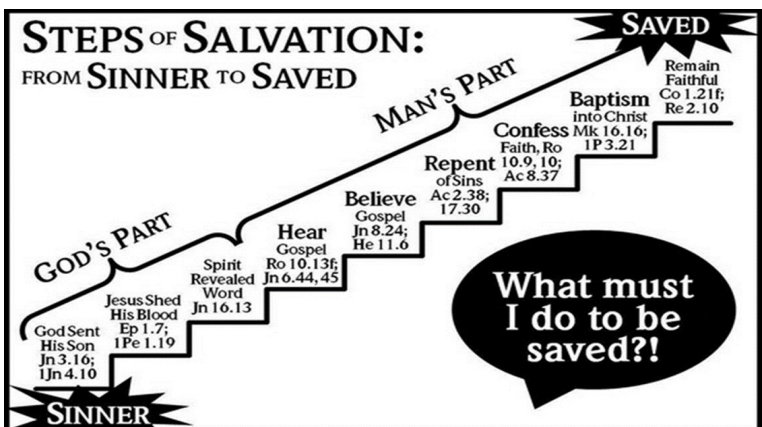
**February 25:** FIA Team 4

**February 25:** West Cancer Center and Research  
Collection last day to bring items to be  
labeled and delivered

**March 2:** Basics at the Schulte home

**March 3:** FIA Team 1

**March 3-6:** Spring Gospel Meeting with Eric Owen  
Fellowship Meal after AM Service, 1:30  
PM Service to follow



## 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.