

# Good News

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**SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY**

**SUNDAY**

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship.....10:20 a.m.  
 Worship.....5:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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## ON THE HOME FRONT

This past Lord's day was a great day. We had a Bible class covering the book of Joel and beginning a study of Amos. Brother Wyatt's morning sermons asked the question "What Would You Do With Jesus?" We examined various characters from the Bible and their response to Jesus. The characters he put forth were the Jews, Judas, Peter, Pilate and the hearer on the day of Pentecost. It was a thought-provoking lesson. The evening lesson, he presented various characters of the Bible and the challenges they faced. The characters he presented were Noah, Job, Isaiah, and the widow of the widow's mite story. We appreciate Pat Phillips and the outstanding job he does in leading our singing.

We had a good number. It was good to have Angelia Nelson and her two sons visiting with us. Angelia is Gwyn Watkins' daughter. Richard Funches also came forward and requested the prayers of the church.

We extend our sympathy to William, James and Sherman Hill in the passing of their father at ninety-two years of age. We also extend our sympathy to Brianna Hill, his granddaughter who is a member here at Getwell. The patriarch of this family's name was James Lee Hill and was the father of seventeen. He preached at Marks, MS and Helene, AR. After he retired he began working with the Southside congregation here in Memphis. He was a bold soldier of the cross who did not shrink from telling people he met the truth of God and their spiritual status before God.

Lastly, according to our Spiritual Sword secretary, Karen Wallace, the last two issues of the Spiritual Sword journal are flying out the door. The theme of those two issues are "The Oldest Church in the World" and "Questions and Answers About Life After Death." With the recent regrettable demise of "The Gospel Advocate", the Spiritual Sword journal is attempting to fill the void left by that respected publication. These last two issues are well worth the reading and study.

Until next week!

Ron Wallace



## Was the Jailer Saved before Baptism?

The account of the Philippian jailer is found in Acts 16. The jailer was in charge of Paul and Silas; they had been arrested on false charges by the owners of a slave girl. They had cast a demon out of the girl, depriving her owners of the money they made by exploiting her (Acts 16:18–21). So Paul and Silas were arrested, beaten, and put into the innermost prison with their feet in the stocks. The jailer was to keep them safely.

Beaten and bleeding, Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God, even at midnight (Acts 16:25). Suddenly an earthquake shook the prison. Awakening from sleep, the jailer was ready to kill himself because he was sure that the prisoners had escaped. When Paul calmed him by assuring him that the prisoners were still there, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. He brought them out, and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” (Acts 16:29–30).

They answered simply: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household” (Acts 16:31). Since the jailer was not told to be baptized, does this mean that he was saved before baptism? Consider the rest of his story.



Paul and Silas had told the jailer that salvation would come from believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, but what did this jailer know about Jesus? It is unlikely that he had heard any of Paul’s sermons, which were the first preached in Europe. He probably knew nothing of Jesus, other than what he had learned from hearing the songs and prayers of Paul and Silas. Then, “they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house” (Acts 16:32). Did speaking the “word of the Lord” include baptism as necessary?

Luke records that the jailer “took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household” (Acts 16:33–34).

When were the jailer and his household baptized? It was “the same hour of the night.” If baptism were not essential, why did they not at least wait until morning light before they were baptized? When did he rejoice—before or after baptism? They rejoiced after baptism, knowing they had truly obeyed the Lord, and their sins were forgiven.

The jailer had a saving faith, a faith that responded to the sacrifice of Christ by obeying Him. His faith was demonstrated in his baptism. The jailer was like all other Christians we read of in the New Testament (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Galatians 3:27; cf. Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21). He was saved at baptism.

# March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>*BIRTHDAY</b> <b>**ANNIVERSARY</b></p> <p>Please advise us of your birthday and anniversary if they do not appear on our calendar.</p>			1 Deut. 26-28	2 Deut. 29-31	3 Deut. 32-34	4 Josh. 1-4 *Anita Shepherd
5 Josh. 5-7	6 Josh. 8-10	7 Josh. 11-13	8 Josh. 14-16	9 Josh. 17-19 *Martha Jo Hagstrom	10 Josh. 20-22	11 Josh. 23- Judg. 1
12 Judg. 2-4  Daylight Saving Time Begins 	13 Judg. 5-7	14 Judg. 8-10	15 Judg. 11-13	16 Judg. 14-16	17 Judg. 17-20	18 Judg. 21- Ruth 2
19 Ruth 3- I Sam. 1	20 I Sam. 2-4  1st Day Of Spring 	21 I Sam. 5-7	22 I Sam. 8-10	23 I Sam. 11-13	24 I Sam. 14-16	25 I Sam. 17-19
26 I Sam. 20-22	27 I Sam. 23-26	28 I Sam. 27-29	29 I Sam. 30- II Sam. 1	30 II Sam. 2-4	31 II Sam. 5-7 *Sam Kundeti	