



- › **CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - SUN., DECEMBER 24**  
› At 6:00 PM in the Auditorium
- › **CBS CHRISTMAS BREAK - MON., DECEMBER 25- MON., JANUARY 1**  
› No school for Capitol Baptist School!  
› School resumes as usual on Tuesday, January 2.
- › **NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP - SUN., DECEMBER 31**  
› Special service at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium  
› Fellowship time to follow in the Fellowship Hall
- › **MOMMIES & MINISTRY MEETING - FRI., JANUARY 5**  
› At 7:00 PM at the Moores' home  
› For CBC mothers of young children  
› Childcare not provided
- › **MEN'S RETREAT - FRI.-SAT., JANUARY 19-20**

## Weekly Events

### SUNDAYS

Sunday School at 9:45 AM  
Morning Service at 11:00 AM  
Evening Service at 6:00 PM

### TUESDAYS

\*Seminary First Class at 6:15 PM  
\*Seminary Second Class at 7:40 PM

### WEDNESDAYS

Prayer Meeting at 7:00 PM  
King's Kids (age 3 to 6th grade) at 7:00 PM

### THURSDAYS

\*Seminary First Class at 6:15 PM  
\*Seminary Second Class at 7:55 PM

### SATURDAYS

Soul-Winning & Visitation at 10:00 AM  
\*The spring semester begins on January 23.

## I HAVE MUCH PEOPLE IN THIS CITY - PART 3

*Acts 18:1-11 | Pastor T. H. Moore*

In Acts chapter eighteen, we find the apostle Paul ministering in the city of Corinth. Corinth was a city filled with sin. As a matter of fact, there was a colloquialism that was used in that day that likened sinful behavior to "living like a Corinthian." Yet, God sent Paul into this place to reach these people with the gospel and plant a local New Testament church. Paul described what was going on in his heart when he entered into that city in 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." While Paul was there in that city, God encouraged him one night by saying, "Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city. And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them." (Acts 18:9-11)

As we look at Paul's time in Corinth, we can learn some vital lessons. Last week, we looked at:

### I. The Responsibility (vs. 1-4)

This week, let us consider:

### II. The Reaction (vs. 5-8)

When Paul went into Corinth, he went there because he knew

that God has given to every believer a great responsibility. It is the responsibility to preach the gospel to every creature. Paul did not take this lightly, for we read in 1 Corinthians 9:16, "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" Then, in Romans 15:20-21, "Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation: But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand." Paul did that very thing in Corinth—he preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to them—but notice, in verses 5-8, their reaction. We read in

*We ought to pity those who reject the Word of God.*

these verses, "And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles." Then, in verse 8, "And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized." The Bible records the reaction of the Jews this way, "they opposed themselves;" not,

"they opposed Paul" or even "they opposed God;" but, "they opposed themselves." Often, people will hear the gospel and refuse to accept Christ as their Saviour, saying things like, "I'm not interested" or "I don't need the Bible," and when you walk away, they have the idea that they "won the argument" or "they told you"—but the truth of the matter is, they've only opposed themselves! In other words, the only one that they are really hurting by their behavior, the only one that truly loses, is themselves! If they reject the gospel of Jesus Christ, they will spend an eternity in hell—and they've done it to themselves!

It is the same principle with Christians. When a believer chooses to reject a clear biblical command, they are only hurting themselves! We read in 2 Timothy 2:24-26, "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."

There are Christians that, at this very moment, are habitually forsaking the house of God, neglecting His Word, and living for worldly pleasures—and they think that they are living a life of ease because of it. But the truth is, they have been ensnared by the devil! So, instead of getting all worked up over them, we ought to pity them and realize that they are only opposing themselves!



## Join us in prayer for...

- EASTON BAPTIST CHURCH
- FIRST STATE BAPTIST CHURCH: negotiations for a possible church property
- FUTURE CHURCH PLANT
- LABORERS FOR THE HARVEST (MATT. 9:38)
- THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL: especially Janet Schroer's relatives in the military
- PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT: financial need to be met; Elisha House remodeling
- BURTON BETTS: chemotherapy; kidney function & success of home dialysis
- BILL BLEAU: upcoming kidney stone procedure; upcoming GI test
- NOEL BUCKLEY: hand surgery recovery
- JANNA CARROW: recovery from concussion & other injuries from car accident
- JOEY COPPAGE: recovery from collapsed lung; migraines & sinus infection
- BILL FARRIS: recovery from a fall
- HAROLD REECE: surgery today & recovery
- SASSER FAMILY: bereavement—sudden homegoing of Dixie
- SEXTON FAMILY, TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, & THE CROWN COLLEGE: bereavement—homegoing of Pastor Clarence Sexton
- MIKE SHIREY: recovery from multiple strokes
- WALTON FAMILY: bereavement—homegoing of Jack Walton; service on Saturday, December 30, at 11:00 AM at Capitol Baptist Church
- TERESA ZIMMERMAN: tolerance & success of alternative cancer treatments; PET scan on February 1



MARY WALTON  
**Bereavement**

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Please pray for Mary and the rest of the Walton family this week, as Jack went home to heaven on Sunday. Consider sending a note of encouragement!



**Harvest from Heaven**

SOUL-WINNING/DISCIPLESHIP  
1 salvation

CHURCH SERVICES  
4 visitors



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## From the Mission Field / Help Ministry

*Due to the sensitivity of their field of service and for security reasons,  
this week's missionary highlight will not be posted online.*

*Please pray this week for all of the missionaries  
who are serving the Lord in dangerous areas.*