



- › **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*
- › **CBS SCHOOL RESUMES - TUE., JANUARY 2**
 - › *School resumes as usual!*
- › **MOMMIES & MINISTRY MEETING - FRI., JANUARY 5**
 - › *At 7:00 PM at the Moores' home*
 - › *For CBC mothers of young children*
 - › *Childcare not provided*
- › **CBS PERFORMANCE & AWARDS CEREMONY - THU., JANUARY 18**
 - › *At 9:30 AM in the Auditorium*
- › **MEN'S RETREAT - FRI.-SAT., JANUARY 19-20**
 - › *Guest Speaker: Dr. Mike Edwards*

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 4

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

For several weeks now, we have been looking at Acts 18. In this chapter, the apostle Paul entered into the city of Corinth for the first time. Corinth, like any major metropolis throughout history, was a city filled with sinful activity. As a matter of fact, Corinth was known around the world for immoral behavior. This would not be an easy place in which to minister. In fact, if you were to choose a place to go and preach the gospel and plant a church which would seemingly be easy, Corinth would not be the place! Yet, Paul still followed the leadership of God, entered into that city, and did exactly that! We can learn many lessons from Paul's activity in Corinth. For the past few weeks, we have looked at:

I. The Responsibility (vs. 1-4)

The very reason that Paul went into Corinth was that he knew he had a responsibility given to him by God to preach the gospel to every creature—and that included Corinth! Paul took that responsibility very seriously! Then, we looked at:

II. The Reaction (vs. 5-8)

The Bible records for us the reactions of those that heard the gospel, and it was the usual spectrum of responses. The Jews "opposed themselves." In other words, they were antagonistic toward the gospel.

We must remember that we are in a spiritual war, and whenever we try to do something for God, we will face opposition—for, whatever God ordains, Satan opposes! We are bound to face negative reactions from people.

This week, we will conclude with:

III. The Reality (vs. 9-11)

We read in these verses, *"Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, 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."*

After Paul departed from the Jews, he went into the house of a man named Justus (vs. 7), and the Bible tells us that Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and his entire house got saved, and that many of the Corinthians got saved and baptized as well.

If we will remember that the Lord is with us and working, we'd be surprised at what God can do!

There was a great working of God in that city! But evidently, from what we read in verses 10-11, Paul was dealing with some fears. Perhaps he remembered how the Jews of Thessalonica had given him immense trouble, and now the Jews of Corinth were against him as well. Perhaps the great God-given task of giving out the gospel and planting a New Testament church in this immense, immoral city was weighing on him. Perhaps the weariness of this missionary journey was taking a toll on him. During this journey, he had revisited the churches throughout Syria, Cilicia, Derbe, and Lystra. He had traveled to Troas and was called in Macedonia. He labored

in Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, and Athens. Maybe this long journey was wearing him out. Whatever the reason, we read that God came to Paul in the night by a vision and said to him, *"Be not afraid, but speak ...,"* and He assured Paul that He was with him and that no man would hurt him. God was assuring Paul of something that all of us need to be reminded of—we are *not* in this alone! The task that Christ has given us to do is not a task that we do alone. He is with us! He never leaves us nor forsakes us—and while we are speaking to people externally, the Holy Spirit of God is working on them internally! We must never forget this! We are not smart enough, strong enough, or skilled enough to do this task alone—and the Lord knows this. That's why He assures us again and again in His word that His presence is eternally with us!

We read in Matthew 28:20, after the Lord gave us the Great Commission, He reminded us, *"... and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."* Then again, we read in Mark 16:20, *"And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them,"* Then, in 2 Corinthians 6:1, *"We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."*

There is no doubt that we are living in "Corinthians-like" times. We are going against the grain, and at times, it seems like nobody is interested in spiritual things—but if we will remember that the Lord is with us and working, we would be surprised at what God can do!

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: *home recovering from kidney stone procedure*
- JOEY COPPAGE: *recovery from collapsed lung; migraines & sinus infection*
- BILL FARRIS: *recovery from a fall*
- CAROL MOSEMANN: *appointment with surgeon today (home from hospital)*
- HAROLD REECE: *surgery recovery*
- ROBIN SHARP: *shoulder repair surgery recovery*
- MIKE SHIREY: *recovery from multiple strokes*
- WALTON FAMILY: *bereavement—homegoing of Jack Walton; viewing at Pippin Funeral Home on Friday, December 29, from 6:00-8:00 PM; viewing at Capitol Baptist Church on Saturday, December 30, from 10:00-11:00 AM, service at 11:00 AM*
- TERESA ZIMMERMAN: *tolerance & success of alternative cancer treatments; PET scan on February 1*



HAROLD REECE
Surgery Recovery

633 White Marsh Road
Centreville, MD 21617

Please pray for Harold this week as he recovers from surgery. He spent several days in the hospital but is home now! Consider sending him a note of encouragement!



SOUL-WINNING/DISCIPLESHIP
2 salvations

CHURCH SERVICES
8 visitors



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From the Mission Field / Help Ministry

JASON & CHERITH OTTOSEN - PAPUA NEW GUINEA

September 2023

Project: Building People Much of the time since the last update has been spent milling wood for two new buildings: a large classroom and kitchen. Each of these buildings will be used to minister more fully within the context of our church: housing passing visitors and having places to instruct Christians as they mature in their faith.

Felling trees and milling each piece of timber is time consuming, but it provides an avenue to interact with people who otherwise keep their distance. News that jobs are available quickly produces an unlikely crew. Despite friction and theft, it is a healthy exercise in bearing a clear Christian testimony and heartily sharing the gospel with men as we work side by side.

Our family traveled to a town named Wau. It lies within a fertile valley of the interior highlands of PNG. For more than ninety years, tons of gold ore has been mined from its mountain slopes and river's edge. Nestled beside the gigantic airstrip is Wau Baptist Bible School. The school was founded in the early 1960s and has trained an army of men and their families for the ministry ever since.

The Bible school is currently led by veteran missionaries Gary Keck and Luther Smith. National pastors and other missionaries contribute by teaching a two-week module course. Our family was invited to come, and I conducted a multi-faceted study of minor prophets in the Old Testament. Additional invitations by local churches to preach or teach each week were a cherished opportunity for Cherith and me. The fellowship on the Bible school campus along with churches was deeply refreshing; we felt knitted together with families there.

Nelson is one of the Bible school students nearing graduation this December. He had been praying for direction after leaving school. His wife is from our area, and they have peace in relocating to Menyamya Station. Our church

has frequently visited the station, and a small group of Christians there await a pastor! Nelson would value your prayers for God's further leading, provision, and protection.

We also had health checks done while out. Jason has experienced heart discomfort and palpitations for a while, but the doctor's opinion encouraged us that the issue should not prove fatal. A dentist office also brightened everyone's cheerful smiles.

Our travels were blessed to see people saved on the road and upon our return. A family residing in town met us at a church service, and at its conclusion, the wife put her faith in Christ, a choice long awaited by her husband's prayers. Now they are joined in faith as well as matrimony. When we came back to Komako, Jelvin, a very young man had gotten saved. He is brother to our Christian sister, and one of the men who had worked with our lumberjack crew the previous month.

We have erected the kitchen mentioned above. The posts are firmly in place, walls built, and roof constructed. Even though the men were small in number, their consistent effort got the job done in record time despite adverse weather threatening to postpone progress. The door and window are completed; all that awaits is collection of enough bamboo to enclose the walls. The Kamea split the bamboo into strips and weave them in a lovely pattern.

We expanded our Sunday school by adding two new classes for our youth. So, we have four split classes: adults, children and two for the youth men and ladies. The young men have enthusiastically seized the kitchen as their Sunday school room. Next, we mill enough wood so the classroom can also be completed and utilized for new programs in the coming months.

In His Service, Jason, Cherith, Grace, Melody, Hannah, & Josiah Ottosen

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