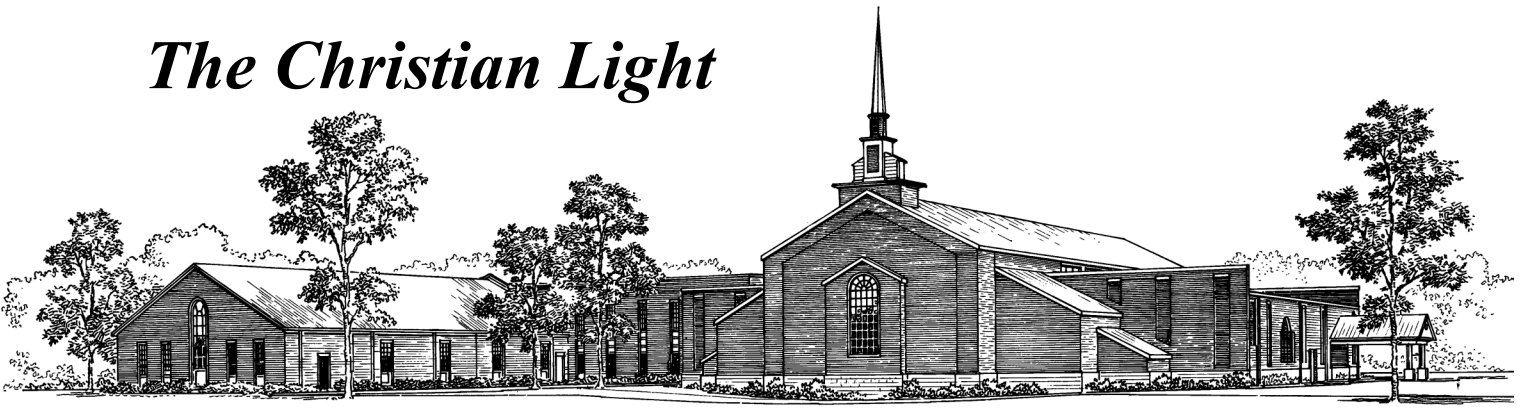


The Christian Light



North Jackson church of Christ, Jackson, Tennessee

“ESTABLISHES,” “ANOINTED,” “SEALED,” AND “GUARANTEE”

1 Corinthians 1:15 – 2:2 is about the openness and trustworthiness of Paul’s words. Paul’s conduct (1:12) is on trial by a malicious few because of his change in plans to visit them. This group is trying to paint Paul as wishy-washy and untrustworthy because of this change in his travel plans. During Paul’s written defense, he takes a theological tangent in verses 18-22. This is a subpoint in the overall argument for the believability of his words. So, whatever this theological digression means, it has its meaning in the flow of accomplishing that specific purpose.

In this section, God is introduced as Paul’s key witness. The text indicates Paul had preached, and what he had preached was a reality. This was due to the faithfulness of God, whom Paul preached (Titus 1:2; John 10:35). However, Paul also had planned, and what he had planned wasn’t a reality. This was due to the unfaithfulness of the Corinthians Paul wanted to visit. As he writes on these things, Paul shows grace by not coming (1:23). It wasn’t over Paul’s instability that he changed his plans, but it was because they were not spiritually ready for his visit; he wished to spare them any warranted correction.

As Paul’s argument develops we have this statement: “Now He who **establishes** us with you in Christ and has **anointed** us is God, who also has **sealed** us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a **guarantee**” (1:21-22). The pronoun “us” refers to Paul plus the apostles and/or prophets. The pronoun “you” refers to the Corinthians. Grammatically, “anointed us,” “sealed us,” and “us . . . guarantee” do not necessarily include the Corinthians since a distinction has been made.

“Establishes” is when God confirmed the message with the accompaniment of miracles. In Mark 16:20, the concept of “establishes” (“confirming”) is linked to apostolic proclamation of the gospel with verifying signs. “Anointed” is when God revealed His promises and will to Paul & co. In 1 John 2:20, 27 and 1 Corinthians 4:1-8, the concept of “anointed” is linked to those who had the miraculous gift of prophecy / knowledge. “Sealed” is when God confirmed the message of Paul & co. through miracles. In Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30, the concept of “sealed” is linked to those who had miracles that would confirm prophecy. “Guarantee” is how the New Testament apostles and prophets referred to the eternal word of God which they possessed, preached, and wrote. In 2 Corinthians 5:5 and Ephesians 1:13-14, the concept of “guarantee” is linked to the designation for the eternal pledge, that is, the word of God (specifically, the New Testament itself).

These four terms, “establishes,” “anointed,” “sealed,” and “guarantee” point to God’s confirmation, inspiration, authentication, and affirmation of His gospel (word) and His apostles and prophets (workers). This interpretation is reinforced as the preferred reading because of its fit in the context of the passage, placing the focus back on the believability of Paul’s words. Paul is defending his inspired apostleship and gift of prophecy, and not the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Thus, this is how one ought to interpret Paul’s theological terms. It’s as if Paul is saying, “Look at what lengths God has gone to ensure the believability of His words—AND THAT THROUGH US! Therefore, do our own words lack this fundamental and godly quality to them—US, the same who profess godliness?” The implication by Paul is, “I think not!”

--josh

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study.....	9:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship.....	10:00 A.M./6:00 P.M.
Sunday Hispanic Bible Study.....	9:00 A.M.
Sunday Hispanic Worship.....	10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Study.....	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday Hispanic Bible Study.....	7:00 P.M.
Tuesday Ladies’ & Men’s Classes.....	10:00 A.M.
(September – May)	

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YOUTH NEWS & NOTES

Donkeys Versus Horses...

Looking throughout the Bible, we have the tendency to categorize things as *big* moments and *little* moments. We remember the central message or the main story, but we may forget that every word and every action in the Bible is important because God put it there. He didn't give the main points and then the writers just filled in with things they found to be cool or interesting. We've gotten to the point in Jesus' life of what is known as the Triumphant Entry. He's entering Jerusalem which is filled with over a million Jews at this time. We note in verses 6 through 8 of Matthew 21 that most of the crowd laid out their coats on the road and went ahead of Him shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." The crowds referred to Him as the "prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee." Sadly, it would be the crowd, maybe many of the same folks, that would call for His death in the very near future. As I have stated, I love finding out the little things. We read in verse 5 that the prophesy foretold that the King would come to you...mounted on a donkey...a beast of burden. But let's make note that this wasn't a poor man's ride. We think of donkeys as the cheap version of the horse, but the donkey symbolized more than that. A donkey was used, even by kings, to show peace. It was custom that if a king rode in on a horse, it was an act of aggression or power, but if he rode in on a donkey, it meant he came in peace, because, let's face it, **who's going** to start something on the back of a donkey. Christ, even at this point in his ministry knowing that He was about to meet with hostility, came in to the city that He should be most afraid of, on a symbol of peace. Unfortunately, it's not uncommon for us to meet aggression and hostility because of our faith in Christ. It's so easy as humans for us to react with aggression and want to use the Bible or religion as a weapon. Yet Christ, who had the capability to call down legions of angels to fight for Him and prove Him right, walked in to the one place that wanted Him dead the most, with a heart of peace and love. Do we meet the hostile world in the same way? Do we look at those who despise us as children of God who need to know Him? Do we enter on a horse or on a donkey?

In love, Adam.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- September 23: I Can Tri Triathlon @ Lift Center
September 24: Service Day @ church building/2-4 p.m.
September 27: Empty Chair Meal
September 29-30: RUSH @ FHU

PB & J: Grades K-2	YOUTH	Tweens: Grades 3-5
Junior High: Grades 6-8		High School: Grades 9-12

DEVOTIONAL

September 24

Regency Retirement Village @ 1:00 p.m.

BABY SHOWER



All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend a baby shower honoring **Ashley Norris** on Sunday, September 24. The shower will be held from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Ashley is registered at Babies-R-Us, Walmart, and Target. **Lance** and **Ashley** are expecting a girl.

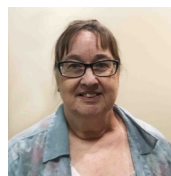
RESPONSE

On Wednesday, September 13, **Moe Cleghorn** requested prayers for strength and for wisdom that he might grow spiritually and develop in his service to Christ. We love Moe and appreciate his tender heart. It was our privilege to pray for him.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome two new members to the family of God that meets at North Jackson. If you have not already done so, please give them a warm North Jackson welcome at your earliest convenience.

Gladys Gowan lives at Brookdale Jackson Oaks, Apartment E-79. Her cell number is (731) 217-3452. Gladys' husband, Bill, is a resident at Maplewood Health Care. She will be in Group 4. A picture will be in a later publication.



Brenda Veerhusen

Brenda Veerhusen lives at 125 West Grand in Jackson (38301). Her cell number is (501) 258-3351, and her email address is bveerhus@harding.edu. She is the niece of **Shirley Cordle**. Brenda will be in Group 1.



CARD MINISTRY

Recipients this week are

Mary Duncan

and

Wes Forsythe

Please bring cards by Wednesday, September 27.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

Meeting Sunday afternoon, September 24

Song Leading (boys) @ 5:00

Songs of Praise (girls) @ 5:00

Speech (boys) @ 5:00

Speech (girls) @ 5:30

PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRES

On Sunday, September 17, Profile Questionnaires were passed out to the North Jackson congregation. The forms provide an opportunity for members to update information and to indicate areas of work in which they would like to be involved. Members are asked to complete the forms and return them to an elder by Sunday, September 24. Blank forms have been placed on the foyer tables for those members who did not receive one or have misplaced one.

TWEENS DEVOTIONAL

The Tweens will have a devotional following evening worship on Sunday, September 24, at the home of **Scott & Beth Beard**.

OUR SICK

JACKSON GENERAL HOSPITAL: Ben Way, room 742; Albert Jackson, room 912, father of **Keith Jackson SPIRE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL:** Dottie Taylor, room 129, aunt of **John Taylor**

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Don Agnew; Virginia Agnew; Jimmy Chandler (now @ home); Susan Clayton; Vivian Dickerson; Ron Hickman; Betty Jackson; Terry Harris, brother of James Harris; Peggy Gary, sister of Sheila Harris; Jennifer Salo, daughter of Doug & Betty Hays; Rodney Mullins, brother of Carol Holland; Shawana Wade, niece of Mary Tole; Jim McClain, brother of Janelle Waddell; Kay Wyatt, mother of Scott Wyatt; our shut-ins; those dealing with cancer & other serious illnesses

ICU SNACKS

Vienna sausages/snack pack cookies
(snack-sized & individually wrapped packages)

PANTRY NEEDS

saltine crackers/peanut butter



Don & Virginia Agnew

New Address
Jackson Meadow, Apartment 233
25 Max Lane Drive
Jackson, TN 38305

AREA GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

(See the foyer bulletin board for details of these events.)

September 17-20: Phillips Street church of Christ
Gospel Meeting

September 17-20: Nance church of Christ
Gospel Meeting

September 23: East Jackson church of Christ
Seasoned Saints Rally

September 23: Sitka church of Christ - Ladies' Day

September 23: Somerville church of Christ
Ladies' Day

September 24-27: Independence church of Christ
Gospel Meeting

October 15-18: Spiritual Sword Lectureship

TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME BENEFIT DINNER

The Tennessee Children's Home Benefit Dinner will be held at 6:30 on Thursday evening, September 21, at the Henderson church of Christ building. For tickets, please see **Michael Wilson** or **Paul Norris**.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, September 17, 2017

Bible Study.....	473
A.M. Worship.....	682
P.M. Worship.....	451
Wednesday P.M., September 13.....	453

BABY SHOWER



All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend a baby shower honoring **Tiffany Forbis** from 1:30 - 3:00 on Sunday afternoon, October 1. The shower will be held in the fellowship hall. Tiffany is registered at Target and Amazon.com. **Brian & Tiffany** are expecting a boy.

Beloved,
let us love one another:
for love is of God; and every one
that loveth is born of God,
and knoweth God.
1John 4:7



October 1– Hughston Brewington, Miguel Reyes **2**– Arthur Davis, Al Earls, Will Johnson, Kenneth Lilly **3**– Richard Birdwell, Brian Coleman, Christine Cupples, Lu Ann Dinwiddie, Heather Young **5**– Dorothy Laws, Mary Claire Swaim **6**– Albert Green **7**– Larissa Barton, Tommy Maupin, Rick Torbett **8**– Ava Martin, Steven Reeves **9**– Becky Coleman, Darren Dickerson, Troy Elliott, Carl Petty, David Young **10**– George Cherry, David Morris, Judy Whitt, Caitlin Witherspoon **11**– Phil Bradley, Liz Greenway, Lorie McCaskill, Mack Tole, Riley Young **12**– Carolyn Verell **13**– Sandra Curlin, Jennifer White **14**– Faye Yarbrough **15**– Kim Townsley **17**– Jeremy Browning, Leon Cupples, Dylan Wyatt, Seth York **18**– Kyle Christensen **19**– Ethan Anderson **20**– Morgan Tyler **21**– Analiese Anderson, Harvey Boyette, Scott Hopper, Angie Hysmith, Anthony Melton, Sandie Neal, Caleb Orphanides **22**– Wendy Cupples, Jeanne Mallard **23**– Paul Norris **25**– Gloria Anderson, Haley Delaney, Karen Pickler, Elizabeth Young **26**– Korbin Cooper, Twila DeBerry, Addison Goslee, Hannah Young **27**– Bob Gordon, Larry Jones, Robin Maguire **29**– David Briley, Logan Coleman, Emily Crabtree, TyJunah Martin **30**– Miles Brashier, Austin Johnston, Anna Marie Wyatt

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2– Charles & Elise Humphrey
2– Rob & Kellie Jones
4– Steve & Sandra Goodwin
5– Kevin & Kacey Stockton
7– Jon & Amy Anderson
9– Justin & Sandie Neal
10– Seth & Dianne York
16– Adam & Tavia Carlucci
16– Adrian & Rebecca Jones
19– Calvin & Sandra Bailey
19– Brandon & Martha Sheffield
24– Mack & Mary Tole
28– Howell & Mary Ferguson



Those Privileged To Serve

The elders request that those leading in worship and those ushering, please wear a coat and tie. Your understanding and cooperation are deeply appreciated.

Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:00 A.M.

Greeting & Announcements **John McCadams**
Song Leader..... **Randy White**
Scripture Reading/First Prayer..... **Michael Wilson**
Lord's Table..... **(H) Drew Rush, Chris White**
(S) Gary Anderson, Darren Dickerson, Larry Forsythe
Don Holcomb, Adrian Jones, Kevin Kee

Men serving the Lord's Supper are asked to meet outside the training room immediately following the auditorium Bible class.

Closing Prayer **Eric Russell**
(If unable to serve in worship, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)
Alternates: **Logan Argo, Jack Christie, Kevin Martin, Jason Smith**

Nursery Attendants **Sherry Brown, Grace Butler**
Stephanie Christensen, Dawn Cooper
(If unable to serve in the nursery, call **Tavia Carlucci, (615) 491-4211.**)

Sunday, September 24, 2017 6:00 P.M.

Greeting & Announcements **John McCadams**
Song Leader..... **Randy White**
Scripture Reading/First Prayer..... **Scott Wyatt**
Lord's Table **(H) Lee Johnson, Tommy Maupin**

Please use one of the following translations: King James, New King James, American Standard, or New American Standard.

Closing Prayer **Arthur Davis**
(If unable to serve in worship, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)
Nursery Attendants **Carmen Chandler, Kathy Colley**
(If unable to serve in the nursery, call **Tavia Carlucci, (615) 491-4211.**)

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 7:00 P.M.

Greeting & Announcements **Josh Cook**
Song Leader **Michael Young**
Closing Prayer **David Briley**
Collect Cards..... **John Brown, George Cherry**
(If unable to serve, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)

Ushers For September

Calvin Bailey, Don Mitchell, Joe Pickler, Gerald Swims
Balcony Communion: Keith Jackson, Trevor Jones

(If unable to serve, call **John Brown, 803-2823** or **George Cherry, 616-2955.**)

Bus Driver for September: George Cherry (731) 616-2955

Communion Preparation/Open & Close Building For September: Group 2

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