

Today's Sermons:

AM TBA

PM TBA

Those Privileged To Serve:

Announcements: Willard Ellison
 AM Song Leader: Matthew Winters
 AM Prayer: Mark Miller
 Lord's Supper: Matthew Winters, Mark Miller, Bill Powers
 PM Song Leader: Tim Winters
 PM Prayer: David Turnmire
 Lord's Supper: Leroy Kennell
 Wed Song Leader: Tim Winters
 Wed Invitation: Lindy Hiatt

Records For Last Week:

Contribution: \$1442
 Daily Bible Readers: 7
 Sunday Bible Study: 35
 AM Worship: 52
 PM Worship: 20
 Wednesday Bible Study: 29

Building Cleaning For Next Sunday:

Check Calendar

Prepare Communion For October 2009

Brenda Ellison



BIBLE QUESTIONS

(Answers Next Week)

41. Which disciple of Jesus almost drowned in the Sea of Galilee?
42. What is the longest chapter in the Bible?
43. What is the middle chapter in the Bible?
44. What book tells about a man who lost everything?
45. What book is a collection of wise sayings?
46. Who is often called the "Messianic Prophet"?
47. Who was the "weeping prophet"?
48. Who said: "But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord"?
49. What is the first commandment with promise?
50. Does the Bible say "we all do fade as a leaf"?

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Back to the Bible

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God's Authority Expressed To Man

By
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God's will has always been made known through His speaking -- His word. His revelation is a manifestation of His moral character. His laws, statutes, commandments, etc., are holy because He is holy (1 Pet. 1:15-16). They are true because He is truth (John 17:17; Heb. 6:18).

He spoke through prophets in previous dispensations. Holy men of God were moved by the Holy Spirit to speak the things of God (2 Pet. 1:20-21). Hebrews 1:1 states that in times past God spoke to the fathers through the prophets. He even testified of Jesus Christ before His coming to earth through the prophets (1 Pet. 1:10-11).

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Times of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study:.....10:00am
 AM Worship:.....11:00am
 PM Worship:.....6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program

Sunday:.....9:35am
 "Back to the Bible"
 AM 580 WSK

12th Annual Lectureship

"God's Plan for Salvation"
 September 25-27, 2009

**We Extend A
 Warm & Cordial
 Welcome
 To All Our Visitors!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCTOBER 4 – MEN’S BUSINESS MEETING FOLLOWING EVENING SERVICES
- OCTOBER 4- LADIE’S BIBLE CLASS FOLLOWING EVENING SERVICES
- OCTOBER 12 – SINGING AT MARGATE HEALTH & REHAB – 6:30 PM

Those Needing Our Prayers:

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16).



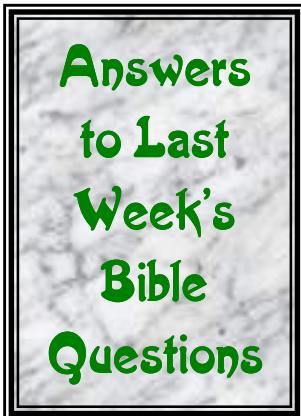
Lectureship
 Michael Matkins
 Jesse Matkins & Family
 Joe Allen Turner
 Jean Miller
 Shayna Thompson
 Rita Douglas & Family
 Angela Tarlton (cancer)
 Destiny & Robin matkins
 Cindy Samateh

Jack & Dee Jagers
 Kevin Matkins
 Bill Powers
 Mark Miller
 Margaret Rash
 Edgar & Dorothy Wilcox
 Michael Wilcox & Family
 Steven matkins
 Shannon Rash & Family

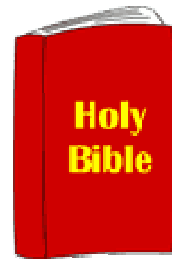
Tom & Della Jones
 Joseph matkins
 Dot Goss
 Linda Powers
 Leroy & Minnie Kennell
 Tammy Fagan & Family
 Lessie Church
 Stephanie Eldreth
 Steven & Candy Carrillo

Our Shut- Ins

Mary Turner – Margate Health & Rehab; Room #415A, 540 Waugh St., Jefferson, NC 28640



31. **Israel.** Deuteronomy 5:2-3.
32. **Father of Joshua.** Exodus 33:11.
33. **Nadab and Abihu.** Leviticus 10:1-7.
34. **Goliath.** 1 Samuel 17:41-49.
35. **Hor.** Deuteronomy 32:50.
36. **Mt. Nebo.** Deuteronomy 32:49.
37. **God.** Deuteronomy 34:6.
38. **Joshua.** Deuteronomy 31:1-8.
39. **Joseph’s brethren.** Genesis 42:21.
40. **Esther.** Esther 4:16.



How did you do? Did you get them all?

In this present age, God speaks exclusively through His Son ([Heb. 1:1-2](#)). The Father has delegated all authority to the Son ([Matt. 28:18](#); [Eph. 1:22-23](#)). Jesus is that "prophet" of whom Moses spoke would be "like unto" him ([Deut. 18:15](#); [Acts 3:22](#)). Jesus, while upon the earth, repeatedly stated that God had "sent" Him into the world ([John 8:16,18,26,29,42](#)). The apostles, over and over, declared the Lordship of Jesus ([Acts 2:36](#); [3:26](#); [10:36](#); [Eph. 1:22-23](#); [Col. 1:18](#); [2:9-10](#)). Since Jesus is God's only spokesman today, and since He possesses all authority, all teaching must be "of Christ" if it is to have proper authority behind it ([2 John 9-11](#); [1 Tim. 6:3-5](#)).

Using the Holy Spirit to guide them, Jesus authorized His apostles to use His authority. He promised they would receive dunamis, power ([Luke 24:49](#); [Acts 1:8](#)). They were given exousia, authority ([2 Cor. 10:8](#); [13:10](#)). The Holy Spirit, as Jesus had promised, endowed them with their power and authority ([John 14:26](#); [16:7-13](#)).

The work of the apostles began on the day of Pentecost recorded in the second chapter of the book of Acts. Later, when they wrote, the words were given to them by the Holy Spirit ([1 Cor. 2:9-13](#); [Gal. 1:11-12](#)).

We must respect the authority of God as it is expressed unto us by Jesus Christ since Jesus possesses all authority and since He is God's exclusive spokesman to us. If we respect His authority:

- All of His laws will immediately be important to us. We will want to know all that Jesus has commanded of us.
- A to Him will become our way of life. Jesus expects such obedience ([Matt. 7:21-23](#); [Luke 6:46](#)). He is Savior to those who are obedient to Him ([Heb. 5:8-9](#)).
- His character will be developed in our lives by the application of His teaching to our minds. We will be transformed into having the "mind of Christ" in all things ([Phil. 2:5](#); [Rom. 12:1-2](#)). The qualities of character He possesses and the attitudes He has for God and others will become our standards in every aspect of our lives.

It is vitally important that every person understand how God's authority is expressed to man so that all will recognize it, learn what it commands, and submit to it in all things. To do anything less, would be to fall short of what God would have us to be and fail to live in accordance with His revealed will.