

Parsons Proclaimer

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A Donkey & Our Fruit

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Aesop was a Greek slave born in the sixth century B.C., but he was a great storyteller, and thousands of years later his fables, and the morals they teach, still live on. Aesop told the story of a donkey that put on a Lion's skin, and roamed around the forest amusing himself by scaring all the foolish animals he met. Finally, he met a Fox, and tried to scare him, too—but as soon as the Fox heard the donkey's voice, he said, "Well, I might have been frightened...if I hadn't heard you bray." What is the moral of the story? The moral is, clothes may disguise a fool, but his words give him away.

The Bible teaches a similar moral. Jesus said in Matthew 12:33-37 that we are known by our fruit (the things we say and do), because our fruit reveals what is really inside of our heart. Jesus said if our fruit is bad, then our heart is bad, but if our fruit is good, then our heart is good. Some people will pretend to be good and may actually do a lot of good things, but eventually the true nature of their heart will come out (sometimes very soon, sometimes it may take a long time). Jesus made that point in Matthew 7:15-20, where, once again, He talks about people's fruit. He said, "*Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits.*" Such people may look good on the outside, but their fruits will reveal what is truly on the inside.

Whether it's Aesop's fable or Jesus' teaching about fruit, we must be careful that we do not take the morals taught by them and quickly pass them off onto other people. For example, we might look at what Jesus said about false prophets and say, "*Well, that's how false prophets are,*" but not take the time to consider, "*Am I doing similar in my own life? Do I try to show people that I'm a good Christian, when in reality I don't try very hard to be a faithful disciple of Jesus?*" If that is you, just know that eventually people will know who you really are, either by what you say or what you do. But more importantly, God already knows who you are, and *whose* you are.

MEN TO SERVE

Bible School Devotion 03/22/20 not done yet

Singing.....Alex Jones
Prayer.....Jerry Bell

Sunday Morning Worship 03/22/20 not done yet

Announcements.....Anthony Curtis
Prayer.....Anthony Curtis
Two Hymns.....Nick Jones
Communion Hymn.....Nick Jones
Scripture Reading (Isaiah 53:3-7).....A.B. White
Lord's Supper.....(Head) A.B. White, Anthony Curtis
Zoey Graham and Jerry Bell

One Hymn.....Nick Jones
Message.....Martin Klamm
Invitation Hymn.....Nick Jones
Offering Hymn.....Nick Jones
Contribution
Final Hymn.....Nick Jones
Closing Prayer.....Jeremy Jones
Greeters at the Front Door.....A.B. and Anita White

Sunday Evening 03/22/20

Song Leader.....Don Brock
Prayer.....Johnny Allen
Message.....Martin Klamm
Communion.....(Head) Jay Farlow
Johnny Allen
Announcements.....Zoey Graham
Closing Prayer.....Zoey Graham

Wednesday Night 03/25/20 not done yet

Song Leader.....Johnny Wood
Prayer.....Michael Parrish
Invitation.....Jordan Parrish
Announcements.....Jay Farlow
Closing Prayer.....Jay Farlow

FAMILY NEWS

SICK: Wanda Hawley, daughter of Jane Wallace, is in the Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Tammy Aldridge, Herman and Martha Coleman, Kenneth Goff, Rick Hudson, Danielle Mathis, Jearlean McKenzie, Ruth Perkins, Nancy Rainey, Mike Rogers, Rickey Sparks, Kenny Stephens and Addison Walker.

DECATUR COUNTY HEALTH & REHAB: Kenneth Goff, Room 501, June Loggins, Room 309-A and Ruth Perkins, Room 202.

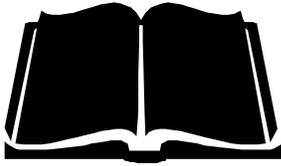
ATTENTION PARENTS: If your child wants to go to Horizons you need to be making their reservation. It will be July 5-10. There are forms on the back table. Reservations are filling up fast. This is for youth 7th-12th grades.

PILLOWS: If you have been using a pillow and have not picked it up, they are in the front office. The pillows will be thrown away this week, so if you want one pick it up now!!

THANK YOU: The Glen Wallace family sent a Thank You to everyone for all the love and sympathy shown during the loss of Barbara. They also wanted to thank everyone for the meal provided after the service.

THANK YOU: Mike Rogers sent a Thank You for the prayers and concerns during his recent surgery.

***“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only...”
(James 1:22a)***



DAILY BIBLE READING

- Thursday (1 Samuel 18-20)
- Friday (1 Samuel 21-25)
- Saturday (1 Samuel 26-28)
- Sunday (2 Samuel 1-3)
- Monday (2 Samuel 4-6)
- Tuesday (2 Samuel 7-9)
- Wednesday (2 Samuel 10-12)

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When my son was 3 years old, our congregation was meeting temporarily in a school until we could move into a new building. To keep our folding chairs from being mistaken for those belonging to the school, we painted the word JESUS across the back of each of the chairs.

One day, as we were eating at a local restaurant, my son proudly announced that he could spell chair. “Spell it for me”, I said. He replied “J-E-S-U-S”.

A small congregation was having a “baptizing” in a river on a cold January day. A Gospel Meeting had just concluded.

The preacher asked one baptismal candidate, “Is the water cold?”
“Naw!” he replied.

One of the deacons shouted: “Dip him agin’ preacher, he’s still lyin’!”

Returning home from Bible school, a little girl told how disappointed she was with the class reaction after the day’s lesson.

“We were taught to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations,” she said, “but we just sat there.”

SOUNDS LIKE MOST OF US DOESN’T IT?

The Record Speaks

Attendance	Contribution 2640
Wed. BS 42	Budget 3035
SMBS 55	
SMW 70	
SEW 65	

Assemblies

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	7:00 p.m.