

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

8:45 AM Bible Study/Sunday School
 10:00 AM Morning Worship/
 Praise Team Rehearsal
 5:00 PM Discipleship Training
 Bible Buddies/Bible Drill
 6:00 PM Evening Worship

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

5:00-6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper
 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
 RA's/GA's/Mission Friends
 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



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Views from the Youth Min. for July

Summer is here! That means we may have a trip or vacation planned soon. I've heard it said that "We make plans, and God laughs." There may well be some truth to that! Similarly, **Psalm 37:23** says that *"The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand."*

As we make our plans for summer as well as the future, let us reflect on God and His plans for us! **Romans 8:28** tells us that *"we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."* Let us find encouragement and direction in this! The 'good' that God produces here refers to our sanctification process! God's plan for our lives is intended for us to become more like Jesus Christ every day! As we grow closer to the Lord in our personal lives, we are able to affect others around us more effectively with the Gospel! Seek out the Lord and His guidance in your life each day!

God Bless!
 Bro. Hudson

Flowood Chimes

It is hard to believe we are halfway through the summer! I want to say "Thank you" to Christie Abercrombie for her hard work preparing for Bible School. I also want to say "Thank you" to each of you who helped in some way — whether in preparation, during the week, or in clean up — for what was truly an incredible week. We are looking forward to a great July. Summer is often a busy time with vacations, camps, and other church functions, and I hope you have had a wonderful summer thus far.

This month, I would like to discuss a passage that many of us know well — 2 Timothy 1:7: *"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."*

Too often, believers — laymen and ministers alike — fear using their gifts. They fear speaking up for Christ and the Gospel. They fear ridicule, embarrassment, mockery, criticism, opposition, or abuse. If we are being honest, we have all experienced these fears at one time or another. We have failed to witness, to use our gifts in speaking up for Christ and proclaiming the Gospel, lest we suffer persecution. But note the charge — it is clear and forceful: we are not to fear. We are not to fear the face of man. We are not to fear the trials that may come our way because we are living for Christ. We are not to fear the ridicule and persecution that may be launched against us because we are witnessing and ministering for Him.

Is it possible to keep from fearing as we live for Christ in this world — a world that is so often evil and hostile? How can we keep from being apprehensive as we witness for Christ day by day? This verse tells us how: we let God equip us. God's equipment does not include fear. The fact is clearly stated: God does not give us the spirit of fear; He gives us the spirit of power, love, and a sound mind.

The word *"spirit"* here refers to the believer's spirit — the Holy Spirit of God actually injects power, love, and a sound mind into the spirit of the believer. The Holy Spirit infuses power into the believer's spirit, and He also infuses love — *agape* love — the kind of love that loves people even when they are sinners and enemies. This love arises within the mind and will, not in the emotions. No man can stir up or manufacture *agape* love on his own. It is God's love, and God alone possesses it; therefore, God alone can give it to men. He gives it to all who live for His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and who proclaim Him.

This month, may I encourage you to be BOLD! Do not be ashamed to use your gift or gifts. Do not be ashamed to share the message of Christ. Do not be ashamed of being rejected or ridiculed. Do not allow Satan to keep you from being who God has created you to be. God has created you to possess a spirit of power, love, and a sound mind. Go and be like Jesus in the days ahead, Flowood!

In His Grip,

Bro. Bobby McGuffie

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Ladies Prayer Group

Tuesday, July 7th
10:00 am Adult Wing



Hunter Brown 03
Mary Holbrooks
Nick Payne
Brian & Cathy Wilkinson-

Anniversary

George Brooks 05
Karley Pollard 07
Regina Krause 08
Bro. Bobby McGuffie
John Selden

July

Birthdays &
Anniversaries

Eva Bailey-Avery 10
Elliot Adkins 12
Debbie Donald
Britt Bennett 14
Cari Bruce 16
Bro. Ricky Gray 19
Christi Hall 21
Vernonia Perkins 22
Larry Ashley 23
Terry Bouchard

Have
A
Happy
Day!!!

Norma Dotson
June Strait 24
Elijah Gammill 28
Jessie Purvis
Cory Waltman
Phillip Fortson 29
Rhonda Gunter 31



Commitment – Ruth 1:16

Ruth’s statement of her commitment to go with Naomi to Israel is a classic. It is one of the literary gems of all time. It has been set to music and is sometimes sung at weddings to show the couple’s commitment to each other in marriage. The statement actually takes in two verses but here we will just look at one verse.

Her Plea – “Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee.” Naomi had encouraged Ruth to stay in Moab. It is the language that says an emphatic “No” to temptation and tells temptation to begone. Any worthy commitment to God needs this kind of attitude about temptation.

Her Path – “Whither thou goest, I will go.” Be it a rough path or smooth path, Ruth is committed to going with Naomi. Some change paths when the going gets tough, but not Ruth. An acceptable commitment to God requires steadfastness regardless of the difficulties of the path.

Her Place – “Where thou lodgest, I will lodge.” Like the path, Ruth did not say she would only go to the place that was nice and commodious. It would be a poor commitment, if we follow only when the place is comfortable and convenient.

Her people – “Thy people shall be my people.” Ruth wanted to be described as a member of Naomi’s family. And she knew the requirement was to go to Israel and live with Naomi. If you want to be described as a Christian, you will need to associate with Christians. Some want to be called Christian but do not want to separate from the world.

Her Piety – “Thy God my God.” This is the most important part of her commitment. Ruth was making a break from the idolatry of Moab to follow the true God. Nothing is so important in life as our relationship with God.

Ruth made her bold and brave commitment to Naomi and her God not knowing what the future held. Flowood Baptist, let us boldly and bravely make the commitment to trust our God not knowing what tomorrow may bring.

For His Glory,
Bro. Jon

Ladies Precept Bible Study

Genesis Part 3

(Don’t worry if you missed the earlier studies—this section stands on its own, and you can easily jump in with us.)

Begins Tuesday, August 4th-Tuesday Sept. 8th.

9:30 -11:00 am Small Fellowship Hall

\$15.99 per book

Sign-up sheet in the foyer. Sign-up by July 12th



SERVICE HOSTS FOR JULY

Tim Biard, Michael Brown, Casey Foy, Donovan Fuselier, David Gammill, Michael Gammill, James Meadows, Mike Pollard, James Routh, Tommy Strickland, Donnie Thomas, Jeremiah Welch, Brian Wilkinson

DEACONS ON CALL FOR JULY

Cory Edwards and Robert Mayo

Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, July 26th
7:00 am Fellowship Hall

TEAM MEMBERS/VOLUNTEERS RESPONSIBLE FOR JULY

COUNTING TEAM

7/5 Earl Smith/Jay Busby/Ethan Morgan
7/12 Jalane Hall/Kellie Rogers/Chloe Simmons
7/19 Mike Pollard/Carrie Pollard/Kozy Gammill
7/26 Nancy Barfoot/Rebecca Bennett/Joyce Fulton

EXTENDED SESSION

Audrey Colon

CHILDREN’S CHECK-IN

7/5 Robert & Alicia Mayo (AM)/
(NO PM)
7/12 Jason & Amanda Randall (AM)/
Patricia Gammill (PM)
7/19 Todd & Lindsey Stringer (AM)/
Christie Abercrombie (PM)
7/26 Drew & Victoria Caves (AM)/
Matt Lemly (PM)

CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS

7/5 Betsy Fortson/Lindsey McGuffie/Merrian Glover/Janette Turner
7/12 Rhonda Gunter/Niki Harvey/Jillian Bennett/Joyce Fulton
7/19 Janette Turner/Sherry Shannon/Kensleigh Pollard/Lydia Austin
7/26 Rhonda Gunter/Emileigh Smith/Michelle Young

WELCOME HOSTESSES

7/5 Cathy Wilkinson/Dorothy Wright
7/12 Larry Ashley/Nancy Barfoot
7/19 Lynn Bishop/Terry Bouchard
7/26 Josh Broome/Glinda Busby

SUNDAY SCHOOL/PARKING LOT HOSTS

7/5 Will Pollard
7/12 Corey Ruffin
7/19 John Selden
7/26 Richard Sims

AUDIO/STREAM TEAM

Wed. 7/1 Mike McCusker
7/5 Mike McCusker
Wed. 7/8 Josh Broome
7/12 Mike Arthur
Wed. 7/15 Connor Foy
7/19 Jason Randall
Wed. 7/22 Mike McCusker
7/26 Josh Broome
Wed. 7/29 Connor Foy

VISUAL COMPUTER TEAM

Wed. 7/1 Bob Collier
7/5 Steven Jones
Wed. 7/8 Matt Lemly
7/12 Isaiah Austin
Wed. 7/15 Casey Foy
7/19 Steven Jones
Wed. 7/22 Bob Collier
7/26 Chloe Simmons
Wed. 7/29 Matt Lemly