

MOMMIES & MINISTRY MEETING - FRI., MAY 3

- > At 7:00 PM at the Moores' home
- > For mothers of young children
- > Childcare not provided

Men's Prayer Breakfast -Sat., May 11

- > At 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- > For men and their boys

MOTHER'S DAY -Sun., May 12

> Every mother in attendance will receive a special gift!

CBS GRADUATIONS -THU., MAY 23

- > At 7:00 PM in the Auditorium
- > High School Graduation (for one)
- > Kindergarten Graduation (for five)
- > Fourth Quarter Performance & Awards Ceremony



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 PREACHING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH - PART 1

Acts 20:1-12 | Pastor T. H. Moore

Then chapter twenty of the book of Acts begins, the apostle Paul had departed from the city of Ephesus. Paul had arrived in Ephesus on his third missionary journey as recorded in Acts 18:23. It was on this third missionary journey that Paul revisited the churches in Galatia and Phrygia that he had planted on his second missionary strengthened journey, the disciples, and came to Ephesus. Paul spent three years in Ephesus preaching and teaching the Word of God, planting a church, and discipling those new converts, but his ministry there was not without incident. While in Ephesus, a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, had caused a great stir among the people there against the apostle Paul. This stir grew into a great uproar which eventually led to Paul's leaving Ephesus. Paul called unto him the disciples, embraced them, and departed into Macedonia. Paul traveled through Macedonia and into Greece (Čorinth), where he spent three months ministering. Afterwards, he wanted to sail back to Syria, but he purposed to retrace his steps back through Macedonia first—and in verse 4 of our text, we read of the team of men that accompanied Paul into Asia. Their names were Sopater of Berea, Aristarchus and Secundus Thessalonica, Gaius and Timothy of Derbe, and Tychichus and Trophimus of Asia. This group of men went ahead of Paul and Luke and waited for them at Troas. Paul and Luke then sailed from Philippi and landed at Troas, and in verse 7 of our text, we read of their activity in Troas, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together

to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." Notice the simple phrase in this verse, "Paul preached unto them."

Thirty-seven times, we read the word or a form of the word preaching in the book of Acts. The words preach and preaching are mentioned 141 times in the New Testament, and there are two Greek words that are translated preaching. There is the word kerusso, which means, "to herald as a public crier divine truth." Then, the word euaggelizo means, "to announce the good news, especially the gospel." So, preaching could be defined as, "proclaiming the truths of the Bible and the gospel of Jesus Christ."

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There is no doubt in my mind that the most urgent need in churches today—even independent, fundamental, Baptist churches—is the preaching of God's Word. We need a return to an emphasis on Bible preaching!

Liberals and the contemporary church movement are against preaching. The late Rich Mullins, a popular CCM writer/performer, said that he was, "... really sick of all this heavy-handed Christianity ..." and that musicians "... should stop preaching unless that's what God has called them to." Jason Wade of Lifehouse said, "I think

we have a positive message of hope. We're not trying to blatantly preach. It all comes down to love." These unscriptural statements ignore some vital Bible facts. At least thirty times in the gospels, it is mentioned that the Lord Jesus Christ preached. Christ began His ministry preaching (Matthew 4:17); Christ sent forth His disciples to preach (Mark 3:14); He commands every believer to preach (Mark 16:15); and the New Testament church is characterized by preaching (2 Timothy 4:2).

For the next couple of weeks, we are going to look at the importance of preaching in our churches—but this week, let's begin with the truth:

I. The Subject of Our Preaching (vs. 7a)

We read, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them," What exactly was it that Paul preached to them? I believe that it is safe to assume that he preached the same things that he had been preaching all through the book of Acts. He "preached Christ" in the synagogue at Damascus (Acts 9:20). He preached the Word of God in Salamis (Acts 13:5). He preached the gospel in the cities of Lycaonia (Acts 14:7) and in Derbe (Acts 14:21). He preached the Word in Phrygia and Galatia (Acts 16:6). He preached Jesus Christ in Macedonia (16:10) and Thessalonica (17:3). He preached the Word in Berea (17:13) and in Asia (19:10). We must always identify preaching with what we should be preaching. We are to preach the Word of God—this is what people need!

Join us in prayer for...

- EASTON BAPTIST CHURCH
- FIRST STATE BAPTIST CHURCH: looking for a 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
- MARIE ALLRED: in PAM Rehab for shoulder pain
- ASA FAMILY: bereavement—homegoing of Jeanne
- BURTON BETTS: heart monitoring for a-fib
- BOBBY BIBLE: recovery from surgical procedure KIM BISHOP: gallbladder removal surgery on May 2
- JANNA CARROW: back & neck injuries
- CAROL CHURCH: pacemaker implantation recovery
- PAISLEY COMBS: shunt revision surgery on May 13
- **SETH HAUER:** recovery from finger surgery
- FRAN HORNE: declining health
- TOM HORNE: knee replacement surgery recovery & rehab (at home)
- **HEATHER REECE**: *knee replacement surgery* recovery & rehab (in Encompass Rehab in Middletown)
- TALAN REIFF: SVT heart surgery on May 1
- SARAH RENSHAW & SONS: bereavement homegoing of Brian
- FRED SCHINDLER & FAMILY: bereavement homegoing of his wife, Linda
- SELHEIMER FAMILY: bereavement—sudden homegoing of Bob
- CAROLE ANN SHULL: upcoming major leg surgery for cancer removal
- TERESA ZIMMERMAN: wisdom; success of alternative cancer treatments; appointment on May 1



TOM HORNE Surgery Recovery & Rehab

658 E. Pebworth Road Magnolia, DE 19962

Please pray for Tom as he recovers from knee replacement surgery and rehabs at home. Also, pray for his wife, Fran, and consider sending a note of encouragement!



SOUL-WINNING/DISCIPLESHIP 1 salvation

CHURCH SERVICES 7 visitors



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From the Mission Field / Help Ministry

Due to the sensitivity of their field of service and for security reasons, this week's missionary highlight will not be posted online.

> Please pray this week for all of the missionaries who are serving the Lord in dangerous areas.