

COMMITMENT

Commitment is the act of committing, pledging or engaging oneself. It is regarded as a pledge or a promise. When we became Christians, we committed ourselves to take up our cross and follow Christ daily. This commitment was for a lifetime. In Christianity there is no such thing as a temporary commitment or a partial commitment.

When the pilot of a giant airliner is speeding down the runway, there is a certain point where he cannot decide to remain on the ground. When he crosses that line, he is committed to the air. If he doesn't, the plane will crash disastrously. That pilot cannot change his mind when the plane is two-thirds of the way down the runway. He must make his decision from the beginning and stay with it to become airborne.

Many members of the church have obeyed the gospel, leaving the old man of sin; but they seem to sit at the beginning of the runway revving the engines but never moving. They have been saved but have never gotten engaged in their faith. Christianity is not a spectator sport; everyone must compete against an enemy who is out to get their souls (Ephesians 6:10-13; I Peter 5:8). This is not a competition where winning or losing does not matter. It is a competition with eternal consequences.

Jesus told the church at Smyrna, *"Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I'll give you the crown of life"* (Rev. 2:10). Our faith in Christ is a commitment with no end. Let's not spend our time gunning the engine on the runway. Let's get involved!

—Phil Sanders

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SUN: 9:00am - Worship

10:15am - Bible Study

6:00pm - Worship

WED: 6:30pm - Bible Study

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MONITOR

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COUNTY-WIDE MEETING

"CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST"

SEPTEMBER 17, 2010



7:00PM.

MANCHESTER- COFFEE COUNTY CONFERENCE CENTER

Exit 114
111 Hospitality Blvd.
Manchester, TN

SPEAKER:

CARL S. SIMS

EVERYONE WELCOME

Wednesday Aug. 11, 2010

FOR THE RECORD

Morning Worship: (Aug. 8)	298
Bible Study	168
Evening Worship.....	144
Midweek Bible Study (Aug. 4)	147
Contribution: (Aug. 8).....	\$5,658

HOSPITAL

Willie Jean (Bill) White, Man. Medical, Rm. 121.

Bobbie Deadman, Man. Medical, Rm. 123

AT HOME

Dessie Taylor, Fairy Johnson, Kenneth Poff,

Sally Owens, Joe Sims, Polly Hoover,

Polly Gibson, Debbie Vaughn,

Linda Crosslin, Sterling Wayne Shelton,

Garland Brown, Steve Barlow, Ruth Baskin,

Joe Verner.

READ NEW TESTAMENT THRU:

Bettie Ehrhardt, Angela Michaels

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Megan Hall in the recent loss of her grandmother.

PANTRY ITEMS

Chili, Crackers, Instant Potatoes.

BAPTISMS

Our hearts were made to rejoice over the baptism of Clyde Aaron Crosslin on Wednesday. He lives in Bradenton, FL. He is the brother of Betty Rigney and O.D. Crosslin.

Also, Coulter Gray & Rachael Wilcox were baptized on Thursday. Coulter is the grandson of Winfred & Virginia Duke. Coulter lives at 167 Lauren-Lindsey Ln., Phone: 952-9961, M10/13 and Racheal lives at 30 Ezell Ln., Phone 952-9964, F1/26.

MEN TO SERVE

THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. AUG. 15:

9:00AM

Song Leader: Scott Vaughn

First Prayer: Carl Russell

Scripture: Michael Broadrick

Closing Prayer: Jeff McCullough

6:00PM

Song Leader: Scott Vaughn

First Prayer: Tim Brown

Scripture: Michael Broadrick

Closing Prayer: Leroy Munsey

A.M.: “Materialism” (Luke 12:13-21)

**P.M.: “Changing the Church or Ourselves”
(Rev. 3:7-13)**

PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. AUG. 15:

Seth Little & Nathan Brown

NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. AUG. 15:

Patsy Sims

THOSE TO SERVE, WED. AUG. 18:

Devotional: Carl Sims

Announcements: Scott Vaughn

Opening Prayer: David Sullivan

Closing Prayer: John McInturff

Song Leader: Pierce Green

Remember to notify David Sullivan if you are not able to serve at your appointed time.

PLEASE REMOVE

If you have left anything in the back closet in the fellowship hall (where the deep freeze is) such as games, decorations, etc., please remove them in the next week or they will be discarded.

WORKERS NEEDED

There is a need for nursery workers during the Sunday morning worship service.

Also, those willing to be greeters on Sunday morning. If you are willing to help with any of these, please call the church office at 728-3306.

PHONE SERVICE

We now have limited phone service in the church building. 728-3306 is the only line working at this time. Hopefully, a decision will be made soon. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

PROJECT

The Wednesday night Ladies class, taught by Katherine Ewell, does Bingo at Kingwood Arms every so often, and class members furnish the prizes for this project. If you would like to help with this by bringing prizes, you may leave them in the office.

LADS TO LEADERS

On Sunday, August 22nd, **Lads to Leaders** will begin the new year. If you would like to participate in this, you are encouraged to attend. They will meet in the fellowship hall following the Bible Study hour for a pot-luck meal.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE

Lessons Graded (8/4-8/10)	777
Requests For Personal Contact	0
Students served.....	311

STUDENT COMMENT

I am really enjoying working on these lessons. I realize how little I do know, but I read my Bible daily. Thank you all so much. (Durham, NC)

Thanks again for so much knowledge and having the opportunity to increase the true meaning of the scripture. I can clearly see how scripture has been changed to fit man’s own agenda. I thank you and your staff for this God given light. (Norfolk, VA)



Jo McMahan’s granddaughter, 1 LT. Laura Peeples and Laura’s husband, Josh, both arrived home safely after completing their tour in Iraq.

The family is grateful for their safe return and wish to thank you all for your cards & prayers. Their new address:

Josh & Laura Peeples

1463 Thompson St.

DuPont, WA 98327

NEITHER IN THE PAST NOR SINCE

Poor Moses! He was on the spot. God was calling him to do something he didn’t really feel qualified to do. I can see him squirming as he said, “*O Lord, I have never been eloquent neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue*” (**Exodus 4:10**). In essence, “I’m not the man you want.” In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. God could have given Moses an eloquent tongue and answered Moses’ excuses, but He didn’t! Instead, God sent Moses back to Egypt with his weakness.

The apostle Paul felt there was a limitation in his life, and asked God to remove it. As strange as it might seem, God told the apostle Paul. “My power is made perfect in weakness.” Upon hearing that the apostle responded, “*I will all the more gladly boast of my weakness, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; far when I am weak, then I am strong*” (**2 Corinthians 12:9-10**). If Paul could have pointed to his remarkable physical resources, the power of God in his life would not be obvious.

It may be that I share something with Moses. A clear Christian duty is set before me, but I feel that if God really expects me to do it, He would grant me special abilities, but He doesn’t. I am still me. God does not need to overcome my inadequacies before He can use me. The truth is, God’s power is manifested in weakness!

To be full of self-confidence is to be empty of the power of God. To quote the apostle Paul again, “*But have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God not to us*” (**2 Corinthians 4:7**). —John Gipson