

Duty Assignments

SUNDAY 10/25

Announcements	T. Head
Scripture Reading <i>Psalm 63</i>	J. E. Townsend
Song Leader	K. White
Lord's Supper (Leading)	R. Varnadore
Lord's Supper (Assisting)	P. Martin
Sermon	Gospel Meeting
Security	D. Stevenson
Building	White
Communion	S. Townsend

WEDNESDAY 10/28

Scripture Reading <i>Psalm 67</i>	D. Stevenson
Song Leader	J. Townsend
Exhortation	C. Bethea

Children's Quiz Corner



Jezebel believed Baal controlled the ____.

WEATHER

Calendar

10/25	Gospel Meeting
10/31	Bible Study at Hog-N-Bones @ 7:30 a.m.
11/01	Singing @ 1:00 p.m.



Birthdays



Denise Martin	10/02
Quen Rodgers	10/03
Brandi Martin	10/05
Elias Head	10/14
Connie Varnadore	10/23
Patrick Martin	10/24
Reagan Molloy	10/24
Davison Dyal	10/27



Anniversaries



THE BIBLE STILL SAYS . . .

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

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"And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:47

MEETING TIMES

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Bible Classes
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Bible Classes

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear — Romans 10:17
Believe — John 8:24
Repent — Acts 2:38
Confess — Romans 10:9
Be Baptized — Acts 2:38
Be Faithful — Revelation 2:10

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Welcome!

We are glad you have chosen to worship with the Lord's church at Walnut Street in Jesup. Visitors, we are delighted to have you with us and hope you will stay and let us get to know you. We would like for you to fill out a visitor's card so we can have a record of your attendance. We invite you to attend all of our worship and Bible study periods.

Remember in prayer:

Mary Vincent
Thelma Adams
Denise Martin
The Molloy

Josephine Stewart — *Thelma's sister*

Natalie Dye — *Gwen's granddaughter-in-law*

Olivia Rice — *Mary Katherine's* cousin

Lonnie Lorenz — *Reggie's friend*

Donnie Darsey – *Connie's brother*

Emma Davis – *child with cancer*

Marilyn Harris — *Detta's friend*

Debbie Denery — *friend of the Whites*

Betty Yates — *Sandra's mother*

Eddie Ray – *Trey's uncle*

The McQuays — *Detta's friends*

Erin Robinett — *Nancy's daughter-in-law*

Jonathan Ledbury -- *friend of the Molloy's*

Jordan Given -- *Detta's friend*



BIBLE QUESTION

In the book of Acts, what did Ananias, Sapphira, and Herod have in common?

Last week:

In which time period will you read about Zerubbabel? RETURN FROM CAPTIVITY

If you need/desire to be baptized, please let us know, and we will be happy to assist you.

DAILY BIBLE READING

October 25-31, 2026

Sunday — Psalm 62

Monday — Psalms 63-64

Tuesday — Psalm 65

Wednesday — Psalm 66

Thursday — Psalm 67

Friday — Psalm 68

Saturday — Psalm 69

Sermon Notes

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Satan & Demonic *POSSESSION*

Our culture today has a fascination with the devil and demonic possession. Horror movies and TV shows that depict this sort of thing are a dime a dozen. Does what we see on the big screen actually happen in real life?

First, what is demonic possession? Biblically, demonic possession was when an unclean spirit possessed a person to afflict them in some way. We see several examples of this in the New Testament, and we will look at one example in Matthew 12:22-30. Notice here, Jesus casts out an unclean spirit in public, and it was witnessed by a multitude. This was so obvious that even Jesus' enemies couldn't deny it. In verse 24, they said Jesus casts out demons by Beelzebul, but they couldn't deny that He cast out demons. The point is this is in stark contrast to what we see today regarding supposed demonic possession and exorcisms. In this smartphone age we live in, where everything and anything is documented, why isn't there indisputable evidence of this if it still happens today? Just food for thought.

Second, why did it happen? We don't read much, if anything, about demonic possession in the Old Testament. Why does this only seem to be prominent during the times of Jesus and the apostles? Asking and answering this question will help us better understand the purpose of demonic possession. In Matthew 12:28-29, we see that Jesus casting out demons was not only proof that He was the Son of God and that He had power over the strong man, that is the devil, but also that the Kingdom of God was among them. Jesus calmed the wind and the sea in Matthew 8:27, demonstrating His power and authority over nature, so casting out demons

shows His power and authority over the devil and demons. Therefore, demonic possession was to demonstrate that (1) Jesus was the Son of God, (2) He had authority over the strong man (the devil and demons), and (3) that the Kingdom of God had come among them.

Third, does it happen today? Demonic possession was a part of the miraculous age, and the purpose of miracles was to confirm the message and the messenger (cf. Hebrews 2:3-4). According to the Bible, the miraculous age has ceased. In 1 Corinthians 13:8-13, Paul, speaking about miraculous gifts, said they would cease. He said that they would cease when the perfect or complete came. We then need to ask what is the complete being referred to? It is the complete and perfect revealed will of God (cf. James 1:25). Since the perfect or complete revealed will of God has come, and since the miraculous age was going to cease when that came, we can conclude that demonic possession no longer happens since it belonged to the miraculous age. Read and consider Zechariah 13:1-2. The unclean spirit would depart from the land when the fountain was opened for sins. That fountain was the blood of Christ. When that fountain was opened, we then see that the unclean spirit was going to be made to depart the land. Therefore, demonic possession was no longer going to be a thing.

Some concluding thoughts: Demonic possession may not occur today, but the devil and his angels are still at work in the world (1 Peter 5:8, 1 Timothy 4:1). Our defense and armor against them are not miraculous but spiritual (Ephesians 6:10-18). We need to make sure that we are not led away by Hollywood or other sources, but that we check all things with God's word (1 Thessalonians 5:21, Acts 17:11).

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