



THE BEACON

Hardin church of Christ

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunday evening worship **tonight at 6pm!** The elders, deacons, and ministers will meet after services
- All ladies are invited to a baby shower for Amanda Dunn on March 19 at 6.30pm at the home of Holly Smith Reynolds. If you have any questions see Holly or Ruia!
- For those of you who signed up to go on the trip to the hockey game it is scheduled for March 20. For more details see Steve or Melissa Higgins.
- Our monthly singing night is Sunday night, March 21. A food fellowship will follow!
- Sing & Snack, fellowship and worship in song together, will be Saturday night, March 27 at 6pm in the annex. We will sing together for a time and then take a break and fellowship together over some food...just another opportunity for you to be with other Christians!
- If you have brought dishes for families mourning loved ones...THANK YOU. Your dishes may still be in the annex.



FOR YOUTH

- ATTENTION BIBLE BOWLERS: Please meet tonight at 4.30pm (before worship). Your assignment is to read Exodus chapters 19 and 20! For more information see Dwayne or Christie O.
- Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for July 14-16. If you have not already agreed to help in some way and would like to see Trice Dunn or Tim Reynolds or attend the meeting tonight before services (5pm).

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Neil Vick • Evalyn Jordan • Deanna Friend • Maria Muniz • Marsha Harper • Gaye Johnston • W.C. English • Kenneth Starks • Holly Mitcheson • Katy Walker • Mildred Harmon • Edith Henderson • Billy Proctor • Julia Washburn • Charlie Bennett • Mason Rudolph • Gary Williams • Evalyn Jones • Leo Ealy • Barbara Vick • Shelley Gladstone

PLEASE LET DANIEL KNOW WHEN SOMEONE
NEEDS ADDED OR MAY BE REMOVED



Our Sympathy

- Sympathy is expressed to the families of Defus Ivey and Kortney Koehler

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March 15—Angie Lindsey	March 16—Trice Dunn
March 20—Nicky & Debra Smith	March 20—Kaye Norman
March 21—Nick & Doris Smith	March 24—Susan Starks
March 26—Michael & Louzane Carr	March 30—Dwayne Oakley

THIS WEEK'S BUS DRIVER IS MARK R., CALL 527-2986

RECORD

	Act.	Goal	1Yr. Ago
Sun. School	96	125	91
Worship AM	135	150	143
Worship PM	82	125	101
Midweek	111	125	88
Offering	\$2971	\$3200	\$2870
Weekly Budget:		\$3000	

THOSE TO SERVE

Announcements
Sun. AM Song Leader
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper Devo.
Greeters
Sun. PM Song Leader
Wed. PM Song Leader
Wed. PM Devotional
Bus Driver

THIS WEEK (3/14)

Daniel Walker
 Jeff Edwards
 Jordan Holland
 Terry Henderson
 Steve & Melissa H.
 Jeff Edwards
 Mike Wyatt
 Harold Jones
 Mark R. (527-2986)

NEXT WEEK (3/21)

Daniel Walker
 Mason Thompson
 Dwayne Oakley
 Tim Reynolds
 Greg & Amy Nelson
SINGING NIGHT
 Mark Reynolds
 Dennis Redden
 Trice D. (753-9163)

THREE WEEKS (3/28)

Daniel Walker
 Steve Higgins
 Steve Starks
 David Smith
 Nicky & Debra Smith
 Steve Higgins
 Steve Higgins
 Mike Wyatt
 Jim H. (354-8616)

MISSION WORKS

CHINA	\$300/month
AFRICA	\$300/month
T.R. WEBB (MSOP)	\$200/month
NEW PATHWAYS	\$150/month
GBN-TV	\$100/month

LAST WEEK YOU BROUGHT

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VISITORS TO SERVICES WITH YOU!

THANK YOU! BY INVITING AND BRINGING VISITORS YOU ARE MAKING THIS CHURCH GROW!

Britthaven:

Nadine Peck (126B)
 Pauline Shepherd (100)

Spring Creek:

Deloris Pritchard (113)
 Perry Cornwell (326)
 Margaret Grogan (314)

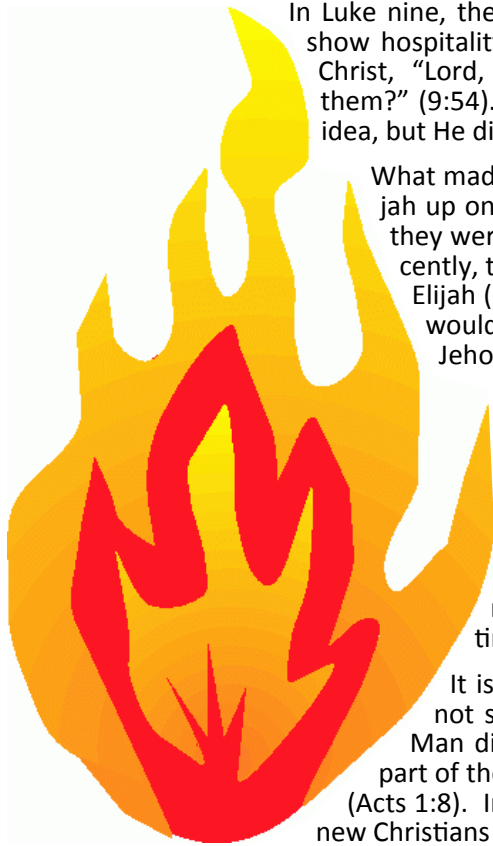
Stilley House:

Emma Powell (201)

At Home:

Sharon Brewer
 Terrell & Barbara Darnell
 Mary Alice Johnston

When James and John Wanted To Send Fire



In Luke nine, the inspired doctor writes about a certain group of Samaritan villagers who would not show hospitality to Jesus and His disciples. This did not sit well with James and John, who asked Christ, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" (9:54). They probably did not expect that the Lord would rebuke them for having such an idea, but He did.

What made these sons of thunder think of fire? Earlier in the chapter, the brothers had met Elijah up on the mount of transfiguration (30-34). There's good reason to believe that the route they were taking back to Jerusalem would have put Mount Carmel in view on the horizon. Recently, they had heard the discussion about who people thought Jesus was and the mention of Elijah (19). Elijah could well have been very much on their minds! Elijah was a man who you would associate with fire. He prayed for God to send fire upon his evening offering to prove Jehovah to be the only true God (1 Kings 18:38; Elijah killed the 450 false prophets of Baal for good measure). In 2 Kings 1, Elijah sat upon a hill and sent word back to Ahaziah that he would die of his illness since he prayed to Baal-zebub rather than the true God. Ahaziah sent three companies of 50 soldiers up the hill to bring Elijah down to the wicked king, and Elijah called down fire from heaven to kill the first two captains and their fifty men. In 2 Kings two, Elijah is carried to heaven by a chariot and horses of fire (11).

James and John were probably, as good Jews, students of Old Testament history. They knew how God had acted against the wickedness of those in Old Testament times. It is not implausible that they were hoping for a similar showing from God.

It is interesting that Jesus, who came to earth to show us the Father (cf. John 14:9), did not share their desire for fiery vengeance on that occasion. Why? He says, "The Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them" (9:56). The Samaritans were part of those whom He came to save. He tells the disciples to take the gospel to the Samaritans (Acts 1:8). Ironically, John would go with Peter to the Samaritans to do "follow up" work with the new Christians there (Acts 8:14).

Maybe James and John wrestled with the nationalism that infected so many of their contemporaries. Maybe they saw Samaritans as worthless people, worthy of fire for even the slightest slights and fractional infractions. But, Jesus saw them as souls to be saved.

Do the atheists, false world religionists, and all others in error draw your ire and contempt as they flaunt God's Word? What would you have God to do with them? I will tell you what He wants us to do with them. Share the good news of grace and the hope of salvation. Most will reject it, maybe even laughing you and God to scorn. But some will change! Through us, they can escape the fire (Matt. 25:41)!