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“Who is the Lord, That I Should Obey His Voice?”
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Times of Assembly

Sunday

9 AM – Bible Classes
10 AM – Worship
6 PM – Worship

Wednesday

7 PM – Bible Study

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The book of Exodus records the deliverance of the children of Israel from bondage in Egypt. God sent Moses with a message to the Pharaoh who was holding the Israelites, “*Let my people go....*” (Exo. 5:1). Upon hearing this, Pharaoh uttered the words, “*Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go*” (Exo. 5:2). Sadly, Pharaoh would learn the hard way just who the Lord is, and it would be too late. And, of course, like it or not, he would let Israel go.

Many people today, either by explicit statement or by their lives, make the same statement that Pharaoh made. Some may ask the question honestly, and others may do as Pharaoh and ask with an attitude of self-righteousness and arrogance. Pharaoh did not care who the Lord was; he had no intentions of letting Israel go either way. But, if asked honestly, the question is worthy of our study. So, just who *is* the Lord, that I should obey His voice? Let us now answer this question.

He is the Almighty. God’s awesome power is described in Psalm 46. Notice just a few verses of this psalm. “*God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved*” (v. 5); “*The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted*” (v.6); “*Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth*” (v.10). God’s supreme and almighty power over all things is made abundantly clear in this psalm. God even predicted that Pharaoh, along with all the Egyptians, would know that He is the Almighty God. “*And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them*” (Exodus 7:5). Many times in the book of Exodus, God mentions that a person or group of people will know that He is the Lord, and many people in the book had to learn the hard way that God is the Almighty Sovereign of the entire world.

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Have You Let the Lord In?

A young nobleman had been absent for such a long time from his extensive estate and numerous tenants that he was a stranger to them. Having returned home, he was out hunting and wandered from his party. Lost and thoroughly drenched by the rain, he sought shelter and relief in the cottages of some of his tenants, but they did not recognize him as the lord of the manor and shut their doors in his face.

Knocking at the cottage of a poor widow, he heard the invitation, "Come in, thou blessed of the Lord." She gave him a suit of dry, though coarse, clothing and spread before him the best food she could provide. He went away promising to return for his own clothes. The next day he appeared with his retinue and stopped before the poor widow's door. She discovered in the young lord her unknown guest. He thanked her for her kindness shown to a stranger. She gave as a reason for her hospitality the fact that her own boy was away at sea and might be in need of shelter.

When Christ came, He was surrounded by the world He had made. Yet Christ had nowhere to lay His head, for "He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (Jn. 1:11). Even today, he stands at your door of your heart – knocking. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20).

Will you let the Lord in?

Let Him in by obeying the Gospel today! Believe on His name (Heb. 11:6). Repent of your past sins, and resolve to live for Him (Acts 17:30). Confess His name before men (Matt. 10:32-33), and be baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:27). Then, and only then, have you let the Lord in.

May
God
Bless
You!

The Emerald Beach church of Christ is in need of financial support; any monetary contribution would be greatly appreciated. We are small in number, and out-of-town visitors, who often outnumber us, have proven faithful to help support the work of this congregation. We would like to thank you for your support in the Gospel of Christ! We simply could not be here without you.

Calendar

Today – We welcome Forrest Chapman as our guest speaker.

Wednesday – *Monthly Devotional*. Join us this Wednesday for singing, Bible readings, and prayers @ 7 PM.

Sunday, Jan. 30 – *Fifth Sunday meal*

Tuesday, Feb. 1 – Men's Meeting @ 10 AM.

Prayer List

Duffle & David Chisolm; Sam & Louise Maxwell; Clint & Ann Byars; J.D. & Bea West; Charlie Hernandez; Tim Akers; William Jordan – Father of Marie Patterson in nursing home – recently had a heart attack; **Julie Folsom** – daughter of the Byars (diagnosed with a moderate case of NASH (disease of liver); **Jim Murrell; Dorris Richardson; Carol McGinnis** – Ann Byars' sister; **Edna Jones** – Ann Byars' mother; **Craig Byars; Jason & Heidi Byars; Jean Nichols** – Mother of Sharon Stockton; **Alice Heath** – Mother of Betty Brown; Pat Montgomery's daughter, **Christine; Wanda & Geneva Johnson** – Will not be visiting us this year for health reasons; **Ivan Burnett** – congestive heart failure (sister of Jean Nichols); **Mickey & Pat Young** (Cookeville, TN) – She is taking treatments in Nashville for a non-malignant brain tumor in St. Thomas; **Dale & Donna Schwartz**, friends of the Browns; **Robert Fusco; Sue Mayo; Danny Young, Tony Adkison, Joe Eidson, Jo Ann Fairbanks, Sherry Suit, Ray Cooper, Ken Jordan, and Greg Anderson**

Last Week's Records

AM Bible Study	38
AM Worship	78
PM Worship	45
Wednesday Bible Study	38
Contributions	\$1,544



birthdays

January

Christi Gilreath (24th)

Betty Brown (25th)

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Thank you for your recent contributions. Your donations help so many in need. The pantry is still in need of various items.



Attention, Visitors

Thank you for choosing to be with us this Lord's Day; you are our welcomed guests! We pray that we show you our gratitude for your presence. We ask that you please return to us a completed *Visitor Information Card*. These cards are located one the back of the pews. Also, we pray that we have opportunity to meet you after services today.

"Who is the Lord...?"

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He is the Savior. "Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians" (Exo. 14:30). Israel certainly did not leave Egypt on their own. God saved them, and He delivered them from the hands of the Egyptians when the Egyptians pursued them. Also, note the words of Isaiah 43:3, "For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior." Later, of course, God would offer Himself as the Savior of all mankind by sending His only begotten Son to die upon the cross for all mankind (Jn. 3:16). "Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31). And, it is through the church that Christ offers salvation to all mankind (Eph. 5:23, 25, 32).

He is the Judge. "For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us" (Isa. 33:22). While one can deny and reject the fact that God is the Almighty, and one can reject God as his Savior, no one can reject God as his judge. All will have to answer to the very words they obey or reject. "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (Jn. 12:48).

"Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice?" He is the Almighty, the Savior, and the Judge of all mankind. While one can reject God as the Almighty and/or the Savior, all are going to face the Lord in judgment and give an account for their lives here on this earth. Since the Lord is the Almighty and the Judge of all mankind, will you not come to him in obedience and allow him to be your Savior? "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25). Do not be like Pharaoh and have to learn the hard way who the Lord is. Read God's Word, know who He is, do His will, and obtain eternal life with Him in Heaven when this life is over.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10)

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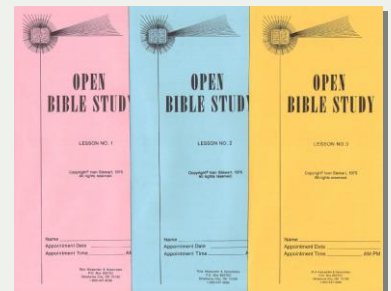
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QUESTIONS?

Do you have questions about anything which you saw or heard today? We would love to study with you.

STUDY AT HOME

Do you want to be a participant in a free Bible correspondence course? If you would be interested in receiving this series of three lessons, please let us know.



You can also study from home by using helpful links found on our website.

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OBEY THE GOSPEL!

- Hear the Word (Rom. 10:17)
- Believe in Christ (Mark 16:15)
- Repent of Sins (Acts 17:30)
- Confess Christ (Rom. 10:9-10)
- Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)
- Live Faithfully (2 Tim. 4:6-8)