

**IT WILL NOT PASS AWAY****Matthew 24:35*****Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.***

In Matthew 24 Jesus foretold the destruction of Jerusalem. Four decades would pass before that earth shaking event would take place. Four decades can seem like a lifetime, especially in a time when the normal life expectancy was not nearly as long as it is now.

Jesus issued a guarantee for what he foretold; "My words will not pass away." People who heard Jesus could be sure that event would take place. His words would not pass away.

That provides an opportunity to raise an important question. Can we really trust the Bible? I am convinced that the claims of Scripture are true. "All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16). 2 Peter 1:21 assures us that "no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."

Both of those two passages refer to the Old Testament Scripture. What about the New Testament, what does it claim for itself? Paul claimed that same inspiration for his writings when he wrote "if anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment" (1 Corinthians 14:37).

In a great way, the words of Christ have proven true. His word has never passed away. They will stand forever.

**--Ron Harper--**

## *How Did Jesus Deal With The Internet?*

Okay, this may seem like a loaded title, and perhaps it is. Anyone with cognitive reasoning would know that Jesus lived at a time where the Internet and technological media were not even thought of nor were they a remote possibility. Jesus didn't have the temptations of Internet pornography or glorified gang violence in movies. So how is it that Jesus can help us with these struggles? I personally have had several people ask me how we can worship and learn from a being who never knew or understood the struggles of our modern life. However, we know the Bible tells us that he was tempted in all ways that we are, yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15). So the question remains—How did Jesus deal with the Internet?

First things first, Jesus didn't deal with the Internet because it didn't exist in his human life on Earth. To put aside some falsehoods, the Internet is not a bad thing in its totality. However, Jesus did deal with several sinful issues that we see online every day. Did Jesus deal with Internet pornography? No. Did Jesus deal with sexual perversion, fornication, lust, and adultery? You better believe he did. Just look at the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:27ff. Jesus goes so far as to say that the lust causes the adultery, not the physical act. Isn't that what pornography and other media sources do?

Also, Jesus remembered the wisdom recorded in Proverbs 15:3 where the Bible tells us that the “eyes of the Lord are in every place keeping watch on the evil and the good” (Proverbs 15:3). Would we be tempted to use our resources in such sinful ways if we remembered someone was watching us?

No. Perhaps Jesus didn't have to deal with the Internet. Yet, I would be quick to remind us all that the Ecclesiastes writer tells us there is nothing new under the sun (Ecc. 1:9) and what is happening now has happened before. How is it then that we can deal with our modern age? We do it just like Jesus did with his modern age. We learn the scriptures and we practice them. We let them encompass and consume our lives. We, like Jesus, love God more than this world.

*Joshua Houston*

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### SICK

Ron Bowersock

### TAKING TREATMENTS

Lois Arnold, Carolyn Thomas, Janneil Brown  
Rosalie Phifer

### SHUT INS

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta  
Bullard

### PRAYER REQUEST:

Shirley Bibb, Clyde & Opal Jones, Dan & Lorene  
Stephens, Wayne Mobbs, Marie Fleming, Lorene  
Maddox, Imogene Bozeman, Selma Boyd, Larry &  
Geri Melton, Betty Shoemaker, Rosalie Phifer,  
Janneil Brown, Gerald Wiseman, Ron Bowersock,  
Mary Jo Rogers, Melba Young, Nancy Hatton,  
Oleta Bullard

### NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

\*MEMBERS

**ADAMS PLACE:** Nora Fann\*, Opal Jones\*

**DIVERSICARE OF SMYRNA:** Jean Nickens\*

**NHC:** Sue Reeves\*, Lizzie Bush, Geri Melton\*

**MORNING POINTE:** (Brentwood) Betty Shoemaker

**STONES RIVER MANOR:** Edna Vance\*, Virgie  
Leonard\*, Margaret Davidson\*, Jeweldean Hall\*,  
Laura Wiser\*, Lillian Whitworth, Louise McKnight\*,  
Martha DeVore

## MILITARY

Please keep **Tony Berry** in your prayers, while  
he is stationed in California at Camp  
Pendleton.

## NEWS & NOTES

**Congratulations** to David & Shonta  
Harper upon the birth of a boy!  
Alexander David Harper was born on  
Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Ron & Janie  
Harper are the excited grandparents.

**Men's Breakfast at IHOP** on Tuesday,  
November 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.

**Seniors** – Salem Creek will hold its annual  
**Senior Banquet** on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
at Barfield Park Wilderness Center.  
Please sign-up if you plan to attend and  
include if transportation is needed.  
*\*Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> will be the last  
day to sign-up as we have to give a  
count to the caterer.*

**Shut-in boxes** – A sign-up list for our shut-  
ins and a suggested gift list is on the  
back counter. Please prepare and  
deliver your box by December 19<sup>th</sup>. If  
unable to deliver your box, please  
contact Larry Benson.

## THANK YOU CARDS

We have received Thank You cards  
from:

**\*Mike Jones & family**

**\*Hugh & Rosalie Phifer**

## BUILDING FUND

We have received donations In Memory  
of **Wilburn Laws** to the Building Fund  
from:

**\*Dean Thompson**

**\*Hugh & Rosalie Phifer**

**\*Kenneth & Jo Anne Malone**

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Currently meeting at  
Middle Tennessee Christian School  
100 E. MTCS Rd.  
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Sunday	
Morning Worship	8:30 am
Bible Classes	9:45 am
Evening Worship	5:30 pm
Wednesday	
Morning Bible Class	10:00 am
Evening Bible Classes	6:30 pm

### ELDERS

B.K. Ham  
Jim Hatfield  
Jon Holland  
Andy Mitchell  
Randall Phifer  
Fred Rogers  
Keith Short

### MINISTER

Ron Harper

### ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Joshua Houston

### DEACONS

Larry Benson	Andy Melton
Michael Bowman	Brian Melton
Craig Buckner	Alan Pepper
Bob Hoover	Wendell Wilson

## FOR THE RECORD

*November 1, 2015*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>AM worship</b>	<b>187</b>
	<b>Bible classes</b>	<b>152</b>
	<b>PM worship</b>	<b>129</b>
	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$5,106.26</b>

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>PM Bible classes</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)</b>	<b>15</b>

## GREETERS

Please be at the door 15  
minutes prior to services!



### November 8

B. K. & Jan Ham  
Jim & Pat Davidson

### November 15

Dorothy Stroop  
Keith & Margaret Short

## *To Our Honored Guests...*

We are happy you chose to worship with us today! Please stay after our assembly so that we can get acquainted with you and your family. We invite you to come back to Middle Tennessee Christian School while our new building is under construction.

*We were honored by your presence!*