

## For Our Information

Joyce Venable is suffering with a back ache this weekend.

Wil Atwood had back surgery last Thursday. He is doing well with his recovery.

Vickie McNees, Brenda's sister, had thyroid surgery last Thursday and is sore and tired as she recovers.

Ruben & Brenda Keisler are in Blytheville this weekend. The Simpson family is also out of town.

Keep our brothers & sisters in mind

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

## Jesus Is Lord Terry Sanders

We see it on bumper stickers, lapel pins, hats, plaques, etc. JESUS IS LORD. Indeed the Scriptures state that very point, *"The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ; He is Lord of all"* (Acts 10:36). We should realize that SAYING this and FOLLOWING this are two different things and sometimes are not put into practice together. Many are there who give lip service to Jesus being Lord only to demonstrate in their personal lives something entirely different! Their lives show that Jesus is not their Lord despite their claims. The word translated as "Lord" means one who controls, is Master, supreme in authority. It would follow, then, that one who says Jesus is Lord ought to be living the kind of life based on the teachings that Jesus laid down. When Jesus is Lord He is in control of things. Another way of explanation is found in a statement of our Lord, *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven"* (Matthew 5:16). Let Jesus be Lord in word and in deed.

## Contact Us

We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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# Seeking His Righteousness

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## Tell Me The Story of Jesus

Roger Shouse

It is said that every person has a story. Every life is special. We all have had unique things to happen to us. Our backgrounds, the people we have met, those who have made an impact on our lives are all a part of who we are. Everyone has a story to tell.

Sometimes "our story" can help others. When we were prodigals from God and living in the far country we made many mistakes. Telling young people about our mistakes can keep them from making the same mistakes. Our story can help.



*but we preach  
Christ crucified,  
to Jews a  
stumbling block  
and to Gentiles  
foolishness, but  
to those who are  
the called, both  
Jews and Greeks,  
Christ the power  
of God and the  
wisdom of God.*

**1Corinthians  
1:23-24**



## Meet With Us

### Worship Services

Sunday 10:20 am & 5:00 pm

### Bible Classes

Sunday 9:30 AM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

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"Our story" of raising our children can help new parents as they struggle with discipline, schedules, and other things.

The song, "Faith of our Fathers" reminds us of the great spiritual sacrifices that earlier Christians made. Their story is part of our heritage. The starting of congregations, the spreading of the gospel in new areas are lessons that we should never forget. How thankful and blessed we are because of the work of our brethren in years gone by.

But we need to appreciate that there is a limitation on telling my story. This is especially true when trying to lead someone to Jesus. Paul told Timothy to "*Preach the Word*" (**2Timothy 4:2**). He didn't say, "tell them your story." Nor did he say, "Share with them what Jesus has done for you." There are some reasons for this.

Our faith rests in Jesus, not someone's story. Faith, we are told, comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God (**Romans 10:17**). God's Word is inspired and factual more than it is emotional. Long, drawn out details are often not given. Our story can cause some one to cry and send chills up and down their spine. But God wants people converted by His Word to Jesus, not by some great story of ours. Paul told the Corinthians, "*We preach Christ crucified*" (**1Corinthians 1:23**). Everyone comes to Christ the same way. They believe the Word of God, repent of their sins, and are baptized into Christ. Whether that was done on a Sunday morning in a church house, or Tuesday at midnight in a prison, or in a swimming pool during camp doesn't change what

## Store In My Heart

### Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Such a powerful statement of fact. This verse tells us that God existed before the heavens and earth. It speaks of His awesome power and wisdom.

His power is shown in the ability to create something that did not exist. Continuing in the chapter can show us even more about this power as this creation was from His spoken word.

His wisdom is shown in how the entire creation works to sustain and replenish itself according to the rules He set in place at the beginning.

This verse also forces the reader to make a decision at the beginning of Scripture. Do you believe? If not, why even read it, if so, will you obey it?

was necessary to come to Christ.

Be cautious in telling "your story." You don't want someone converted to your story instead of the gospel. When that happens, we can start telling our story more than His story. A crowd converted to thrilling stories is not the same thing as those who are converted by the Word. There is a time and place for trying to help people better their lives. Bible classes need to be a time to study the Bible. We need to know "His story." It is better to tell the "Story of Christ" than your story. God's Word is inspired. It is what draws people to God (**John 6:44-45**). The gospel is what Jesus wants us to tell to every person (**Mark 16:15**). God's Word is powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword. It will do the job. Believe it!

(The message of this article bring to mind a few points we have made in our class discussion and even some of my sermons over the years.

- We are trying to bring people to Christ, not to Tanner St.
- We need to tell others "God said..." not "I think..."
- We need to spend sufficient time in God's Word to prepare us to teach it to others.
- We must focus on Jesus and His Word, not on the one who delivers it to us.

Our responsibility to God demands that we focus our efforts on teaching His Word. Any message that cannot be backed by Scripture is a message we cannot use in trying to teach the people around us about salvation. Focus on the Word. DLH)