

Crossville Church of Christ

P.O. Box 211

Crossville, TN 38557

Phone

484-5297 or 484-2960

Fax 707-0025

Elders:

Frank Bohannon
Jiggs Killgore
Jonathan Loveday
Larry McDuffee
Brian McLaughlin
Jon Tatum

Deacons:

Jim Bell
Charles Evans
Kyle Fairman
Dale Hennessee
Mike Isaacson
David Kerley
Doug Loveday
Greg Maxwell
Don Napier
Tom Parham
Mark Roberts
Roger Smith
Jason Wyatt
Jerry Wood

Ministers:

Barry Kennedy
Ken Mears

Missionaries: (India)

Don Iverson
Jim Waldron

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM
	6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class	
Tuesdays	11AM
Prayer Meeting	
Tuesdays	10 AM
Joyful Generation (Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7:00 PM

COMPASS

Using God's Word to Chart The Course
Of A Congregation

www.crossvillechurchofchrist.org

Email: Office@crossvillechurchofchrist.org

Elders@crossvillechurchofchrist.org



September 27, 2015

You Are Invited To Our Annual

FALL MEETING

Topic: The Gospel Is For All

MEETING DATES

Sun. Oct. 4 - Wed. Oct. 7

SCHEDULED SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday, 9:00 a.m., 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Monday, Tues. and Wed. - 6 p.m.

Guest Speaker:

Barry Grider
Memphis, TN

Barry M. Grider, the pulpit minister at Forest Hill church of Christ in Memphis, will be the featured speaker at the Fall Gospel Meeting at Crossville church of Christ, Oct. 4-7.

A faculty member of the Memphis School of Preaching, Barry is a well-known pulpit minister, having preached in lectureships and gospel meetings in 26 states and nine foreign countries. In addition to being broadcast weekly on the Gospel Broadcasting Network, Barry's sermons are presented live each week via the internet.



Everyone is Welcome

**Crossville church
of Christ**

423 N. Main St.

Crossville, TN 38555

Phone (931) 484-5297

Email: office@crossvillechurchofchrist.org



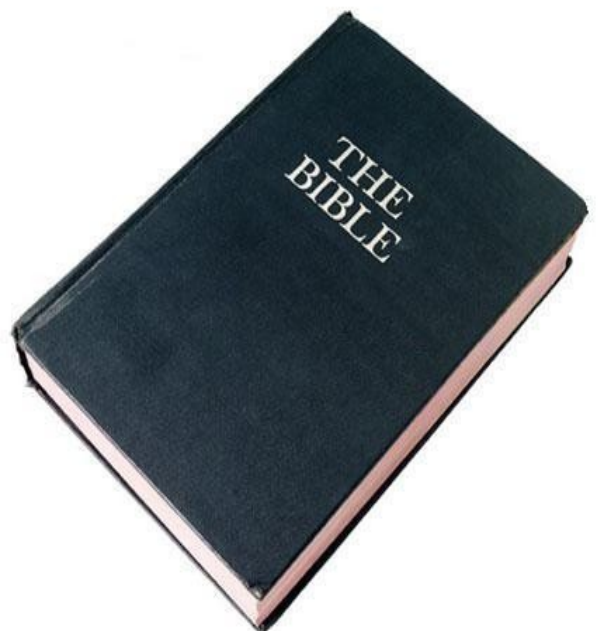
THE SAVING POWER OF THE SIMPLE GOSPEL

Derrick Coble

The powerful, yet simple Gospel of Christ is indeed amazing! No wonder the apostle Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation . . ." (Romans 1:16). Last Wednesday (the final night of our Gospel meeting with Gary Colley) everyone present was privileged to witness the effects of the simple saving Gospel. Ten precious souls responded to Heaven's Invitation all because of God's powerful Word. Eight of the ten came forward confessing sin in their lives and requested forgiveness of those sins (ranging from not setting a proper example and forsaking the assembly to simply not studying enough or not putting God first in their lives). Those precious eight restored are as follows: Shayne Johnson, Sylinia Oakes, Daniel Shockley, Jessica Young, Ashley Phillips, Reanna Young, Kim Stoglin, and Cydney Shockley. Furthermore, Lesa Elkins came requesting our continued prayers for her health problems. Last, but not least, Elizabeth Johnson (sister of Jessica Young) came desiring to be baptized for the remission of her sins (Acts 2:38). We are so proud of the decisions each one has made. Often, we get caught up in living for ourselves from day to day rather than for God. Hopefully, the penitent attitude of these will lead us all to examine ourselves and make changes if necessary. Please remember these fine Christians in your prayers and encourage them with your words and good deeds--I know that you will!

In the religious world today, it is not uncommon to hear people speak of the Holy Spirit "moving" inside them, "guiding" them directly, or "operating" on the heart to lead them to obedience in some miraculous way. However, the Bible never makes mention of this so called "direct operation." The only ones ever given the promise that the Holy Spirit would guide them into all truth were the apostles themselves (John 16:13). Of course, this promise was kept and the events that transpired are recorded in Acts 2:1-4. Today, the words of the Holy Spirit are recorded for us in the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The days of miracles have ceased (1 Corinthians 13:10ff), therefore no one can be guided miraculously by the Holy Spirit anymore. That is why sound Gospel preaching is important. The words of the Gospel (words of the Holy Spirit) have the power to lead us (Psalm 119:105), teach us (John 6:45), convict us (Titus 1:9), and save us (Acts 11:14). That is the saving power of the simple Gospel that these souls have obeyed. What will you do?

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. (Romans 1:16-17)



“I CAN’T QUIT NOW!”

Barry Kennedy

Life has been described as being “like a box of chocolates, you never know what you are going to get” (Forrest Gump). I have never seen this movie, but I have heard this quoted many times. One must realize that there is some truth to that statement. It may be that someone reading this article may be having one of the most unexpected situations occurring in his life. It could be something wonderful or terrible, but either way totally unexpected. Most of us welcome the unexpected pleasures of life. They tend to uplift us and give us a new zest for life. On the other hand, the unexpected tragedies have the potential to make us want to quit, give up, or throw in the towel so to say. How can we as Christians learn to develop the never give up attitude that we so desperately need to succeed? We should be asking, “what will it take to get myself to the I can’t quit now mindset?”

First, we must realize that mindset is key. One is not to misunderstand this point to mean mind over matter, but one’s mindset can help or hinder any situation. God placed before Israel the awesome task to conquer the land of Canaan (Deuteronomy 20). God also understood how that seeing the enemy’s numbers, horses, and chariots might cause the Israelites to quit (Deuteronomy 20:1a). Therefore, Moses said, “The Lord thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt” (Deuteronomy 20:1b). In other words, God brought you out of Egypt with a strong hand; **DON’T QUIT NOW!** The mindset must be established before the task. Maybe we all need some Bible “Boot Camp” to help ready our minds to endure.

Next, we must remember that it’s an individual task. Many, if not most, find comfort in stepping back and letting others take on the difficult tasks. This person would not hesitate to quit when the going gets tough. “If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small” (Proverbs 24:10). In the end we all will have to give an account of our individual lives before God. “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad” (2 Corinthians 5:10). Paul went on to say, “Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...” (2 Corinthians 5:11). Are we persuading others? **DON’T QUIT NOW!**

Finally, we must recognize that we are not alone. Back in Deuteronomy 20, Moses and the children of Israel needed to be reminded not to let the powerful enemy bring them down. “For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you” (Deuteronomy 20:4). God always promises to be with His people “for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee (Hebrew 13:5b). Jesus told His disciples, “Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world” (Matthew 28:20). “What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us” (Romans 8:31)?

It may be that the one reading this is in the middle of a devastating situation and there seems to be no light at the end of the tunnel. Stop and think, have you ever had a good day? How many times have we allowed one bad day to negate a “lifetime” of blessings? Take a good look around and “count your blessings” to see what God has done, and what He wants to do in your life (Matthew 10:22; 1 Timothy 2:4; Revelation 2:10). We must seek God’s help in realizing our need to have the right mindset not to give up; remember that it is our individual task not giving up and recognizing that we are not alone; therefore, we don’t have to give up. “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap” (Galatians 6:7). The bottom line is:

“WE CAN’T QUIT NOW!”