

**THOSE TO SERVE**  
**WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 2011**

Announcements	Gary Loftis
Greeters	E. J. Puckett
	G. & D. Loftis
	D. & E. Loftis

**MORNING WORSHIP**

Song Leader	Jay Whitson
First Prayer	Bobby Rothfus
Sermon	David Dalton
Closing Prayer	David Allen

<b>SERVE AT TABLE MORNING</b>	
NORTH	SOUTH
Jonothan Whitson	Jordan Rothfus
Andy Cobb	David Allen
Jeff Allen	Ricky Davis
Brent Robinson	Steve Carroll

**EVENING WORSHIP**

Song Leader	Andy Cobb
First Prayer	Ron Brown
Sermon	David Dalton
Closing Prayer	Cliff Raney

**SERVE AT TABLE EVENING**

Gary Loftis	Aaron Goolsby
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**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
**AUGUST 24, 2011**

Song Leader	Daniel Loftis
First Prayer	Ricky Davis
Scripture Reading	Carl Wilmoth
Devotional Talk	Andy Cobb
Closing Prayer	Derek Robinson

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**REMEMBER:**  
**No one is useless in this world who  
lightens the burden of it to anyone  
else. (Read Gal. 6:2)**

**MEETING TIMES:**  
**SUNDAY**

Bible Study .....9:00 A.M.  
Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.  
Evening Bible Study.....5:25 P.M.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

**GOSPEL BROADCAST SUPPORTED**

James Watkins, Sunday 7:30 AM – Ch.11

**GOSPEL BROADCAST RECOMMENDED**

Search, Sunday - 7:00 AM – UPN  
Steve Bowman, Sunday - 7:15AM–1400AM

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## JESUS CHRIST – MAN'S HOPE #4

### The Old Testament Could Not Save

Two periods of Bible history preceded the Christian age which is recorded in the New Testament part of the Bible. The first of these periods was called the Patriarchal Age and included all the time from creation (Genesis 1) to Moses receiving the law on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19 and 20). The second period was the Mosaical Age which was for the Jewish people and began at Mount Sinai and ended when Jesus died upon the cross (Colossians 2:14). During these periods of Bible history, men committed sins and under God's instruction they offered animal sacrifices for their sins (Genesis 4:4, Hebrews 11:4, and Leviticus 7:37). While these sacrifices were ordained by God, they were insufficient to take away man's sins (Hebrews 10:1-4). Man under the Old Testament had to look forward to the coming of the Messiah for the removal of his sins.

The Bible itself is clear that the Old Testament was not the fulfillment of the will of God, but consisted of laws that were given until the time for the coming of Christ was fulfilled. In talking about the Law of Moses, the New Testament describes the incomplete nature of the law by using a number of symbolic figures. The law contained shadows of that which was coming, but it did not contain the very image of it (Hebrews 10:1). This means that the Old Testament law was a dim

vision (shadow), but the real which had substance was not present until Christ (Hebrews 10:9, 10). The law contained **figures** or comparisons of that which would later come as reality in Christ (Hebrews 9:8 - 10). The law contained **patterns**, but the real product of God's plan would appear years later (Hebrews 9:22-24). Patterns were the outlines and descriptions that would later be shown in the completion in Christ. The law was pictured as a **schoolmaster** or tutor whose purpose was to lead man to Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:24). The term "schoolmaster" in the Greek language indicates a servant whose responsibility was to escort his master's children to and from school each day. The law was simply a **testimony** of something better to come (Hebrews 3:5). "Testimony" means that it was a witness from God concerning the Christ that would come and provide many things which were better for man.

The New Testament covenant brought by Jesus Christ certainly ushered in that which was much better for man. The New Testament covenant through Christ contained a **better hope** than the Old Testament could ever have contained (Hebrews 7:19). It was better because Jesus was the assurance of the New Covenant as being a **better covenant** (Hebrews 7:22). This New Covenant was better because it contained **better promises** (Hebrews 8:6). The New Covenant could bring better things because it was founded upon the forgiveness of a **better sacrifice** (Hebrews 9:23). The New Covenant provides a **better life** since it gives that which is eternal in Heaven (Hebrews 10:34). The New Covenant delivered to man the **better country** that Abraham sought (Hebrews 11:16). It provided an eternal heavenly home with God (John 14:1-6). This home was provided as part of the **better resurrection** (Hebrews 11:35). It certainly is as the Hebrew writer concluded that the Old Testament individuals are made complete by the **better provisions** of God that have been given to those who are under the New Testament Covenant.

Since the Old Testament only gave a dim picture of the Messiah and God's saving New Testament Covenant, one should easily see that the gifts of the New Testament Covenant greatly exceed those of the Old Testament Covenant. Jesus came into the world to fulfill the incomplete Old Testament covenant (Matthew 5:17) so that it could then pass away (Matthew 5:18). This was accomplished as He was nailed to the cross as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of man (Colossians 2:14). The Old Covenant that was made at Sinai was then removed and replaced with the New Covenant (Hebrews 8:7-10). The Old Testament teaches many principles and lessons for man today (Romans 15:4), but the New Testament is God's better covenant for the saving of the soul and the delivery of the gospel message.

D. Dalton

**NEWS:** The elders wish to express their appreciation to everyone who participated in the 2011 Fair Booth event. It was a great success with 102 students signing up to study the Bible through Bible correspondence course work. This is an excellent opportunity to help in evangelizing our area. If you would like to help with the grading and mailing of the lessons, please see one of the elders. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

Ladies, there will be a wedding shower for Josh and Karen Knight on August 25 in the multi-purpose room from 7-9 p.m. Josh and Karen are registered at Kohl's, Wal-mart, and Belk.

Appreciation to Josh and Joel Knight for a job well done with conducting the training class in song leading.

Beginning Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> Gary Loftis will be teaching a series of lessons on Christian Evidences. The focus will be on Evidences of the Existence of God and The Compromise of the Creation Account.

As was announced Sunday, Algood now has a web site. The address is [www.algoodchurchofchrist.com](http://www.algoodchurchofchrist.com) On the web site, there is a feedback button. If you have any questions or comments, please provide feedback. If you have difficulty in locating the web site, please call Gary Loftis.

Welcome Home, Janessa! We thank God for your safety in travel and the good work you have been able to accomplish during your trip to Africa.

Thank you to David and Elaine for the ice cream supper held in honor of Jonathan and Marla Dalton, who will be leaving Saturday for Custer, South Dakota to work with the congregation there. We pray Jonathan and Marla will have a safe trip and a profitable work in Custer and look forward to their return visit to Algood.

**SICK:** Shirley Parsley, Lisa Rice's sister, was flown back to Cleveland, Ohio last Friday due to pneumonia in her left lung. Her treatment has been successful and she hopes to return home early this week.

Nan Young underwent a liver biopsy last week but at this time no result of the biopsy has been received.

Jane Wilmoth had exploratory surgery Monday at Baptist hospital which resulted in surgery for a torn cartilage. Even though she is still in pain, the doctor said she will be much improved in a few weeks.

Please remember all of our sick in your daily prayers.

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**PANTRY ITEM FOR THIS WEEK**

**Canned Tomato Soup**

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