



PARIS TN

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Mike McDaniel
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Lance Winders

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday AM Bible Study-9:30am
Worship-10:30am
Sunday PM Worship-6:00pm
Wednesday AM Adult Bible Study-10:00
Wednesday PM Bible Study-7:00

Live Radio Broadcast-10:30am
AM 1000, 97.5 FM

Spectrum-Channel 195
Sunday @ 9:00am

Live Streaming Youtube.com
Sunday 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM,
Wednesday 7:00 PM

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THEME FOR 2024: DISCIPLESHIP ON DISPLAY

BY THIS ALL WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES

by Josh Manning

The gods of the ancients often had some item or animal that served as their symbol (both, in many cases). The Twelve Olympians are a famous example of this concept. Consider just a few by way of illustration: Zeus, god of the skies, was represented by a lightning bolt or an eagle; Hermes, god of merchants and trade, had winged shoes and a tortoise shell as his symbols; Poseidon, god of the seas, had the trident as his symbol; and Artemis, goddess of animals and hunting, had a wide range of symbols such as the bow and arrows, deer, and the moon.

If you ever take the time to study the gods of the ancient religions and their symbols, you'll quickly observe that the gods' symbols were connected to their realms of authority. Or, the gods' symbols were snapshots of the defining characteristics of the deities. Now, at this point in the article, lest you think I've gone pagan, I need to remind you what the ancient gods actually were: *"Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat. Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them"* (Psalm 115:4-8).

The Bible repeatedly tells humanity that idols, false gods, are nothing more than the fabrications of man's imagination. In many ways, the pagan gods, their powers, their different abilities and realms of expertise, were projections of man's imaginations as they sought to understand how the world worked and why things happened the way they were able to observe them happening. Why was it storming? Zeus was angry or at war. Why were the seas tempestuous? Poseidon was agitated and needed appeasement. Remember that when Paul preached to the Athenians, he spoke to their religious worldview in the following way: *"Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent"* (Acts 17:29-30).

So the ancients had symbols for their gods. Of note, the early Christians had their own form of iconography. Your homework assignment is to look up one of the most famous ancient Christians images, the *ichthys*—or "Jesus fish". Why the fish and what did it mean? But for this article, let me suggest a different image that would appropriately represent our Savior: the towel. John tells us, *"Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself"* (John 13:3-4). This actual *girding Himself with a towel* encapsulates well the bigger action of humble service that He performed when He came into this world as a man: *"But made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men"* (Phil. 2:7). It also prefigured His ultimate act of sacrificial service (and the continual ministry it would inaugurate) that He performed for us on the cross (cf. Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 2:17-18; 7:25; 1John 2:1-2). Thus, what better symbol for Jesus than the towel?

HEAR THE GOSPEL ON CABLE TV AND SATELLITE EACH SUNDAY

Charter / Spectrum Cable:

6:00am In Search of the Lord's Way- Channel 15
7:00am In Search of the Lord's Way- Channel 13
7:30am Preaching the Gospel- Channel 13

WBBJ-TV/CBS-Charter Channel 708

7:00am A Bible Answer

Dish TV 58 & Direct TV-Channel 30:

7:00am In Search of the Lord's Way
7:30am Preaching the Gospel
8:00am Good News Today

STATE OF THE YOUTH

A Wife For Isaac



Abraham wants his servant to go find a wife for Isaac. Read through Genesis 24 to solve these questions about the servant's journey, then find the answers in the Word Search!

- v. 10) What animal did the servant bring with him?
- v. 10) How many did he bring?
- v. 10) What region did he go to?
- v. 12) What did he do to find the right woman?
- v. 15) What was the name of the woman he met?
- v. 15) What was her father's name?
- v. 16) What was her appearance like?
- v. 17) What did she give to the servant?
- v. 22) What 2 pieces of jewelry does he give her?
- v. 26) What does he do when he learns of her family?

New King James Version

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Devotional: Sunday, January 28th at Christie Atkins home. Guys bring drinks / Girls bring desserts.

Youth Devotional: February 18th. Guys bring drinks/ Girls bring desserts.

Basics: Saturday, February 3rd, at the Schulte home; 1020 Diggs Road/Paris.

CYC 2024 at Pigeon Forge: "FAMILY" Friday-Sunday, February 23-25th. For all 6th—12th Graders.

Sky Zone Trip: February 10th.

Basics: Saturday, March 2nd, at the Schulte home; 1020 Diggs Road/Paris.

BIRTHDAYS

Ruthie Hensley February 1

OUR ATTITUDE

Sunday AM Bible Study.....	126
Sunday AM Worship.....	179
Sunday PM Worship.....	80
Wednesday PM Bible Study.....	N/A
This week's contribution.....	\$19,304
Weekly Budget.....	\$8,480

FOOD PANTRY

Powdered Milk, Dry Cereal (Small Boxes), Instant Potatoes, Canned Black Beans, Canned Carrots, Canned Sweet Peas, Vienna Sausages, Potted Meat, Peanut Butter, and Jelly

SUNDAY A.M.

Announcements
Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Closing Prayer
Preside

West Side

East Side

JANUARY 21

Michael Williams
Max Henry
Brian Foster
Rudy Peoples
Steve Durham

Jon Davidson
Bobby Barton
Jason Smith

Will Little
Hunter Bethune
Logan Davidson
Stephen Blackwell

JANUARY 28

Michael Williams
Bill DeWees
Blake Morton
Michael Williams
Billy Hensley

Mike McDaniel
Micah Sutton
Edwin Carrington

Patrick Peale
Matt Ellis
Dave Perry
Ethan Schulte

SUNDAY P.M.

Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Communion &
Contribution
Closing Prayer

JANUARY 21

Mark Brown
Donald Drinkard

Jerry Peale
Eddie Lane

JANUARY 28

Bob Comer
Gavin Wynn

Lance Winders
Jim Russell

WEDNESDAY

Song Leader
Invitation
Closing Prayer

JANUARY 24

Billy Hensley
Mark Brown
Phillip Brown

JANUARY 31

Ethan Schulte
Phillip Brown
Dan Patterson

JANUARY

USHERS: Levi Dodd/ Brad Smith
BENEVOLENCE: Troy Buttrey / Bob Comer
CONTROL ROOM VIDEO: Javan Winders
EAST SIDE DOOR: Adam Killion

KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Zet Presson: home this past Thursday; RoseStone Retirement Community, 4089 Hwy 218 bypass, Room #8 / Paris

Peggy Shepherd: AHC of Paris Room 117, after having a stroke Tuesday, January 9th; 887 County Home Road/ Paris

Sara Champine: home after stay at HCMC due to low calcium levels; 4395 Hwy 641 North / Paris

Zora Adams: scheduled to go to St. Thomas for heart cath, January 23rd; 191 Woodland Acres Road / Paris TN 38242

Betty Atkins: placed in a secure unit at Charter Senior Living after a fall, the first week of January, fracturing her nose and knee; Charter Senior Living Of Paris, 350 Volunteer Drive, Room 213 Memory Care Wing, Paris

Molly Harris: (Daughter of Dan & Ann Patterson) enlarged lymph node in her neck has grown. To have a doctor's consultation February 6th. Prayers appreciated.

Amber Cate: (Charlie & Lillie Cate's granddaughter-in-law) found a tumor in the lung, diagnosed lung cancer, will have lobe removed with tumor and likely the lobe in the other lung as well. Charlie & Lillie Cate's address: 1618 Patriot Ave. / Paris

Becky Plott: (Karonel Plott's wife) scheduled to have knee replacement, January 23rd, in Nashville.

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Leon and Carolyn Bumpus	Larry Ellis
Buddy Goad	Darlene Humphrys
Joe Orawczyk	Dale & Kathy McCant
Darla Russell	Stan Summers
Ray Tucker	Marcia Wimberley
Valerie Wynn	

THANK YOU

Thank you for the sweet card and fruit basket. I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year. Your thoughtfulness is very appreciated. Whenever I get cards from y'all it makes my day. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I want to also thank the Manning's and Schulte's for sending me their Christmas card. With love, Jimmy Brown

Thanks to East Wood church for the delicious plate of fruit, for Joyce Williams bringing it and for the good visit. Kathleen Coley

BOYS TO PICK-UP CARDS

Wednesday, January 24th: Clint Wynn and Charles Atkins
Wednesday, January 31st: Ty Davidson and Owen Smith

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Return Service Requested

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIA Team 3: met at 8:30 AM. in Multi-Purpose Room. Sausage/ Biscuits will be provided. Pick up assignments from Brian Foster if unable to attend.

Eiffel Gardens Singing: 2:00 PM Today.

Baby Shower: Today, January 21st from 2:00 PM -3:30 PM for Laura and Josh Manning at the home of Ethan and Alyssa Schulte. They are registered with Amazon and Walmart for their little boy, Caleb; 1020 Diggs Road / Paris

Marriage Retreat Meeting: the Family Committee and anyone interested in going on the Marriage Retreat, or interested in more information, is asked to come to the meeting at 5:00 PM today in the small auditorium. Please see Kristy Buttrey or call her prior to, if possible.

Mighty Oaks Trip: Thursday, January 25th, to Southern Reds in KY, leaving at 10:30 AM. Sign-up sheet is on the Family Committee Board

West Cancer Center and Research Collection: collecting snacks and small canned drinks (limited room for drinks) for the West Cancer Center until February 26th. Collection boxes will be set out, just outside the auditorium, beginning in January.

Coat Give-A-way: As heavy and warm winter coats go on sale, please remember that our Coat Give - A-Way will be in November. We need children's sizes especially infant to 5, Adult sizes 2XL and larger, and all sizes of Men's Heavy /Warm coats. Gloves and hats are appreciated as well. Please donate coats that are clean, in very good condition, and in style. Thank you for supporting this outreach.

Marriage Retreat: February 14-18th, "Climbing To Greater Heights Together" located at Gatlinburg church of Christ and Sevierville church of Christ. [www,smokymountainmarriage.com](http://www.smokymountainmarriage.com) or call 1-877-338-3397 for more information.

Furniture Building: The Furniture building is very low. If you have beds/kitchen tables & chairs/ Living Room furniture that is fairly new and gently used, contact Dave Perry by calling or texting at 731-363-2943. We are no longer taking any electrical items including stove, refrigerator, microwaves, lamps nor televisions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 21:** FIA Team 3 meets at 8:30 AM in MPR
Eiffel Gardens Singing @ 2:00 PM
Baby Shower for Laura & Josh Manning from 2:00 PM—3:30 PM at the home of Ethan and Alyssa Schulte.
Marriage Retreat Meeting @ 5:00 PM small auditorium
- January 24:** Wednesday Night Meal at 5:45 PM in MPR
- January 25:** Mighty Oaks Trip to Southern Reds in KY at 10:30 AM. Sign-up sheet is on the Family Committee Board
- January 28:** Youth Devotional at Christie Atkins home. Guys bring drinks / Girls bring desserts
FIA Team 4
- February 3:** Basics at the Schulte home
- February 4:** FIA Team 1
- February 7:** Wednesday Night Meal Team A
- February 10:** Youth Sky Zone Trip
- February 11:** FIA Team 2

Freed-Hardeman University's 88th Annual Bible Lectureship: February 4th—8th, themed "Triumph of the Lamb" The Battle with Evil in Revelation. We are in need of any kind of sheet cakes and pies (asking for more sugar free and gluten free this year) to be placed in the library by Friday morning, February 2nd to be picked up. For any wishing to send a donation, please make checks out to "FHU Associates" or give cash to one of the elders. The money made in the Lectureship Kitchen will help to fund 50-60 student Scholarships this year. A sign-up sheet is located on the office bulletin board. Mark if sugar free or gluten free.

ELDER'S CORNER

REMINDER: The elders welcome all newcomers. If you would like to be identified as a member here or if you have not had the opportunity to meet the eldership, the elders would like to meet with you briefly to introduce ourselves and to explain our position on certain issues and matters of doctrine.