

## Differing Paths

Often, when traveling through the Appalachians, I have noted the markers indicating the Eastern Continental Divide. This line denotes the watershed between streams that feed into the Atlantic Ocean and those that feed into the Gulf of Mexico. Two drops of rain, falling only inches apart on the ground, will end up separated by hundreds of miles before they reach the end of their journeys.

As we consider, personally, the choices we make day by day, we should recall the words of our Lord, "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much." (Luke 16:10) The small things in our lives can well lead to big changes, either for good or for evil. This principle extends to congregations, as well.

Frequently, an emphasis on doctrinal exactness is greeted with a roll of the eyes. Why should we, after all, be concerned over small departures here and there? Isn't it just nit-picking to question everything that doesn't measure up to the truths we understand from Scripture?

We should be concerned about apostasy, even in the smallest measure, because it is a step down a path which will end in destruction. Every heresy that has divided the church began with a small departure from the truth, which lead to greater and greater departures over time.

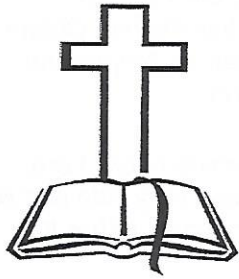
Our fellowship must stand firm on the inerrancy of Scripture, the total truth and authority of God's word. We must stand firm in attempting to understand and follow the pattern of faith and practice outlined in the Bible. Most centrally, we must stand firm in teaching the exclusive truth of God's way of salvation through Jesus Christ. Even the slightest deviation in our commitment to these basic truths will plunge the church quickly into all manner of false teaching.

When Christian teachers and preachers depart from a complete confidence in Scripture, they stand in danger of losing their faith altogether. When congregations begin introducing unauthorized elements into the worship and work of the church, there is no end to the changes which will occur. When the church begins fellowshiping outsiders as if they were members of the Lord's church, soon the very heart of the gospel is laid aside. Constant vigilance is needed to keep the Lord's church true to the Lord's way.

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## Sunday, March 5, 2017

<p><b>Prayer List Updates</b></p> <p>Joy Brooks – still recovering at home</p> <p>Floyd Reeves – moved to rehab at hospital</p> <p>Buddy Drury – Jacky’s dad; another benign tumor near pituitary gland; surgery March 23 to remove as much as possible</p>	<p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <p>Tuesdays 10 am Ladies’ Bible study; kids welcome</p> <p>Weds. 6-8 Fwednesday for teens grades 6-12</p> <p>March 12 daylight savings time begins</p> <p>March 12 VBS planning meeting after morning services; bring your own lunch</p> <p>March 18 youth day at Monette church of Christ</p> <p>March 20 children’s home truck runs; needs are non-aerosol cleaning supplies, furniture polish, bottled grape juice, small freezer bags, spaghetti sauce, and taco/burrito mix</p>	<p><b>Correspondence Course Ministry</b></p> <p>week of February 27 – March 4: 12 lessons graded</p>
<p><b>Announcement</b></p> <p>There will be a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Red Palmer on March 11 from 1-3 pm in the fellowship hall of 7<sup>th</sup> and Mueller church of Christ in Paragould. Everyone is invited to attend.</p> <p><b>Birthdays</b></p> <p>Jackie Ingram March 6                  Ellie Marie Sills March 11</p>	<p><b>March Haiti Needs</b></p> <p>powdered milk                  deodorant</p>	<p><b>Attendance Last Week</b></p> <p>Sunday morning: 56                  Sunday evening: 34                  Wednesday evening: 38</p>

## Weekly Service Assignments

<p>Sunday Morning</p>	<p>Bible class: 9:45 am                  worship: 10:45 am</p>	<p>Sunday Evening 6:00 pm</p>
<p>First Prayer Raymond Lasley</p> <p>Announcements Rudi Cagle</p> <p>Scripture Reading Jerry Bolar</p>		<p>First Prayer Rudi Cagle</p> <p>Closing Prayer Ken Beach</p> <p>Lord’s Supper Josh Vires                  Rudi Cagle</p>
<p>Lord’s Supper 1. Ed Young 3. Matt Greer                  2. Jerry Bolar 4. Rudi Cagle</p> <p>Second Prayer Josh Vires</p> <p>Closing Prayer Larry Towell</p>		<p>Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm</p> <p>First Prayer Ken Beach</p> <p>Closing Prayer Larry Towell</p>