

Antipas: God's Faithful Martyr

Introduction:

The Bible motivates us to live faithful Christian lives in at least three ways: 1) Passages, 2) Principles, and 3) Persons. Some examples are very overt, while others are more obscure. Although a faithful Christian may be obscure, he is never ordinary. Every member of the Body of Christ is important.

I. The Book of Revelation.

- A. It is a revelation to the church.
- B. It is a revelation of Jesus Christ.
- C. It is a revelation through John.

II. The Letter to Pergamos (2:12-17).

- A. Christ commends them for their faithfulness.
- B. Jesus knew their works and where they lived.
 - 1. They held fast His name.
 - 2. They did not deny the faith.
- C. Christ criticizes them for their tolerance of error.
- D. Christ gives them a warning and a promise.

III. The Reference to Antipas.

- A. Who was he?
- B. What was he?
 - 1. "My faithful martyr."
 - 2. He lived during a time of persecution.
- C. The Church in the first century was no stranger to persecution.
 - 1. Stephen was the first to be martyred.
 - 2. Saul experienced persecution.
 - 3. The apostles died as martyrs.
- D. The Church can expect persecution today.
 - 1. Because of the exclusive nature of Christianity.
 - 2. Because Christianity is considered anti-social.
 - 3. Because Christians are outspoken with the truth.

Conclusion: Antipas was a Christian when Christianity wasn't cool!

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Theme for 2010
"The Greatest of These Is Love"



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Order of Worship August 22, 2010

	8:30 Service	10:45 Service
Welcome/Ann:	David Jent	Jim Bingham
Song: 134	Faith Is The Victory	
Song: 452	Night With Ebon Pinion	
Communion & Giving		
Song: 136	Faith Of Our Fathers	
Reading: Rev. 2:12-17	Lyn Stacey	Kevin Stacey
Prayer:	Glenn Hardison	Will Gold
Song: 400	Living By Faith	
Sermon "Antipas: God's Faithful Martyr"		
Song 587	Soul, A Savior Thou Art Needing	
Song: 462	O For A Faith That Will Not Shrink	
Closing Prayer:	David Jent	Greg Wilson

Song leader: Bill Tankersley
Preacher: John Tracy

6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Open Service: Glenn Hardison
Read: Ralph Wilson - John 17:1-5
Pray: Britt Wiles
Closing Prayer: Will Wilson

Sermon — "The Glory of God"

Ghana, W. Africa 2010 Trip

On July 10th, there were 21 of us who boarded a plane for Ghana, Africa. Upon landing, we went into four different areas of Ghana to work for the next three weeks. Prissy Sellers, Rachel Gillis, Heather Olive, Jessica Savage and I along with five young preachers, went to the Tarkwa area. Our goal was to teach World Bible School students and set up one on one studies of anyone wishing to study God's Word. Our goal was to get the church started in a village where there was none.

The three girls would have VBS for the 130 children of the Ruth Orr Prep School every day and teach them songs, have Bible lessons and memorize Bible verses. The children immediately loved them and learned very fast all they taught.

The school sits on 9 acres of ground that was given to us to construct the school on with the understanding that in time there would be a church building built for the community. Before coming, we had raised enough money to build a very nice building that would seat about 400 people. The footing had been poured and blocks made but the rains had stopped the work before we got there and it continued to rain while we were there but are thankful that work is in progress again and the walls are going up.

As the girls worked at the school, Prissy and I with the preachers worked hard in the village teaching parents and others that would study with us. At the end of two weeks we had baptized 21 people for the remission of their sins and thus the church began that Sunday with 96 people in attendance. George Danquah, who is principal of the school, will be the preacher for the new congregation. What a wonderful day it was!

On Friday, we had a big "rainy" day where the whole community came out to see the children and what they had learned. We gave out bags and pillow case dresses made by Betty Jo Holt to all the girls and bags and caps to all the boys. Each child got a Bible and other things in their bags. It was a great day in spite of the rain and a day the children will never forget. We were speechless and in awe of their performances.

Saturday we were to travel to another village where you had to cross the river in a home made boat made out a tree. This is the only way to get to the village where about 800 people live. We went there a few years ago and taught these people, baptized many and built a church building. Today 98% of the people on the island are Christians and I really wanted the girls to see this "paradise" but the rains had made the roads too difficult to travel and we had to turn back after getting stuck and red mud flew everywhere as we tried pushing our bus out. We thanked God when we finally got on solid ground and back at the motel. Maybe next year, girls.

I believe all would say the devotionals at night when all was quiet, and our group all together, were the most inspirational and uplifting of anything done as we thanked God for safety those two weeks and the church being planted in the village and the children being taught the Word of God daily in such an enjoyable way that they could learn and remember all that they were taught.

The girls would stay on with the young preachers for another ten days and they would paint the little school house on the outside and teach more VBS to the children while Prissy and I would leave and travel to Malawi, Africa to teach. God gave the increase of 92 souls baptized for the remission of their sins while in Ghana. We thank the preachers for giving of their time so unselfishly and for the girls who gave up the comforts of home to come and help the poor children of Tarkwa learn more of the love of God. Ruth Orr

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sick: Evie Lowrance will have surgery on Friday, Aug. 27th at Skyline Med. Ctr.

Remember in your prayers: Connie Haislip, Bob Redmond, Billy Davis, Anna Clark, Pat Blackmore, Thelma Holt, Jacy Hinds, Bonita Cavander, Avery Sons, Walt Hickman, Tommy Jordan, Evie Lowrance & Matthew Anderson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 29: Summit Singing after evening service. Everyone bring your favorite finger food.



Sept. 11: Secret Friends trip to Giles' cabin.



Sept. 12: Youth Area Wide Devotional at Cornersville.

Sept. 24-26: Fall Advance at Dickson.

THANK YOU!
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We have received a thank you note from **Harold & Betty Daniels.** Please stop and read.



**Justin & Miranda's
New Address**

**Justin & Miranda Morton
7200 Olive Branch Lane
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Our love and sympathy is extended to the family of **Mr. Foy Walker.** He was the cousin of **Gayle Reynolds.**



8/26 Michael Head
Jeanetta O'Neal
Skyln Sharp - 7
8/27 Dawson Hammons - 10
8/29 Cindy Cantrell
Thelma Holt
8/30 Shelia Crick
Pam Davis
Clint Hammons
Brandee Lancaster
Bill Marlow
Gary Wells
8/31 Katrina McRady
Miller Williams



8/24 Jim & Judy Rickman - 36 yrs
8/26 Steve & Kim Anderson
8/29 Keith & Leann Stacey
8/30 Greg & April Wilson - 36 yrs
8/31 Lee & Carol Morrison - 36 yrs

MERIHIL

Hugh Chaffin, Sara Jane Pickett, Ann Thompson, Geraldine Richardson, Angelena Boyd, Mattie Wiles, Sara Lowe, Bessie Davis, Joetta Bigham, Bettie Ann Coxon, Dorothy Corey, Betty Wilkes, Russell Finley, Marie Crumley, George Woods, Mary Neil Vaughn.

OAKWOOD

Mary Hatfield, Ailene Brown, Lorene Knowis, Jesse Head, Elizabeth Sowell.



IN HOME SHUT INS

Martha Bagley, Nina McKay, Mary Davis, Dot Thompson, Ruby Gunnels, Sadie Graves, Carolyn Hamilton, Johnny Thompson, Ruby Cathey, Dorothy Morrison.

FOR THE RECORD

August 15, 2010

AM	483
PM	223*
Bible Class	390
Summit	17
Wed. Nite	225

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*includes 48 at Area Wide Devotional