



#### Schedule of Services

##### Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Worship 6:00 PM

##### Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM  
7:00 PM

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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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## From the Shepherd's Pen

**I**n John 4, we have an account of a visit Jesus made to a location in Samaria. It was near the town of Sychar. Usually the attention is drawn to the conversation with a Samaritan woman about true worship or the water of life or even about her marital situation. I would like us to note another aspect of that. Although, with the exception of the revelations about her life made to the woman, we have no record of any signs or wonders done there. At the conclusion of his visit the Samaritans declared that was indeed the Savior of the world.

How did this come about? He talked with them! After hearing him they were convinced. His words had power. At the close of the Sermon on The Mount people marveled because he spoke as one having authority. In the temple during his final week before his death, the temple guards reported that never a man spoke as he did.

Do his words have that kind of impact on us today? Perhaps familiarity has caused us to forget how special they are. His word has been compared to a sword for its penetrating power. Note the effect on those at Pentecost. The word is called the seed. Let us read his words more carefully and thoughtfully. Let us give them time to sink in and take root and move us as they moved those who heard them in the First Century. -Jim Hattermer

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I remember what it was like when I first drove a car with power steering. It was unbelievable. It was so easy to turn the steering wheel. It was just as amazing to have power brakes. Before power brakes, most drivers had one leg larger than the other just from

pushing the brake pedal. With power brakes you just have to tap the brake, not push it through the floor board. Young people do not know what it was like to drive vehicles that did not have power steering or power brakes. Driving is much easier when you have the power.

So it is with life. A Christian's life is much easier in many respects because you have the power of God with you. When you have a problem, you have the power. When you need strength, you have the power. When you need wisdom, you have the power. When you are fearful, you have the power. You get the idea.

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me...And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*  
Matt 28:18-20 ESV

*Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.* Phil 4:11-13 ESV

The Lord will be with you wherever you are. He will be with you through the day and the rest of the week. You will have the power. I suggest, however, that you pause and thank God that He, His Son, and His Spirit will always give you the power. Thank God that He will be with you today and every day. -TLM

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