

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****APR 26, 2009****SICK LIST:****HEALTHCARE CENTERS:** Gertrude Hall, Bertharine Burton**HOME:** Flora Millwood, Lottie Townley, Ruby Harrison, Johnny & Lizzie Banks, Freddie Alexander, Gloria Windham, Audie Estus, Maudie Jones, Daniel Dzielinski, Frances Vinson**PRAYER LIST:** April Lazenby, Tommy Hollingsworth, David Ray, Amanda Rutledge, Andrew Elliott, Kimberly Wilcox, Pat Cush, Emmitt Pendley, Fritz Pendley, Jerusha Key, Jill Martindale, Larry Myers, Sonya Parnell, Michelle Howell, Anna Turner, Francis Rushing**AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "AS WE APPROACH THE SHORE"****PM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "REASONS TO BE SAD FOR THE JEWS"****DESSERTS FOR APRIL 30: LESLIE EARNEST****GOSPEL MEETING AT FAYETTE, APR 26-29****VBS TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS MEETING TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES****DAVID RAY & ANDREW ELLIOTT ARE IN NEED OF ENCOURAGEMENT.  
THEIR ADDRESSES ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD****SEE GENE OR LINDA FOR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES****PLACE QUESTIONS IN THE QUESTION BOX****SEE DAVID OR GLEN FOR TAPES****BIRTHDAYS:**

Apr 28: Libby Tucker

May 1: Maudie Jones

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY MORNING

**BIBLE CLASS 9:30**

**WORSHIP 10:20**

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

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**Good Morning!**  
**Ben Wright**

**April 26, 2009**  
**Sermon Advantage**

**As We Approach The Shore**  
**(Acts 27:22-44)**

- I. Sink in your \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 29).**
- A. The crew feared they would crash on the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. The reason they threw out the anchors was for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. There have always been those that seek to \_\_\_\_\_ and carry people off with them.
    - 1. Acts 20:30-31.
    - 2. Galatians 1:6-7.
- II. Stay in the \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 30-31).**
- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ would have crushed any that got out.
  - B. We must stay \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord's church.
    - 1. Revelation 2:10.
    - 2. Acts 4:12.
  - C. There is \_\_\_\_\_ in the Father's hand.
- III. Keep yourself \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 33-34).**
- A. These men needed to eat in order to keep their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. There are things we can do to be \_\_\_\_\_ fit.
  - C. We need to stay in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. We don't need to stop being \_\_\_\_\_ in the work of the church.
- IV. Keep your \_\_\_\_\_ up (vs. 35-36).**
- A. In hard times, if spirits are down, we tend to \_\_\_\_\_ away.
  - B. We should focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - C. We should turn to the \_\_\_\_\_ for comfort.
  - D. We should look to our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - E. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ others.
- V. Get rid of unnecessary \_\_\_\_\_.**
- A. The crew \_\_\_\_\_ the load to stay higher in the water.
  - B. We won't make it to heaven with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. We won't make it with bad \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. We won't make it with bad \_\_\_\_\_.
- VI. Realize there will be some \_\_\_\_\_ times (vs. 31).**
- A. They thought they were about to make it to \_\_\_\_\_.

- B. As we age, it seems there are more \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. We need to make sure we are already \_\_\_\_\_ before they come.

**VII. You will make it \_\_\_\_\_ to land (vs. 44).**

- A. Not one of these men \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. There is a place \_\_\_\_\_ that is out of reach of our human minds.

**Yes, God Does Understand  
Brent Smith**

There are times when good people find themselves in very difficult circumstances. The “ox is in the ditch” and they are not able to do some things that God has commanded because of physical barriers. God does understand! “We have not an high priest who cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin” (He. 4:15). God does not put on us more than we are able to bear (1 Co. 10:13).

However, Jesus did say, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God...” (Mt. 6:33). Consider:

We go to the grocery store, Wal-Mart, and to the gas station every week, but we have not been to the services of the church in 2 years because we are not physically able, and we say, “God understands.”

We pay \$1,000 a month in car notes, \$1,000 mortgage on the house and \$200 is allotted for entertainment, but we are just not able at this time to give more than 3% of our income each week to the church. “God understands.”

I meet people on the job every day, represent my company, make sales presentations, and give direction to employees under me. At this time, however, I am not willing to campaign with the church, lead public prayer, or talk to my neighbors about the gospel because I am not good at talking to people. “God understands.”

I am quite able to make sacrifices of my sleep. Getting up at 5 a.m. to climb into a deer stand is no problem. I am always the first one to the lake, even if I didn’t get to bed until 12:30 a.m. Every work-day I am up by 6 a.m. to shower, get dressed, eat breakfast, send the kids off to school and make it to work by 8:00. Sunday morning is my only chance to sleep in. I never seem to make it to class on time, if at all. “God understands.”

This summer our family went out of town for our vacation. We did quite a bit of research to locate our recreational destinations. We found our condo on the internet. We called an 800 number to find out about shopping in the area. We picked up pamphlets to find out about local attractions. We left no stone unturned. We did not make it to church on Sunday or Wednesday night. We did not know where the saints were meeting! “God understands.”

Our Creator is a God of love and compassion. He doesn't expect more from us than we are able to do. Our God is also all seeing and all knowing. He knows our limitations...and He knows when we do our best! God really does understand. God understands – do we?