

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 17, 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

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AM SERMON - NEIL MYERS

PM SERVICE - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

VBS IS MAY 31-JUNE 4 - MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND AND INVITE OTHERS

WORK AND WORSHIP WEEK AT ICYC MAY 24-28: 7:30 PM SUNDAY, 7 PM MON-THUR.

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:

May 18 Alex Earnest & Jacob Edwards

21: Kane Amerson

ANNIVERSARY:

May 21: Shanna & Chris Robbins

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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

ELDERS:

Franklin Brown 924-8953

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Danny Busby 387-0213

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Randy Wood 221-2508

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Do Not Be Disturbed

Neal Pollard

There continues to be the false religions interpreted by the world to be Christianity. There are web sites posted by professed “ex-Christians” and even former members of the Lord’s church. News and history channels give a skewed perspective and betray a hostile attitude toward Christianity, with movies, music and talk-show hosts speaking in most irreverent terms of Christianity and those who put their trust in Him. Archaeologists purport to have evidence of the lost tomb of Christ. A fellow student of mine, a preacher, was recently arrested for an immoral crime that caught regional media attention and excuse for the secular to attack the Christ he preached. There are almost daily example of this sort of assault.

Some may be tempted to wring their hands and surrender. Others may feel pressure to cower and cover their faith. Most will at least find these things disturbing. Certainly, attacks made on Christ incur the wrath and sorrow of heaven, so that it would bother us is natural.

Often, New Testament writers talked about what might disturb or attempt to disturb us as Christians. We can become disturbed because of the actions of those who are our own brothers and sisters in Christ (cf. Acts 15:24; 2 Cor. 12:20). False teachers can create disturbances, even claiming to speak in the name of Christ (Gal 1:7; 2 Thes. 2:2). Once, Paul acknowledged that the church at Thessalonica was in a position to be disturbed by afflictions brought on by those antagonistic to the church of Christ. The writer of Hebrews saw that those Christians were disturbed by opposition (Heb. 10:32-34; 2:3-4). Jesus often warned that being His disciple would bring hatred and hostility from the world’s direction (Luke 6:22; John 7:7; 15:1-19; 16:2; 17:14). John echoes the same message in 1 John 3:13, saying, “Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you.”

I believe the statement is true that “we are not citizens of this world trying to make it to heaven, but citizens of heaven trying to make it through this world.” We will

be troubled and tried because we follow the suffering Servant. Let us look past these things and keep our focus on the never-ending joy and ever-enduring peace of heaven.

The Responsibility of a Teacher

Wayne Jackson

There is a great honor attached to teaching the Word of God. It is the most sacred trust that one can imagine. Unfortunately, sometimes there are those who want the praise that attends that lofty role, yet they are unwilling to pay the price that accompanies it. What are some of the costs that attend this sober responsibility?

First, the teacher must be an example - in life, in spiritual fervor. Luke wrote concerning that which Jesus both did and taught (Acts 1:1). No one who is careless in church attendance, who shows no interest in the lost, who dresses wantonly, who is addicted to harmful substances, who is known to be worldly, etc., needs to be in a teaching capacity.

Second, the teacher must invest time in hard study so as to be qualified as an accurate instructor of the Word. Off-the-cuff, sloppy preparation can jeopardize the souls of men. Those who busy themselves with mundane matters all week, and then bore their students with a hasty, thrown-together Sunday morning presentation are contributing to the disinterest of our youth. Is it any wonder that many congregations consist mainly of older folks these days? Too, a good teacher will invest money in appropriate study tools to help qualify himself in the Scriptures. A study of history, geography, language, etc., is vital for the well-qualified instructor.

Third, a good teacher must be understanding with his/her students. One who is ill-tempered, lacking in compassion, impatient, explosive, etc., can do more harm in attempting to teach than if they had simply refrained. A godly teacher will love his fellow man and value the soul above all else.

Fourth, a teacher must be sound in the faith. It is important what a man believes. Those who subscribe to false ideas regarding the plan of salvation, the church, worship, the nature of the Bible, divorce/remarriage, etc., must not be permitted to spread their error. Elders

who reason: “Well, I know he/she holds some unorthodox ideas in certain areas, but they have agreed not to express them,” are simply fooling themselves.

In view of these requirements, it becomes easier to understand why James admonishes: “Be not many of you teachers” (3:1). It is not that he would discourage teaching: it is just that we must take this responsibility very seriously. The future of the church depends upon its teaching program. Let us attempt to do a better job.