

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEC 6, 2009

SICK LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS: Gertrude Hall, Bertharine Burton, Maudie Jones

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AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "DEALING WITH ADVERSITY"

PM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "CLOSING REMARKS"

HOLIDAY MEAL AT RYAN'S AFTER EVENING SERVICES DEC 20

FIRST SUNDAY SINGING TODAY AT SIXTH AVENUE, 2 PM

REMEMBER GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS FOR CHILD IN NEED. SEE LESLIE FOR DETAILS

SEE GENE OR LINDA FOR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

SEE DAVID FOR TAPES

BIRTHDAYS:

Dec 12: Nelda Windham

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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:

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DEALING WITH ADVERSITY

(James 1:2-4)

- I. Key _____ about adversity.
- A. There are two important _____ we need to realize (James 1:2-4).
1. Trials _____ come to you (Acts 14:22; 1 Peter 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:12) Trials come in all _____ and _____.
- B. When it comes, it does so quickly and _____.

C. While in the midst of adversity, it tends to be the _____ of our thinking.

II. _____ knew adversity.

A. Paul faced a lot of adversity in his life and _____ it all (2 Corinthians 7:4-5).

B. What adversity did Paul face (2 Corinthians 11:23-28)?

1. Those sufferings that are _____ to us all.

2. _____.

3. _____ for being a Christian.

4. His _____ problem (2 Corinthians 12:7).

C. Most of us will never have the same amount of adversity as Paul.

III. Seven lessons to _____ about adversity.

A. Adversity draws us _____ to or _____ from God.

B. Adversity will _____ us.

1. It hurt and bothered _____ (2 Corinthians 7:6; 1:8).

2. Adversity will challenge us and hurt us but we can make it through by holding to the rope of _____.

C. Overcoming adversity is based on a solid _____.

1. The foundation of our faith is built either on _____ or _____ (Matthew 7:24-27).

2. If we have a solid foundation as Jesus as our Leader and Lord, we can withstand adversity.

D. Adversity is _____.

1. We need to remember the big _____ when facing adversity (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

2. We need to keep this adversity in perspective.

E. Adversity builds _____.

F. Seek _____ help.

G. Maintain a _____ attitude.

LOOKING IN THE WRONG PLACE FOR JESUS

Neal Pollard

There has been a rash of "sightings" lately with which unbelievers have been having a field day. I refer to "Jesus sightings" people are claiming in such things as clouds, Cheetos, dental X-rays, cooking utensils, windows, walls, and trees. Wikipedia even has an entry for it ("Perceptions of religious imagery in natural phenomena"). People vehemently defend the idea that these are intentional, divinely sent images. Meanwhile, secular and agnostic witnesses to such claims

gather up baby and bathwater together, using such superstitiousness to show how deluded those in Christendom really are. Yet, while responding to superstition in religion would be a fitting use of time, another thing comes to mind when hearing these sad stories. It is a reminder that people are looking for Jesus in all the wrong places.

They want some heavenly sign, some overwhelming feeling, some sensory sensation, and some sort of religious fireworks to create or validate their faith. While God has embedded plenty of these in the marvels of nature and creation, through the product of answered prayer that defies logic or explanation, and by the amazing process of transformation that occurs when people follow Christ, He calls on us to seek for Him in a much less electrifying and cataclysmic place.

When we pick up God's Word and regularly, intently read, meditate, and study (cf. Psalm 1) it, we see Jesus come alive in powerful, sustaining ways! When we walk with the Lord each day, the resulting relationship built on His character and our trust in Him is powerful! When we actively serve Him and others and put into practice what He teaches us through the Bible, we see Jesus in a vivid way. Daily Christian living, the longer we practice it, brings Jesus into unmistakable, clear focus. Maybe that is what these "seers" truly desire, and what they need is our help to truly find Him. Let us take that as a challenge and help people really "see Jesus" (cf. John 12:21; Heb. 2:9).