

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DEC 27, 2009**

**SICK LIST:**

**HEALTHCARE CENTERS:** Gertrude Hall, Bertharine Burton, Maudie Jones, Mitchell Davidson (Ridgeview Rm. 169)

**HOME:** Flora Millwood, Ruby Harrison, Freddie Alexander, Gloria Windham, Audie Estus, Paul Mays, H.C. Brown, Frances Vinson, Wendy Wood, Brenda Rushing

**PRAYER LIST:** April Lazenby, Tommy Hollingsworth, David Ray, Amanda Rutledge, Kimberly Wilcox, Pat Cush, Emmitt Pendley, Fritz Pendley, Jerusha Key, Sonya Parnell, Michelle Howell, Anna Turner, Francis Rushing, Irene Palmer, Vera Fike, Sue Hinds, Virginia Nicholas, Harold Walton, Kenneth Wright, Paul Lockhart, Larry Drummond, Jim Murrell

AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "A NEW MINDSET FOR THE NEW YEAR"

PM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "NEEDS IN THE FACE OF TRIALS"

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO SANDRA HUNT DUE TO THE DEATH OF HER FATHER-IN-LAW CLIFFORD HUNT. SERVICES ARE TODAY AT KILGORE-GREEN AT 2 PM**

**THERE WILL BE A NEW CLASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS STARTING THE FIRST SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY. BRUCE WINDHAM WILL BE TEACHING**

**SEE GENE OR LINDA FOR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES**

**SEE DAVID FOR TAPES**

**REMEMBER GBN ON INSPIRATION NETWORK ON DIRECTV AND DISH SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 6 AM**

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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:**

Gene McDonald 924-4827  
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**MINISTER:**

Ben Wright

**A NEW MINDSET FOR THE NEW YEAR**

- I. We need a new mindset concerning \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. We can always be \_\_\_\_\_ united than we are now.
  - B. Many times, we as individuals have the mindset that “I am \_\_\_\_\_” in all things.
  - C. We can’t be suspicious of one another.

1. We must have the attitude Paul commanded the \_\_\_\_\_ to have (2:1-4).
  2. The only way that we will do that is if we \_\_\_\_\_ what Philippians 2:5 says.
- D. We get stuck in ruts that say my way is the right way and those ruts keep congregations from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. We get stuck in ruts that keep us thinking \_\_\_\_\_ of our brethren instead of thinking positively about them.
- F. We can either keep looking for flaws or we can start looking for positive things on which to focus our thoughts about our brethren.

**II. We need a new mindset concerning \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ is the lifeblood of a congregation.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_% of our members are over the age of 50.
- C. With the life expectance in the US at 77 years of age, what does that tell us about the \_\_\_\_\_ of this congregation?
- D. It ought to tell us that if each of us does not get serious about evangelism right here at home, then we aren't going to be here much longer.
- E. The Lord gave the Great Commission to \_\_\_\_\_ of His followers, including us.
- F. Could you imagine what it would be like here if each family \_\_\_\_\_ one person in 2010?

**III. We need a new mindset concerning \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. When we read about the early church, they were all involved in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.
- B. It doesn't matter how old you are, there is \_\_\_\_\_ you can do to help the cause of Christ.
1. We get tied up so much in our daily \_\_\_\_\_ that we don't give consideration to the Lord's church very much.
  2. We know we are going to be at \_\_\_\_\_ so we don't think about anything else.
- C. We must change our \_\_\_\_\_ from someone else is going to do it to I've got to do it because maybe no one else will.
- D. The Lord's church has to become important to us, not just a \_\_\_\_\_ event on Sundays and Wednesdays.

**THE FAR-REACHING EFFECTS OF HUMANISM**

**Patrick Morrison**

**The Influence of Humanism in Society**

Having placed man upon the throne which God alone has right to occupy, our society has essentially become a world in which survival of the fittest is a fitting mantra. In a world that has long declared "God is dead" (though humanists would never aver such, for they never held God to be alive in the first place), the humanistic philosophy has spread like a wild fire in a drought-laden prairie. No God to whom we must give answer, no higher law by which to conduct our lives, no immortal soul that will spend an eternity in hell for failing to abide by the commands of the Creator—is it any wonder, then, that our world is falling faster and further into absolute chaos? The society in which we find ourselves has given itself over to the fulfillment of every

desire imaginable. Take note of the consequences of trying to forget God and His law (Romans 1:19-32; God gave them up!). We have humanism to thank for the rank hedonism prevalent in our world. We have humanism to thank for the degradation of the moral fabric of this nation. We have humanism to thank for the increase in violent crime, the divorce rate, children born out of wedlock, lack of respect for those in positions of authority, and on and on the list could continue. After all, if man is merely the product of unguided evolutionary change, and if man has no eternal soul about which to be concerned, then let us “eat and drink, for tomorrow we die” (1 Corinthians 15:32). If humanists are correct in their assessments of the nature of man, then anything goes (see Judges 17:6).

### **The Influence of Humanism on the church**

Religion is being influenced more and more to imbibe the prevailing doctrine of “you believe what you want to believe, and I’ll believe what I want to believe, and we will agree to disagree when our beliefs contradict.” Humanism is influencing many major religious bodies to abandon any vestige of an objective standard of truth (which standard does exist [John 17:17]). Some are attempting to hold hands with both humanism and Christianity by advocating theistic evolution. While those who would propose this theory are trying to gain favor with both humanists and those who believe in the Biblical account of the creation, they in actuality set themselves at variance with both sides. No man can serve two masters (Matthew 6:24). Such fence-straddling makes the Lord sick to his stomach (Revelation 3:16). With humanism being the popular social, ethical, moral, political and philosophical thrust of our time, many religious institutions are afraid to reject this dangerous and demonic doctrine. Myriads of so-called Christians are following a multitude to do evil (Exodus 23:2) for fear of rejection, loss of numbers and loss of revenue. Such is contrary to the spirit of Christianity (see 2 Timothy 1:7; Revelation 20:8). Should the church continue to cower to the bullying of an increasingly fashionable philosophy, she will soon (if not already) find herself bowing the knee to political correctness rather than Him Who sits on the throne of the heavens. May God grant us more courage, that “with all boldness [we] may speak thy word” (Acts 4:29).