

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FEB 14, 2010 SICK**

**LIST:**

**HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

Bertharine Burton, Maudie Jones (Ridgeview Rm 110)

**HOME:** Flora Millwood, Ruby Harrison, Freddie Alexander, Gloria Windham, Paul Mays, H.C. Brown, Frances Vinson, Mitchell Davidson, Lois Boshell, Fred & Romaine Elliott, Jim Windham, Eli Phillips, Sandra Hunt, Gene McDonald

**PRAYER LIST:** April Lazenby, 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, Paul Lockhart, Larry Drummond, Jim Murrell, J.B. Pruitt, Louise Alexander

AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - WHAT DOTH HINDER ME TO BE BAPTIZED?

PM SERMON - NEIL MYERS

**SINGING SCHOOL, FEB 21-25**

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO MARGARET BARTON DUE TO THE DEATH OF HER SISTER-IN-LAW EDNA TOWNLEY.**

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

**SEE DAVID FOR TAPES**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Feb 19: Margaret Barton

**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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Bruce Windham 221-2348

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Danny Busby 387-0213  
Randy Wood 221-2508

### MINISTER:

Ben Wright

## WHAT DOTH HINDER ME TO BE BAPTIZED?

(Acts 8:26-39)

- I. He learned the \_\_\_\_\_ of baptism.
- A. We are told that Philip preached unto him \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. While Philip conducted a great gospel meeting in Samaria, we are told that Philip preached \_\_\_\_\_ unto them (Acts 8:5).
- C. Just from these two events we should come to understand that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ baptism.

- D. Baptism is not some \_\_\_\_\_ ordained “sacrament, “rite” or “tradition.”
- E. Baptism is a commandment of God in order be in Christ where there is \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 3:26-27).
- II. He learned of the \_\_\_\_\_ to be baptized.**
- A. We do know, by the reaction of the nobleman, that Philip let him know that he was \_\_\_\_\_ to be baptized.
- B. No doubt this eunuch felt a \_\_\_\_\_ obligation to be obedient to the One who died for him.
- C. Our Lord commanded that men be born \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:1-5).
- D. Paul informs us, by inspiration, that there is \_\_\_\_\_ baptism (Eph. 4:5).
- III. He learned about the \_\_\_\_\_ of baptism.**
- A. The Greek word for “baptize” has always meant “dip, plunge, or \_\_\_\_\_.”
- B. He understood that he was to be \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ (Colossians 2:12).
- C. There was no \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of water on the Ethiopian.
- IV. He learned the \_\_\_\_\_ of baptism.**
- A. He came to learn that when he was baptized, the eunuch had his sins \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. He also came to learn that he was now a \_\_\_\_\_ man.
- C. He came to learn that he was now \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- D. He came to learn that he was now \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 3:20-21).
- E. He came to learn that he was now a part of the Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_.
- V. He learned a new \_\_\_\_\_ because of his baptism.**
- A. This was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the outcome of his baptism.
- B. He was now a new \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- C. He was now \_\_\_\_\_ to sin (Romans 6:1-2).
- D. He was now a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
- E. Whenever anyone puts on Christ in baptism as did the eunuch, there is a new way of looking at life that is \_\_\_\_\_.

## A DYING BREED

Frank Chesser

A Bible professor in one of our Christian colleges recently remarked, “Those of us who believe Matthew 19:9 are a dying breed. The younger generation doesn't believe it and are not going to teach it.”

Truth is not determined by “who” or “how many.” Wholesale rejection of the clear and obvious import of Matthew 19:9 will not change a jot or a tittle thereof. The effort to lessen the stringent nature of Biblical teaching on divorce and remarriage is just one of many expressions of the permissive spirit that has invaded the church within the last quarter of a century.

*“So then, if while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress”* (Romans 7:3). Therefore, all marriages, subsequent to a divorce are adulterous relationships. To this general law governing the marital bond, Jesus made one exception, *“except it be for fornication”* (Matthew 19:9). Thus, God's divine formula for marriage is, “Divorce, except for fornication, plus remarriage, equals adultery.”

Ignoring God's “except” (John 3:5) relative to the new birth, denominationalism has tampered with the scheme of redemption and made it impossible for its people to reach the blood of Christ. Many in the church have played havoc with the “except” of God's marriage law, thus destroying purity and promoting adultery.

Judaizers altered God's “except” with regard to the Gospel by adding one of their own. *“Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved”* (Acts 15:1). Such action constituted a gross perversion of the Gospel. Fabricators within the church have limited God's “except” concerning marriage to those one-flesh relationships involving two Christians. Such reprehensible action constitutes a flagrant distortion of God's design for the conjugal state.

Professional help is required to misunderstand God's law regarding marriage. The common man could read and study the New Testament for a lifetime and never arrive at the preposterous conclusions presently being promoted by those viewed as erudite among us. May God grant a renewal of life and number to the “dying breed.”