

ANNOUNCEMENTS**JULY 31, 2011****SICK LIST:****HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

Bertharine Burton, Maudie Jones, Ruby Harrison

HOSPITAL: Henry McDonald (Lakeshore Rm 215B)**HOME:** Freddie Alexander, Gloria Windham, Paul Mays, Ed & Bettie Barrett, H.C. & Jimmie Nell Brown, Fred Elliott, Bobby Myers, Bessie Files**PRAYER LIST:** April Lazenby, Kimberly Wilcox, Sonya Parnell, Michelle Howell, Anna Turner, Francis Rushing, Vera Fike, Sue Hinds, Harold Walton, Larry Drummond, Jim Murrell, Louise Alexander, Donnie Bryant, Joshua Jackson, Joe Windham, Vera Burke, Elmer Williams, Sandra Myers, Debra Webb, Sharon Lawson, Esther Sutton, Robin Harrison, Bill Hawkins, Bob Daniels, April Kinney, L.J. Frost, Wilma Howell**AM - BEN WRIGHT - PERFECTING HOLINESS IN THE FEAR OF GOD****PM - KALEB HALL****OUR GOSPEL MEETING WILL BE AUG 7-10 WITH BR. FRANK CHESSER. BE PRAYING FOR THIS AND INVITING OTHERS TO COME****READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN- ISAIAH 41-43; MON- 44-45; TUES- 46-48; WED- 49-51; THUR- 52-54; FRI- 55-58; SAT- 59-61; SUN- 62-64****BIRTHDAYS:**

Aug 1: Jill Roden

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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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PERFECTING HOLINESS IN THE FEAR OF GOD

(2 Corinthians 7:1)

- I. A _____ of terms.
- A. The word “perfecting” means to bring to an end, to finish to _____.
 - B. The word “holiness” denotes _____ and comes from the Greek word “hagios” which means holy.
 - C. Thus the first part of this phrase says that we are to complete the work of being _____, or separate, from the world.
 - D. The word “in” means remaining, taking place within some _____ place or limit.
 - E. The word “fear” carries the idea of terror, and depending on the setting it can have a _____ connotation, which in our case it does, of reverence or awe for something.
 - F. The entire phrase means that we are to complete the task of separation from the world _____ the area of reverence for God.

- II. A _____ to fear God.
- A. God has always commanded His people to fear or _____ Him.
 - B. You and I are to have great reverence for God _____ on Who He is, what He has done and what He is going to do.
 - 1. Our God is the _____ of all life (Genesis 1:1).
 - 2. He _____ the plan of salvation (2 Timothy 1:9).
 - 3. He is the giver of every _____ and every _____ gift.
 - 4. He _____ His Son.
 - 5. He gave us a _____ (Hebrews 12:28).
 - 6. Upon the destruction of the earth, He is going to _____ this kingdom (1 Corinthians 15:24).

- III. A _____ of holiness.
- A. The process of becoming holy begins with _____.
 - B. However, the holiness or sanctification process does not end there, it is just the _____.
 - C. The challenge is to _____ holy (Romans 12:1).
 - D. Our job is to be holy _____ (1 Peter 2:5).
 - E. The description of holiness is to be _____ from the world.
 - F. _____ gives us a great illustration of this in 8:28.
 - G. As Christians, if we want to be holy, we have to cut off ties with _____ things that tempt us or others to sin.
 - H. We should strive to be holy because _____ is holy (1 Peter 1:15-16).
 - I. We learn how to be holy or separate in God’s _____ (John 17:17).

1. Information and facts are found written therein centuries before man came to be aware of them:

- Job wrote that God *“hangeth the earth on nothing,”* Job 26:7, centuries before man knew that.
- Isaiah lived six centuries before man realized that the earth is a sphere; not flat, Isaiah 40:22. The term *“circle”* in the King James Version implies a *sphere*, or a *globe*.
- Ecclesiastes 1:7 described the “hydrologic cycle” as known today by most students in Middle School.

2. The Indestructible Nature of the Bible. Jesus is recorded in Matthew 24:35 as saying, *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”* Kings and emperors have sought to destroy it, but the Bible still stands as the word of God. Voltaire, the French infidel, utilized his travels as a means of letting people know his disbelief. Once, in one of his lectures, he claimed that by the time of *his* death the Bible would be dead; neither printed, purchased, read nor respected. To the contrary, Bible societies work “around the clock” to keep up with the demand. Now, if we can only get people to read it. (Strangely, after his death, Voltaire’s former printing facilities were used to print and circulate Bibles.)

3. The Vast Influence of the Bible. It is always a best seller, averaging 35,000 copies sold every day. Our nation reveals the Bible’s influence in the words of those who were founders of our nation, though some modern political leaders deny those very principles today.

4. Because of the Bible’s Higher Code of Ethics. The ordinary book written by man often describes ways by which a person can advance their reputation by various means. Often, those methods included self-serving methods. The Bible, however, establishes principles that are much loftier. Jesus, in Matthew 5:43- 6 teaches *“Love your enemies....do good to them that hate you....pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you.”* In Romans 12:17-20 we find the following ethic: *“Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink.”*

5. Because of the Historical Accuracy of the Bible. You would expect a book from God to be free of the mistakes man alone might make, and that is exactly what we find in the Bible. When rivers, mountains, cities, etc. are mentioned, the context and the words are accurate, even when men are still searching. Luke is the penman of both the book of Luke and the book of Acts. Historians formerly criticized his work, but now realize that Luke was right when men’s views were wrong. Sir William Ramsey, a very knowledgeable scholar once was critical of Luke’s work, but after serious research of the times and the places, changed his mind, describing Luke as “an historian of the first rank.” Similar recognition has been received for many of the Bible’s writers.

6. Others: The unity of the Bible (written over a period of hundreds of years by forty different writers, yet harmonious in detail). The brevity and restraint of the Bible (no physical description of Jesus; only at 50 days of Jesus’s earthly life; Only 34 verses utilized to describe the Creation of the universe).

Conclusion: The Bible’s inspiration stands the test. It is not the product of man alone.