

ANNOUNCEMENTS**DEC 9, 2012****SICK LIST:****HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

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Dec 12: Nelda Windham

13: J.D. Dailey

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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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SIGNS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

(Acts 2:42-47)

- I. Healthy churches are measured by _____ and not numerical terms.**
- A. We read in Acts 2 that _____ souls were added to the Lord's church (Acts 2:41).
 - 1. He then told us the _____ for healthy churches.
 - 2. Acts 2:42-47.
 - B. Whenever these things are present the congregation _____ and is healthy.
 - C. It was the _____ of the early Christians that attracted the attention of non-Christians.
- II. Healthy churches follow _____ and not cultural ministry patterns.**
- A. One of the great things about Christianity is that it is able to be followed in all _____.
 - B. The problem arises when Christians try to change Christianity to fit their surroundings and it loses its _____.
 - C. _____ are the ones in need of transformation, not Christianity (Romans 12:2).
- III. Healthy churches are based on _____ and not sociological foundations.**
- A. There are leaders in the church who have abandoned Bible doctrines for what is the most _____ thing in society.
 - 1. They don't look at _____ practices in light of scripture.
 - 2. They set _____ for the congregation that society has and not the Bible.
 - B. Paul set biblical goals and how they can be achieved in the book of _____.
- IV. Healthy churches focus on a _____ and not a marketing model.**
- A. The congregation that is healthy is concerned about what _____ thinks and not the community around us.
 - B. We are to minister to the needs of others, not _____ the church as a place to be.
 - C. _____ 19:10.
- V. Healthy churches adopt scriptural not secular models of leadership.**
- A. There is a great distinction between leadership as a _____ and as a _____.
 - B. Shepherds lead, they don't _____ and they don't occupy a position.
 - C. Leadership is not a possession, it is an _____.
 - D. When leadership is scriptural, scriptures like Hebrews 13:17 become _____.

What Would've Happened If ...

Gary Knuckles

...Noah had decided not to build the ark to the saving of his family? Would his family have been saved or would they have perished in the flood?

...Abraham just didn't "feel like" leaving Ur with his family? Would he have become the "father of many nations"?

...Moses had decided that leading the children of Israel out of Egypt was going to be too big a job for him to handle? Would he have gone back to the "pleasures of sin"?

...Elijah had not challenged the prophets of Baal at Mt. Carmel? Would he have been considered a faithful prophet of God?

...Naaman had not followed Elisha's instructions to dip seven times in Jordan? Would he have been healed of his leprosy?

...Paul had resisted the call of God to be an apostle? How long would it have taken to get the gospel "into all of the world"?

...21st Century Christians refused to get involved in the work of the church? Would anything ever get done? Would our children grow up to be strong Christians taking their place in the leadership and work of the church? Would the gospel be taken into local communities so the lost could believe and obey?

One of the leading factors in the success or failure of any congregation is the level of membership involvement. We cannot put the burden of work on the elders, deacons, preacher or Bible School teachers. We cannot sit back and believe that "someone else will do it". If the church is to grow, mature, gain strength, and be strong in the future, all of us MUST be involved in its work.

What would happen if...the work of the church depended solely on you?