

**SICK LIST:****HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

Bertharine Burton, Ruby Harrison

**HOME:** Freddie Alexander, Gloria Windham, Ed & Bettie Barrett, H.C. & Jimmie Nell Brown, Fred & Romaine Elliott, Bessie Files, Cynthia McMeans, Henry McDonald, Willie Nelson

**PRAYER LIST:** April Lazenby, Sue Hinds, Harold Walton, Jim Murrell, Louise Alexander, Donnie Bryant, Joshua Jackson, Elmer Williams, Debra Webb, Sharon Lawson, James & Wilma Howell, Patsy Tucker, Rhonda Poe, Debbie Odom, Michael Pope, Robert Turner, Wonda Ivie, Bobby Wright, Gregory Morris, Bobby Holloway, Ricky McDonald, David Brown, Kim Elliott, James Felton, Tommy Pope, J.D. Dailey, James Horsley, Brenda Holloway, Kathy Pate, Diane Chambers, Halle Windham

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "CAN WE SEE THE BIBLE ALIKE?"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "BLESSINGS OF BEING JUSTIFIED"

**CAMPAIGNERS WILL LEAVE JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> FOR LINCOLN, AL. THE MEETING WILL BE JULY 14-17 AND WE WILL BE CALLING MON-WED. COME JOIN IF YOU CAN!**

**DONATIONS TO ICYC CAN BE GIVEN TO BEN. REMEMBER THAT EACH DONATION IS COMPLETELY TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND WILL HELP ALLOW CHILDREN TO ATTEND CAMP THIS SUMMER**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

July 1: Danny Busby

5: Karen Griggs

# THE WEST WALKER WELCOMER

WEST WALKER CHURCH OF CHRIST  
26036 HWY 78  
CARBON HILL, AL 35549  
(205) 924-9038  
westwalkerchurchofchrist.org

## 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  
Carlton Myers 221-0637  
Neil Myers 924-9289  
Bruce Windham 221-2348

#### **DEACONS:**

Danny Busby 387-0213  
Barry Lawson 272-1211  
David Preston 300-1927  
Kevin Richardson 295-8864  
Chris Robbins 388-1354  
Vince Roden 924-4062

#### **MINISTER:**

Ben Wright 522-8004

**CAN WE SEE THE BIBLE ALIKE?**

(Philippians 2:14-16)

- I. **The Bible is God's \_\_\_\_\_.**  
A. 2 Peter 1:20-21; 1 Corinthians 14:37; 2 Timothy 3:16.  
B. What we see in the Bible is God \_\_\_\_\_ down to man to enable man to \_\_\_\_\_ up to God.
- II. **The Bible has been accurately \_\_\_\_\_.**  
A. The most \_\_\_\_\_ translation is the King James.  
B. The most \_\_\_\_\_ translation is the American Standard Version.  
C. The most \_\_\_\_\_ are the New King James or the English Standard Versions.
- III. **The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.**  
A. 2 Timothy 3:16-17.  
B. Jude 3 - The American Standard Version renders the last phrase as "to contend earnestly for the faith which was once \_\_\_\_\_ delivered unto the saints."  
C. All we need is in this \_\_\_\_\_ book (2 Peter 1:3).
- IV. **The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.**  
A. A person of \_\_\_\_\_ intelligence can understand the Bible.  
1. The average word in the Bible has \_\_\_\_\_ syllables.  
2. If it's impossible to understand the Bible then \_\_\_\_\_ give it?  
B. A \_\_\_\_\_ man can understand it.  
C. God expects us to reach \_\_\_\_\_.
- V. **Why don't we all see the Bible \_\_\_\_\_?**  
A. \_\_\_\_\_.  
1. People don't know because they haven't \_\_\_\_\_.  
2. 1 Peter 2:2.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_.  
1. Some people have their minds made up before they look at the \_\_\_\_\_.  
2. There is no way to understand the Bible \_\_\_\_\_ with prejudice.  
C. \_\_\_\_\_ thinking.
- VI. **We can \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible alike.**  
A. \_\_\_\_\_ understood (2 Timothy 3:15).  
B. Books were to be read to the \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 5:27; Colossians 4:16).  
C. Paul said that when they read they would \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 3:4).  
D. We can understand it alike and we \_\_\_\_\_ understand it alike.

Many modern Christians seem crippled, with their willingness and ability to carry the gospel to lost souls paralyzed by fear of what the community might think of them. Because they fear that a neighbor or a friend might think them “fanatical” for speaking openly of the way of salvation, they keep silent. This, my brethren, is a truly pathetic and pitiable situation. Worse still is the attitude of some among us who will not stand up and support a brother who dares preach the truth plainly. Some among this group are horrified at the thought that a preacher might actually (gasp!) use the bible to confront and rebuke error, and would readily castigate the preacher or elders who did so! “He’s just stirring up trouble,” they whine, when the REAL complaint is that by presenting the truth he has disturbed their apathy and complacency. This is much the same attitude that moved Pilate to wash his hands of Jesus (Mt. 27:24), and it is wicked attitude that will cause the spiritual deaths of those who nurture it!

In Galatians two, Paul describes a minor problem he corrected at Antioch: Peter had withdrawn himself from the Gentile Christians, without any scriptural cause. Paul therefore confronted him, in his error, FACE-TO-FACE, in order to correct it. Even though it involved a fellow-apostle, Paul refused to “let it go” (as those who today love the praise of men more than the praise of God whimper).

One of the basic qualifications for elders, found in Titus 1:9 & 11, is that the pastors of God’s people must be able to “stop the mouths of the gainsayers.” The fact that they must also “hold fast” the “faithful word” indicates that they must also be willing to silence these false teachers! Men who will not speak out plainly when false teachings or wicked attitudes What did Jesus do? He refuted their wrong teachings, openly and publicly, by using the Scriptures; and He didn’t try to “excuse” them for their wickedness!

Why is it that so many Christians want, in reading Acts 20:20, to emphasize personal teaching (but then don’t do any), but turn a blind eye to public instruction in righteousness? Why do so many stubbornly refuse to accept the fact that Apollos debated false teachers by contradicting their erroneous doctrines in public (Acts 18:28)? When truth is challenged by error, Christians are duty-bound to defend it, 1 Pet. 3:15 and Col. 4:6. We should not tolerate it for even an hour (Gal. 2:5), no matter how “nice” the one presenting it seems to be! Jesus said, in Mt. 12:30, “He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters” (NASB). Are you, dear Christian, going to be FOR Jesus or AGAINST Him?

When a Christian defends God’s revealed truth against error, especially in public, he deserves and is entitled to our support: Too many of us have used Pilate’s washbasin for too long! If you want to be a genuine Christian, who will be in heaven with Jesus for all eternity, then stand where Jesus and His apostles stood! Stand, in unflinching, unwavering, uncompromising opposition to error, both in public and in private. Stand, doggedly determined to “hold up the hands” of faithful Christians who do the same thing. Stand, without excuse, without shame, and without regret on the plain, pure, precious Truth of Jesus Christ. Stand, brethren: Stand!