

**SICK LIST:**

**HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

Bertharine Burton, Ruby Harrison, Ed Barrett, Willie Nelson (Shadescrest, Rm 103)

**HOME:** Freddie Alexander, Gloria Windham, Jimmie Nell Brown, Fred & Romaine Elliott, Bessie & Michael Files, Cynthia McMeans, Henry McDonald, Lizzie Banks

**PRAYER LIST:** April Lazenby, Sue Hinds, Harold Walton, Louise Alexander, Donnie Bryant, Joshua Jackson, Elmer Williams, Debra Webb, Patsy Tucker, Rhonda Poe, Debbie Odom, Michael Pope, Robert Turner, Wonda Ivie, Bobby Holloway, Ricky McDonald, David Brown, Kim Elliott, James Felton, Tommy Pope, J.D. Dailey, James Horsley, Brenda Holloway, Kathy Pate, Jake & Diane Chambers, Donna Laratta, Robin & Brandon Mullis, Angie Johnson, Kathy Windham, Lane Clark, James Mason, Arthur Mason, Kelly Tittle, John Pruitt, Joyce Blankenship, Linda Warner, Madison Banks, Charles Crump, Martha Ann

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "THERE'S A FIRE COMING"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE TRANSFORMED MIND SUBMITS TO GOVERNING AUTHORITY"

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO HOYT DUE TO THE DEATH OF HIS BROTHER JOHN SIMS. SERVICES WERE TUESDAY**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Apr 28: Libby Tucker

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# WEST WALKER WELCOMER

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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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### **MINISTER:**

Ben Wright 522-8004

## **THE HOUSE IS ON FIRE**

**(2 Peter 3:7-11)**

**When the alarm sounds:**

- I. **We need to \_\_\_\_\_ states.**
  - A. If the fire alarm goes off in the middle of the night, we will generally be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. We need to change from asleep to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. The truth is, there are those who are \_\_\_\_\_ asleep or inactive.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ talked about those that sleep (1 Corinthians 11:29-30; 1 Thessalonians 5:6).
2. There are some of us who are asleep in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. There are some who are \_\_\_\_\_, doing nothing to help the Lord's kingdom.

**II. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ others.**

- A. This fire that is coming, is going to \_\_\_\_\_ the whole earth.
  1. Everything is going to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Each element is going to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. We need to be challenging people to \_\_\_\_\_ up spiritually or to be active spiritually.
- C. We must challenge people out of \_\_\_\_\_ for their souls.
  1. We have the ability to save a soul from \_\_\_\_\_ (James 5:19-20).
  2. We have the ability to keep people from going to \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ towards heaven.**

- A. Would you \_\_\_\_\_ stroll towards those exits if there was a fire?
  1. If you were at the house, would you take the time to \_\_\_\_\_ the plants?
  2. Would you take the time to shut off the TV and \_\_\_\_\_ a couple of emails?
- B. There is a way to \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 7:13-14).
  1. Admittedly, it is not an \_\_\_\_\_ way.
  2. The Lord was plain about that by calling it a \_\_\_\_\_ way.
- C. On that way to heaven, we must have the mindset and \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul (Philippians 3:13-14).
- D. We need to be charging \_\_\_\_\_ heaven and not letting anything get in our way.
- E. Too many of us are charging \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven.

Careful Where You Pitch Your Tent  
Edd Sterchi

Abraham's nephew Lot is a very interesting study in many areas. One of those areas can show us how sin can work its evil in our lives. It can be seen in the various places Lot finds himself and how his condition worsens each time. You may remember that when Abraham gave him a choice of which way he and his herdsman would go, "Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere" and "chose for himself all the plain of Jordan" (Gen. 13:10-11).

From this point on, it is very interesting to note the places where Lot ends up. From them, we can learn the progressive and aggressive nature of temptation and sin.

First, we see Lot pitching his tent "toward Sodom" (Gen. 13:12, KJV). This meant that he set up camp in the direction of Sodom. Every day he went about his business, Sodom may well have been in sight, and Lot may have indeed been tempted to move ever closer toward Sodom's wickedness.

We next see Lot dwelling in Sodom (Gen. 14:12). By this time, Lot had moved into Sodom and was likely being influenced by the citizens' wickedness in even greater proportions, since he was living amongst them.

Finally, we see Lot sitting at the gate of Sodom (Gen. 19:1). No longer was he simply a resident of that wicked city, he was apparently a leader of it (or at least in association with the leaders). The city gates are where the elders and city officials sat and conducted business. While compared to Sodom's standards, Lot remained righteous (cf. 2 Pet. 2:7-8), the fact remains that by this time Lot had become quite influenced by evil. Else why would he call the Sodomites "brethren" (Gen. 19:7) or offer his daughters to be used sexually at the Sodomites' wildest whims (Gen. 19:8)?

I realize that some of what I have written is conjecture. We do not have all of the facts to know what was in Lot's intentions or heart. But I do know this: the closer we dwell to sin, the easier it becomes to commit sin. And remember this - it all begins with where you pitch your tent.

"But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren." (Jas. 1:14-16).