

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 8, 2014

SICK LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS:

Bertharine Burton, Ruby Harrison

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

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AM - NEIL MYERS - "MARRIAGE"

PM - NEIL MYERS - "ACTS 3"

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE OUR VBS A SUCCESS!

ICYC NEEDS OUR SUPPORT. IF WE CAN DONATE AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST WE CAN HELP ICYC AS WELL AS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WANT TO ATTEND

BIRTHDAYS:

June 10: Linda McDonald

ANNIVERSARY:

June 11: Fred & Romaine Elliott

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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

Carlton Myers 221-0637

Neil Myers 924-9289

Bruce Windham 221-2348

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Danny Busby 387-0213

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Kevin Richardson 295-8864

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AN OPEN LETTER TO ISRAEL
(author unknown)

Brethren:

It is with the utmost humility that we inform you of a change of worship practices. Be assured that we bring about this change only after much prayer and study. We have recently concluded an in-depth study of the Law, and have decided to bring about a change in the type of fire used in worship.

We are aware that there is a standing tradition of using only one source of fire, but we, as priests, do not feel obligated to blindly follow tradition. Numerous polls indicate the overwhelming opinion that worshipers do not care where we get the fire. We are in agreement with the majority, as we cannot see how a change in fire will affect anything in the least about our sacrifices. Besides all this, nowhere in the Law does the Lord forbid the use of what some detractors have referred to as “strange fire.” We feel that the lack of such a restriction was meant to give us freedom. Is there any place in the Law that tells us we cannot do something the Lord has not seen fit to condemn? Where are other fires explicitly condemned?

Also, Israel is the only religious group that limits itself to one kind of fire. We have become a laughingstock and have been ridiculed openly by many groups. We are in great danger of appearing distinctive. This self-righteous, *only-one-fire* policy has alienated us from everyone else. We believe this change will open up many fellowship opportunities.

Now, to set the minds of some of you at ease, we will continue to offer a traditional service using the old-fashioned fire as well as a progressive service with the new fire. This approach will also make it possible to appeal to a younger audience as we discover more entertaining ways to “light the fire” of our assemblies.

For those who still oppose the use of new fire, we ask you not to be judgmental. We also hope you will not use this change as an excuse to divide our people or stir up trouble. We remind you that this has been well thought out and the majority of priests have signed on with us.

We are all very much looking forward to our first “new fire” service. God will be watching, and we anticipate His joy over seeing His people taking a great step toward throwing off the burden of binding tradition will be an electrifying experience. Our new contemporary service will no doubt make it easier for us to really be on fire for the Lord!

We think this new practice is going to spread like wildfire. Please come and enjoy what we know will be an illuminating experience for all of us.

For freedom's sake!
Your faithful priests,
Nadab and Abihu

P.S. Future plans include the ordination of women priests, inter-idol fellowship activities, and a special service called, “It doesn’t have to be Passover to celebrate Passover.”

[How did this work out for Nadab and Abihu (**Lev. 10:1-2**)]

The previous letter is facetious of course. However, sadly, over the last few years, letters like this have been written by elderships intent on leaving the “Old Paths” in order to appease those who are spiritually immature in the congregations they oversee.

There have been letters like this written by preachers for elderships touting services in which instrumental worship will take place. Brethren, we have no biblical authority for the use of such. All that we do is to have the authority of the Lord (Colossians 3:16-17). If we can’t find scriptural authority for it, it means it is unauthorized. Silence does not imply acceptance. Rather, silence forbids.

For instance, the Hebrews writer tells us of Jesus being our Great High Priest. Notice what he wrote about this priesthood: “For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood” (Hebrews 7:14). Jesus was from the tribe of Judah. God had never said anything about members of the tribe of Judah being priests. God had said that those of the tribe of Levi could be priests. By God saying only Levites could be priests, that ruled out any other tribe from being priests.

God has never given us the authority to change His word. He has shown that there will be condemnation for those that do change His word (Revelation 22:18-19; Galatians

1:6-9). To their eternal damnation, there are those that have taken it upon themselves to change God's word.

May we always hold true to God's word. It is that standard by which we will be judged (John 12:48).

Ben Wright