

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEC 20, 2015

SICK LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS:

Ruby Harrison

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Gene McDonald, Bettye Henderson, Nelda Windham

PRAYER LIST: April Lazenby, Sue Hinds, Louise Alexander, Joshua Jackson, Elmer Williams, Debra Webb, Patsy Tucker, Rhonda Poe, Debbie Odom, Robert Turner, Bobby Holloway, Ricky McDonald, David Brown, Kim Elliott, J.D. Dailey, James Horsley, Donna Laratta, Kathy Windham, Arthur Mason, John Pruitt, Madison Banks, Charles Crump, Martha Ann, Elesia Wright, Margie Thomasson, Micah Earnest, Vonciel Phillips, Wanda Self, Katie Griffies, Bruce Windham, Raymond Johnson, Joyce Jacobs, Morgan Calhoun, Patrick Parker, Robert Nelems, Gene McDonald, Sabrina Handley, Mike Miles

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "STRIVING FOR THE PRIZE"

PM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

OUR HOLIDAY DINNER WILL BE TONIGHT AT THE BULLPEN AFTER EVENING SERVICES

OUR MIDWEEK SERVICES THE WEEKS OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S WILL BE ON TUESDAY EVENING

NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING AT ADAMSVILLE BEGINS AT 8 PM

BIRTHDAY:

Dec 25: Carolyn Myers

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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

DEACONS:

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

MINISTER:

Ben Wright 522-8004

STRIVING FOR THE PRIZE
(Philippians 3:13-14)

I. _____.

A. The ability to forget is a very Christian _____.

B. There are things in our _____ that we need to forget about.

1. If we keep looking back, at _____ or _____, we fail to see where we are presently headed.

2. We may need to forget _____ that we were once taught.

3. We may need to forget _____ relationships that hinder what we could have now.

4. We need to forget the past _____ of sin.

C. Think of _____.

1. Galatians 1:14; Philippians 3:4-6).

2. He could have looked back at what he had given up and it caused him to be _____ in times of trial.

3. Instead, Paul did not allow those things to _____ him (Philippians 3:7-8).

II. _____.

A. Once all those things that hinder us are forgotten, we can then begin the striving _____ for the glory of heaven.

B. Paul was _____ - _____ in his drive to obtain heaven.

C. Heaven will be _____ because we focused on the prize (Hebrews 12:1-2).

D. We can't allow the _____ of this world to choke us out of the race (Mark 4:18-19).

1. There are _____ things in this world that can take the place of the most important thing.

2. We must seek the _____ first (Matthew 6:33).

III. _____.

A. The calling of God is called the _____ calling.

1. We are ever striving to go _____.

2. There is no peak or plateau that we reach and say we've done it all and we are _____ of heaven.

B. It seems as though some today believe they've had their ticket to heaven _____.

C. Those that say such things haven't read _____ (Philippians 3:12-13).

1. Paul most certainly didn't _____ that way.

2. He had not _____ at where he needed to be.

D. There is no doubt the Christian life is difficult, but it is not _____.

FEELING GOOD ABOUT SIN

J.K. Gossett

Jesus came to earth and endured the cross to save the lost “from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). After the Lord’s ascension and coronation, He sent the Holy Spirit unto the apostles in order that the world might be convicted of sin (John 16:9, ASV). This conviction resulted from the preaching of the gospel (Acts 2:22-37). Nevertheless, many religionists of today wink at sin and treat it as a triviality.

The 21st century is a time of “feel good” religion. God forbid that the immoral, the ungodly, the reprobate, should experience anything akin to guilt. Criminals are often set free, being assured that their evil deeds simply reflect childhood trauma. Sinners are too infrequently given heaven’s decree, “Repent and be baptized.”

Many feel good about their sin because they are simply “following a multitude to do evil”. How often is it said, “Everybody is doing it” as though this made sin less evil. The truth is, there are “7,000) who have not bowed to the world and its repulsive, disgusting, sinful practices. The Biblical standard for morality and righteousness is lofty but reachable. Even in this, our day, men can live above the moral and religious filth of the earth.

Others feel good about their life of sin because they are prospering financially. They feel self-sufficient. Their philosophy is: “Soul, thou hast much good laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry” (Luke 12:19).

Finally, some try to justify and feel good about their sins by telling themselves and others of their good intentions. Someday they plan to return to Christ and the church. Reader, if this describes you, be warned that there may not be a tomorrow. The Scriptures placed great emphasis upon seizing the opportunity of today. Jesus said, “I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work” (John 9:4). Paul wrote in a similar fashion to the Hebrews: “Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin” (Hebrews 3:12-13).