

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DEC 6, 2015**

**SICK LIST:**

**HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

Ruby Harrison

**HOME:** Fred & Romaine Elliott, Bart Williams

**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

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "GROWING OLDER WITH GRACE"

PM - RICKY BERGER

**OUR HOLIDAY DINNER WILL BE DEC 20 AT THE BULLPEN AFTER EVENING SERVICES**

**REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR MENU CHOICES TO CHRIS OR SHANNA FOR OUR HOLIDAY DINNER BY WEDNESDAY**

**RICKY BERGER WILL BE WITH US SUNDAY NIGHT DEC 4**

**BIRTHDAY:**

Dec 7: Jason Chambers

12: Nelda Windham

**ANNIVERSARY:**

Dec 6: Gene & Linda McDonald

# THE 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:**

Gene McDonald 924-4827  
Carlton Myers 221-0637  
Neil Myers 924-9289  
Bruce Windham 221-2348

#### **DEACONS:**

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

#### **MINISTER:**

Ben Wright 522-8004

## GROWING OLDER WITH GRACE (Titus 2:2-3)

### I. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

A. The New Testament warns us about becoming \_\_\_\_\_.

B. If we aren't careful, we fall into being completely set in our ways and our minds shut off to any more \_\_\_\_\_.

C. We should never lose the ability to be \_\_\_\_\_ by the gospel or moved by compassion to help others.

1. Tenderheartedness will allow us to \_\_\_\_\_ others even as we age.

2. It will move us to teach those who are younger, as Paul commanded, because we want them to make it to \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

A. We should never make the assumption that \_\_\_\_\_ automatically comes with age.

B. However, maturity \_\_\_\_\_ come with age.

1. We are to \_\_\_\_\_ in the grace and knowledge of Jesus (2 Peter 3:18).

2. If we do that, we will mature as we \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. Be a lifelong \_\_\_\_\_.

A. None of us will ever know all there is in the Bible, but we can \_\_\_\_\_ learning up until we can no longer learn.

B. The Bible is so \_\_\_\_\_, we will never stop learning if we keep studying.

C. We can always spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ our minds.

### IV. Be aware but not afraid of \_\_\_\_\_.

A. We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ for it but not afraid of it.

B. Death is \_\_\_\_\_ and it is coming for all of us.

### V. Be prepared for \_\_\_\_\_.

A. What is interesting is that even with severe amounts of memory loss, people still \_\_\_\_\_ certain things.

B. This has long been a part of aging as the \_\_\_\_\_ wrote about a long time ago (Ecclesiastes 12:6-7).

C. We need to be preparing for that memory loss by being people of \_\_\_\_\_, people who \_\_\_\_\_ praises to God, and read scripture so that it is richly \_\_\_\_\_ in us (Colossians 3:16).

### VI. Never \_\_\_\_\_.

A. You never read the words " \_\_\_\_\_ " or " \_\_\_\_\_ " in the Bible.

B. It does mean that we are never to retire from working for the \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Part of aging well is having a \_\_\_\_\_ to reach.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is that goal.

2. It won't be reached if we ever stop \_\_\_\_\_ to reach it.

**Make Me a Servant**  
**Steve Higginbotham**

Preachers quit preaching because "they've had enough." Elders resign because of church problems. Deacons stop serving because of criticism, Bible class teachers give up their classes because they are taken for granted and not shown due appreciation. Christians refuse to get involved in good programs because their feelings have been hurt at some time or another.

The above scenarios occur frequently, and I understand the frustration of trying to serve God while being disrespected by your peers, even your own brethren. I certainly don't mean to minimize the hurt one can feel. Very likely, someone reading this is going through their own struggle and is presently contemplating "dropping out" of some service to God because of the way they have been treated.

Before you take that step, let me remind you of a question that the devil asked God a long time ago, in the days of Job. And if I may paraphrase, his question was, "Will a man serve God for nothing?" In response to the devil's question, God's confidence was that he would; and in the case of Job, He was right.

But now, what about you? Will you serve God for nothing? Will you serve Him when you don't get patted on the back? Will you serve Him when you are opposed, spoken evil of, and disrespected? Will you serve God when you're hurt by harsh words and un-Christ-like actions? Will you serve God when people, even your own brethren, sin against you? Will you serve God for nothing?

Friends, our service to God shouldn't be contingent on anything that anyone could say or do to us. Think how shallow it sounds when we, by our actions, say that we'll serve God, but only when we're treated with proper respect and appreciation. If you have the ability and opportunity to serve God, then serve Him with all of your might, regardless. Serve Him for nothing. And if you do, God will surely be as pleased with you as He was with His servant Job.