

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OCT 4, 2015**

**SICK LIST:**

**HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

Ruby Harrison

**HOME:** Fred & Romaine Elliott, Robin Busby, Wilma Brown, Brandi & Charlie Richardson, Jason & Charity Chambers, Danny & Brenda Rushing, Gene McDonald

**PRAYER LIST:** April Lazenby, Sue Hinds, Louise Alexander, Donnie Bryant, 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, Brenda Holloway, Jake & Diane Chambers, Donna Laratta, Kathy Windham, Arthur Mason, John Pruitt, Madison Banks, Charles Crump, Martha Ann, Debbie Jackson, Diane Townley, Elesia Wright, Margie Thomasson, Micah Earnest, Vonciel Phillips, Roger Deihl, Wanda Self, Katie Griffies, Bruce Windham, Raymond Johnson, Patrick Parker

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "BEAUTIFUL WORDS BY AN ANGRY MAN"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "YOU CAN'T FOOL GOD"

**CONGRATULATIONS TO WILLIE & NELDA NELSON ON THE BIRTH OF A GRANDDAUGHTER, OLIVIA ANN KNOWLES. SHE WAS BORN THURSDAY AND WAS 7.8 LBS AND 19 INCHES.**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Oct 5: Wilma Brown

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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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Ben Wright 522-8004

## BEAUTIFUL WORDS SAID BY AN ANGRY MAN

(Jonah 4:2)

### I. God is \_\_\_\_\_ (Jonah 4:2).

- A. Jonah is saying that he knew God was a God of \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Even in the Old Testament, God is pictured as being \_\_\_\_\_ of grace.
  - 1. God didn't have to offer \_\_\_\_\_ to the people of Nineveh.
  - 2. They definitely had done nothing to \_\_\_\_\_ it, but He extended His grace to them despite that fact.
- C. You and I don't deserve to be saved in the sense that we have done \_\_\_\_\_ to earn it.
- D. God extends His grace to us so that we can be \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 2:8-9).

### II. God is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Mercy is God seeing man in a terrible state and reaching out to man, not out of anything the man has done, but because the need of man is \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. God gave them what they needed, not what they \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. God does the \_\_\_\_\_ for us today (Titus 3:5).
- D. God is \_\_\_\_\_ in mercy.

### III. God is slow to \_\_\_\_\_ (Jonah 4:2).

- A. Habakkuk said God was of \_\_\_\_\_ eyes than to behold sin (Habakkuk 1:13).
- B. Jonah knew the \_\_\_\_\_ of Nineveh, the whole world knew.
  - 1. They were an \_\_\_\_\_ people who were given to extreme cruelty.
  - 2. Despite that, God was merciful to this city because He is \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV. God is of great \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. "Kindness" carries the meaning of full flow of natural \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Natural affection is the love of a \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. God loves all His creation, even those in \_\_\_\_\_.

### V. God is repentant of the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. This in no way is implying that God is \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Jonah knew that if they repented God would \_\_\_\_\_ from destroying them and that made Jonah angry.
- C. One thing we need to understand is that God won't change His mind if people \_\_\_\_\_ in sin.
  - 1. God will not change His mind if people are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. He is a \_\_\_\_\_ God who will do what is right every time.

## **Busybodies or Busy Bodies?**

**David Shannon**

Still attached to an upper story of a house on Elfreth's Alley in Philadelphia is a busybody. That's right a mechanical busybody made by Benjamin Franklin. Mirrors make up this busybody which reflect to the real busybody what is happening in the alley without them having to put their head out of the window. Isn't it sad that every society has had busybodies? God has always urged busybodies to become busy bodies.

Leviticus 19:16-18 instructs Israel not to be a talebearer, hater of brethren, vengeful, or bear grudges. These thoughts are concluded with the words, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord." Busybodies need to become busy bodies of love. Whether it is a friend, stranger or enemy, why would a Christian hurt them with sinful busybody ways? We ought to be busy bodies serving them through love.

How does one become a busybody? Perhaps there are several ways. A few things associated with busybodies are mentioned in 1 Timothy 5:3-15. Those who live in sensual pleasure (v 11). Those who do not keep the vows they make (v 12). They learn to be idle. They wander about from house to house. They gossip and are busybodies (v 13).

Once someone has started the habitual life of being a busybody, is there any hope for them? 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15 instructs the church to take action by marking the disorderly busybody. It isn't right to not work, beg from others for daily provision, and use idle moments to talk. The church must stand against this. The church must command them to work, be quiet and provide their own bread. To reinforce this teaching he adds not to grow weary in doing good. In other words, God wants us to be busy bodies working to provide, not busybodies in wandering about gossiping and begging!

C.S. Lewis wrote about busybodies who constantly picked at others to live a moral life. "Those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end, for they do so with the approval of their own conscience." Do you love juicy gossip? If a couple were experiencing a divorce because of fornication, would you regret that you hadn't heard which was unfaithful and with whom? Would you ask others and seek details? Why? Would you go to them, pray with them, and encourage them to work through it? Why do you want to know? Either to be a busybody or a busy body. Those who want to know so they can gossip and use the information as a weapon of knowledge, torment people, instead of love them.

One of the greatest Athenian generals was Alcibiades. He set sail to war against the city of Syracuse. A busybody made false accusations against him. He was accused of breaking body parts from the statue of the god Hermes. He was commanded to return home and another general was sent in his place. The other general was incompetent causing Athens to lose the war. This wasn't the first or last battle lost due to busybodies.

Spiritual battles are always lost by busybodies. When God lists seven things He hates in Proverbs 6, several of them describe busy bodies: Pride, lying, wicked hearts with wicked plans, feet that are swift to do wrong, and one who sows discord among brethren. On the other hand, when God gives the great commission to spread the Gospel to the whole world, the second greatest commandment to love your neighbor, the commands to take care of orphans, widows, the poor, visit the sick and those in jail, study, pray, meditate, instruct our children, work, pay taxes, give, worship, and on and on are commands that require our time every day! If we are busy serving our Lord, we simply won't make the time to be busybodies. Lay down the phone, stop the e-mails, get out of the coffee houses, narrow down the hobbies and do more kingdom work!