

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEP 27, 2015

SICK LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS:

Ruby Harrison

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Danny Busby, Frank & Wilma Brown, Carl & Ann Myers, Travis Richardson, Brandi & Charlie Richardson

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 - "LET'S NOT LIE TO OURSELVES"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "YOU CAN MISS OUT ON A GOOD THING"

BIBLE BOWL TODAY AT BLACKWATER AT 2 PM

CONGRATULATIONS TO KEVIN & BRANDI RICHARDSON ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON, CHARLIE. HE WAS BORN THURSDAY AND WAS 7.1 LBS AND 19 1/4 INCHES.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO SANDRA HUNT DUE TO THE DEATH OF HER BROTHER LEON JACKSON. SERVICES WERE FRIDAY

TEAM 3 WILL MEET THIS SATURDAY AT TRAVIS AND SANDY'S AT 6 PM

GOSPEL MEETING AT BLACKWATER MACEDONIA SEP 27-29

WE THANK GOD FOR THE RESPONSES OF VERCIE GRIFFIN, BOBBIE DAILEY, BART WILLIAMS & SANDRA RICHARDSON

BIRTHDAYS:

Sep 30: Deloris Brown & Margie Mays

Oct 3: Sheila Windham

ANNIVERSARY:

Oct 1: Hoyt & Faye Sims

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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

LET'S NOT LIE TO OURSELVES
(James 1:22)

I.I'm _____.

A.The reason we don't do a lot of digging in our own hearts is that we would probably see some major _____ that need to take place.

B.We need to have the heart of _____ (Lamentations 3:40).

C.Paul told us to examine ourselves to see whether or not we are in the _____ (2 Corinthians 13:5).

1.We need to examine ourselves _____.

2.We need to find those areas in which we are lacking and strengthen them through the _____ of the Almighty.

D.We have to _____ our weaknesses and get to doing the hard work of real self-examination.

II.No one will ever _____ out.

A.Someone wrote that if we are looking for justification to do something dumb, this is where we generally _____.

B.No one will ever know are some of the most _____ last words before a sin is committed.

C.Long ago, Moses let this idea be seen for the _____ it is (Numbers 32:23).

D.God's going to know and _____ them (Psalm 90:8).

III.No one will get _____.

A.Sadly, what really happens is that no one else is hurt that we can see right then but later, someone gets hurt about whom we never _____.

1.We get so caught up in the _____ that we refuse to think about the long term effects of what we are presently doing.

2.We fail to consider the _____ ramifications or the problems that might not be so obvious.

B.Another thing we fail to consider is that we hurt _____.

IV.That's just the way I _____.

A.The easiest way to deal with the destructive elements in our lives is simply to make them an _____ or unchangeable part of who we are.

B.When we think this way, we fail to consider the _____ that it is God that made us.

C.If we will come eye to eye with our faults and give them over to God, we can then begin the _____ work of fixing them.

V.I can do that _____.

A.Tomorrow is when we will be _____ with God and ourselves.

B.It is _____ when change needs to occur.

C.Hebrews 3:13 - we will get _____ to it if we keep doing it.

D.The truth is, we don't know if we will have a _____ (James 4:13-14).

A “TROUBLING” VERSE

Mark Lindley

I recently heard a preacher on the radio say that a certain verse was “troubling” for some. The verse he referred to is Acts 2:38: “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” The preacher said that this verse is troubling because it “seems to say that baptism is for the remission of sins.” His understanding was correct. This verse not only “seems” to say, but it actually “does” say that “baptism is for the remission of sins.”

But why would that thought be troubling for some? The preacher explained that he did not believe baptism was necessary for salvation. He said that Acts 2:38 seems to teach that baptism “is” necessary for salvation. Therefore, he said this verse was “troubling.”

However, there is no reason for any person to be troubled by the teaching of this verse. The solution is to accept what it teaches, and then there will be no reason for a person to feel disturbed by Peter’s statement.

Nevertheless, instead of accepting the clear teaching of the verse, some attempt to interpret the verse so that it fits with their view that baptism is not necessary for salvation. One such attempt is made by saying that the word “for” in Acts 2:38 actually means “because of.” If this is true, then the verse actually teaches that one should repent and be baptized “because one’s sins have been forgiven.”

But this interpretation will not stand. The word “for” in this text does not mean “because of”; rather, “for” means “in order to obtain” the forgiveness of sins. Consider the following: Jesus said that He would shed His blood “for the remission of sins” (Matthew 26:28). “For the remission of sins” in Matthew 26:28 is identical, in Greek and English, to “for the remission of sins” in Acts 2:38. If “for” means “because of,” then Jesus shed His blood “because of” the remission of sins? But that cannot be true. Jesus shed His blood “in order” for sinners to receive the remission of sins (cf. Hebrews 9:22).

In addition, after Peter instructed his audience to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins, he then urged them: “Save yourselves from this untoward generation” (Acts 2:40). However, if the people were saved already, then there would have been no reason for Peter to urge them to be saved. This shows that the people needed to be saved, and, therefore, “for the remission of sins” means “in order to be forgiven.”

Let us resolve that Acts 2:38 will not trouble us. Rather, let us “gladly receive” the Word (Acts 2:41)!