

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NOV 1, 2015**

**SICK LIST:**

**HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

Ruby Harrison

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "IS THERE TRUTH THAT DETERMINES DESTINY?"

PM - PATRICK MORRISON - "ACCEPT THE TRUTH THAT THE BIBLE IS GOD'S INSPIRED WORD"

MONDAY - TODD CLIPPARD - "ACCEPT THE TRUTH OF CHRIST'S AUTHORITY"

TUESDAY - VANCE HUTTON - "ACCEPT THE TRUTH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK"

WEDNESDAY - LARRY FIFE - "ACCEPT THE TRUTH OF THE ONE BODY"

**REMEMBER THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY WALKER COUNTY SINGING TODAY AT 2 PM**

**REMEMBER OUR GOSPEL MEETING BEGINS TONIGHT AT 7 PM AND GOES THRU WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Nov 7: Sandra Hunt & Chris Robbins

**ANNIVERSARY:**

Nov 2: Neil & Carolyn Myers

# 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  
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Vince Roden 924-4062

#### **MINISTER:**

Ben Wright 522-8004

**IS THERE TRUTH THAT DETERMINES DESTINY?  
(John 18:37-38)**

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of truth.**

A. Biblically speaking, the first absolute truth one must accept is that there is a \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The reason for this is, if there is a God as the Bible presents, He is the absolute ruler of mankind and has the \_\_\_\_\_ to establish truth.

2. The absolute truth is that we can \_\_\_\_\_ there is a God.

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the document that delivers the absolute truths that God wants us to know (John 17:17).

C. The Bible also teaches that the truths that it contains can be \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Luke 1:4.

2. Acts 2:36.

3. John 8:32.

D. Sadly, there are those that \_\_\_\_\_ themselves to these truths (2 Corinthians 4:4).

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of absolute truth.**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ is the foundation of truth.

1. The fact that He came to this earth to carry out the will of God for man's benefit \_\_\_\_\_ us that there is such a thing as truth.

2. We can know this truth and be \_\_\_\_\_ by it.

B. His coming proves the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's word and the truthfulness of God Himself.

C. Because Jesus came, we have every \_\_\_\_\_ that all God has promised us will be true.

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of truth.**

A. "The" indicates \_\_\_\_\_.

B. There is not going to be another truth \_\_\_\_\_.

C. There is not ever going to be another set of truth by which we will be \_\_\_\_\_.

1. This truth that Jesus brought into existence and for which He is the foundation is our final standard of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. When the judgment day arrives, we are going to be judged solely by that truth set found in \_\_\_\_\_.

D. Each of us have a \_\_\_\_\_.

E. At the judgment bar of Christ, there are only \_\_\_\_\_ possible destinies (Matthew 25:33).

1. You and I will be a \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Or, you and I will be a \_\_\_\_\_.

## **STANDING FOR TRUTH**

### **Johnny Ramsey**

Idealists are rare these days. Everything is supposed to be relative and not absolute. The humanists are absolutely positive about their relativity! But the clarion call of truth still demands that we take a definite stand for Truth. The only way we can be free is through the liberty Christ provides in the standard of truth (John 8:32-36). The word of God has always been precious (1 Sam. 3:1). No man can really be wise if he has a disdain for scripture (Jer. 8:9). The words of eternal life flow from Jesus (John 6:68) and help form conviction, as we read in 2 Cor. 4:13.

"I have believed, therefore I have spoken." This loyalty to divine mandates caused Paul to be set for the defense of the gospel and to publicly affirm and defend truth (Phil. 1:17; Acts 17:3). Amos plainly commands God's servants to "hate the evil and love the good." There is a clear line of demarcation between right and wrong (Matt. 6:24). Truth and error are not the same (Matt. 12:30). We must earnestly contend for the gospel (Jude 3) and plainly denounce evil (Eph. 5:11). Sadly, many in the church of our day have forgotten the proper militant stand of the Lord's army. We are in a fight (1 Tim. 6:12) and woe be unto those who "keep back their sword from blood" (Jer. 48:10). We must speak boldly (Acts 14:3) and never turn away from the path of duty (Josh. 1:7). It is not proper or fair for so many members of the church to refuse to enter the battle. In Numbers 3:26 we read a haunting refrain: "Shall your brethren go to war, and shall you sit here?"

With Joshua of old we take a stand for God regardless of what others may do (Josh. 24:15). In concert with apostolic example we speak the things we know to be true and never allow earthly pressure to dissuade us (Acts 4:20; 5:29). With the burning flame of the precious Word of the Lord in our hearts (Jer. 20:9) we will not compromise the message of salvation. We will not be ashamed to tell the glad tidings even before kings (Ps. 119:46)!

Three centuries ago, in John Bunyan's Shepherd Boy's Song, grand words of challenge were given:

He who would valiant be  
Against all disaster,  
Let him in constancy  
Follow the Master.

That reminds us of another shepherd boy named David who boldly told Goliath that he came to the battle in the name of the Lord who would grant victory in spite of insuperable odds (1 Sam. 17:45, 46). When we stand for truth today we do not fight alone. Whether it be in the arena of doctrinal soundness, moral purity, scriptural worship or personal commitment, we can heartily say with Paul in Romans 8:31, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Great servants like Nathan and Micaiah were not afraid to rebuke rulers in high places and we should be emboldened to do the same. John the Immerser and Stephen died because of the truth they proclaimed. Are we willing to stand up and be counted for the cause of our Lord? Byron spoke of "a banner torn but still flying - streaming like the thunderstorm against the wind," and faithful Christians will face formidable foes. However strong the conflict, let us keep the banner of the Son of God flying high. Stout hearts and unbending wills will cause us to sing the song of victory at the last! Let us be faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10).