

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OCT 25, 2015**

**SICK LIST:**

**HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

Ruby Harrison

**HOME:** Fred & Romaine Elliott, Sandra Hunt

**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, 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, Wendell Powell

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "STEWARDSHIP"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST"

**WE REJOICE THAT CHARITY CHAMBERS RESPONDED TO THE LORD'S INVITATION LAST SUNDAY**

**OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY OF WILLIE NELSON WHO PASSED AWAY THURSDAY. THERE WILL BE A VIEWING TODAY AT 1 PM WITH THE FUNERAL AT 2 PM AT COLLINS-BURKE**

**BIBLE BOWL TODAY AT CROSSROADS AT 2 PM**

**TRUNK OR TREAT AT FRANK & WILMA'S OCT 31 AT 5 PM**

**REMEMBER OUR GOSPEL MEETING NOV 1-4 WITH THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY WALKER COUNTY SINGING NOV 1 AT 2 PM**

**THE THEME FOR THE MEETING IS "TRUTHS THAT DETERMINE DESTINY"  
PATRICK MORRISON - ACCEPT THE TRUTH THAT THE BIBLE IS GOD'S INSPIRED WORD**

**TODD CLIPPARD - ACCEPT THE TRUTH OF CHRIST'S AUTHORITY**

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

**LARRY FIFE - ACCEPT THE TRUTH OF THE ONE BODY**

**ANNIVERSARY:**

Oct 30: David & Brandi Preston

# 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  
David Preston 300-1927  
Kevin Richardson 295-8864  
Chris Robbins 388-1354  
Vince Roden 924-4062

#### **MINISTER:**

Ben Wright 522-8004

## **BIGGEST GIVERS**

**Rick Laing**

An elder's wife once told me that poorer folks often give more than those who are more affluent. She was right. As I observed through the years, I noticed that those who had less were willing to give more. Do you want proof? CNN just announced the stingiest states in the USA based on percentage of income from income tax records. The stingiest were New Jersey and New England. The most generous? Ready for this? Mississippi! That state is not renowned for affluence. Maybe those who have less have more compassion for those who have less.

What ever that cause and reason is, we are required by the Lord:

To give — Luke 6:38 - It is more blessed to give - Acts 20: 35

To give bountifully — 2 Corinthians 9:6

To give cheerfully — 2 Corinthians 9:7

To give self first — 2 Corinthians 8:5

Our giving sustains the work of the kingdom at home and abroad in a material sense, which is the method the Lord has chosen. Let us be reminded of the Lord who became poor, so we might be rich (2 Corinthians 9:9).

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### **A Yardstick For Giving**

**Robert R. Taylor, Jr.**

"How much should I give?" That's an impossible question to answer since the New Testament refuses to name a minimum. Why not give us an amount? It is probably because God knew about people. People give to the ceiling, not off the floor. If God said to give 10%, that would cap many people's giving at 10%. Seldom do people give more than the requirement. That's why the New Testament doesn't provide an amount. The gift is only an indicator of the heart. A person will not give more than is in his heart. So what is the yardstick for giving? The Bible throws a few "hard ones" at you about giving.

How much can I give cheerfully?

Does my gift reflect my sense of God's blessing?

When I give, do I give out of a sense of trust in God's providence?

Do I believe it belongs to God or that I share what is mine?

All of these questions make us squirm because they open more than our checkbooks – they open our hearts. Until we expose our hearts, we cannot give acceptably. We would feel more comfortable with an amount, but God doesn't want us comfortable. God wants us growing. He wants us pushing past our comfort zones and into the realm of spiritual growth. Put the yardstick to your giving: How do you measure up?