

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAN 17, 2016

SICK LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS:

Ruby Harrison

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Betty Henderson

PRAYER LIST: April Lazenby, Sue Hinds, Joshua Jackson, Elmer Williams, Debra Webb, Patsy Tucker, 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, Mike Miles

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE BODY OF CHRIST"

PM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

REMEMBER TO GIVE THE ELDERS YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE INSTALLATION OF A POWERPOINT SYSTEM IN THE AUDITORIUM

MEN'S DAY AT WINFIELD FEB 6 FROM 9:30-12 WITH LUNCH PROVIDED

BIRTHDAY:

Jan 18: Cynthia Pope

20: Blake Wright

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
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MINISTER:

Ben Wright 522-8004

THE BODY OF CHRIST (Romans 12:4-5)

I. The body and the _____.

- A. _____ is the only writer of whom I am aware that used this comparison of the body and the church.
- B. Colossians 1:18... There is no doubt that the body is the _____ and the church is the _____.
- C. You and I have all been asked, "To what _____ do you belong?"
 - 1. How many times have you been asked, "To what _____ do you belong?"?
 - 2. Since the body is the church, Paul, in effect, is saying that there is only _____ church (Ephesians 4:4).
- D. The very concept of the body is one of _____.

II. The body and _____.

- A. The body, the church, in some sense, is the _____ of Jesus.
- B. Some believe it means that the church _____ Christ as her head.
- C. There are those that believe it is passive, indicating the _____ presence of the Christ fills the church.
 - 1. This is _____ taught in scripture.
 - 2. Ephesians 3:16-19.
- D. However, Jesus does His work today _____ the church.

III. The body and _____.

- A. In order to have _____ to the Head, one must be in the body.
- B. Only the scriptures can answer this for us and the answer is _____ (1 Corinthians 12:13).
- C. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that it is into one body we are _____.
- D. If we are going to have the right _____ with the Head of the church, we must be in the church, or the body.
 - 1. Ephesians 5:23 - Jesus is the _____ of the body as her Head.
 - 2. Since Jesus saves the body, it follows naturally that one must be in the body to be _____.

IV. The body and its _____.

- A. There is no such thing as a _____ church or a _____ church (Ephesians 2:11-22)
- B. There are no _____ to be made among Christians (Romans 10:12-13).
- C. However, there is also _____ in the church (Romans 12:4-6).
 - 1. The diversity lies in the fact that we all are capable of doing different things for the _____ - _____ of the entire body.
 - 2. We each have a _____ to play in the Lord's church for the church to be the body God wants it to be.

Reasons to Rejoice

Barry Grider

Baptisms are a cause for rejoicing. New Testament Christians understand why. When a penitent believer is immersed, his sins are washed away (Acts 22:16). I'm sure our readers can understand my overwhelming joy when I baptized my daughter, Miranda, into Christ last Wednesday evening.

The Book of Acts relates numerous accounts of conversions to Christ. The individuals who submitted to the Lord's command to be baptized always did so with a sense of urgency and with joy filling their souls. One such account is recorded in Acts 8. An Ethiopian nobleman had been to Jerusalem to worship (vv. 27, 28), but left dissatisfied, unfulfilled, and confused. Phillip the evangelist was instructed by the Holy Spirit to go and teach the man. Phillip taught him about the necessity of baptism and the nobleman obeyed. Following his baptism the text reveals, "he went on his way rejoicing" (v. 39). Why did this Ethiopian eunuch rejoice?

1. He rejoiced because of what he had learned. Phillip preached unto him Jesus (v. 35). To preach Jesus is to reveal the most beautiful story ever told. The Ethiopian had learned how much Jesus loved him and that He died for him.
2. He rejoiced because of what he had done. He listened carefully to the teaching and obeyed that teaching. Hence he knew through his baptism that his sins were forgiven in the blood of Jesus (Rom. 6:3, 4).
3. He rejoiced because of what he was. Because of his obedience to the gospel the nobleman was now a New Testament Christian. He was a child of God. He was a member of the Lord's church (Acts 2:47).
4. He rejoiced because of the blessings that were his. This man had received the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Every spiritual blessing, including the privilege of prayer and worship, belonged to him (Eph. 1:3). He now enjoyed the hope of eternal life (1 Pet. 1:3, 4).

These are the same reasons those of us who have been baptized rejoice today and why we rejoice when others do the same.