

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAN 24, 2016

SICK LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS:

Ruby Harrison

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Betty Henderson, Travis Richardson, Brandi & Charlie Richardson, Wilma Brown, Margie Mays

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 PLACE THAT SHALL NOT BE NAMED"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "A PROPHESED CHANGE HAS COME"

BIBLE BOWL TODAY AT 2 PM AT EAST WALKER

BABY SHOWER FOR KATHERINE PHILLIPS WILL BE JAN 31 AT 2 PM. IT'S A BOY!

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

BIRTHDAYS:

Jan 27: Nelda Nelson

30: Patricia Windham

ANNIVERSARY:

Jan 26: Kenny & Kristy Busby

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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

THE PLACE THAT MUST NOT BE NAMED (Revelation 20:12-15)

I. Hell is _____.

- A. Jesus gives us the most thorough _____ of hell.
 - 1. Jesus described it as a place where the worm does not die nor the fire get _____ (Mark 9:44, 46, 48).
 - 2. Jesus tells us it is a place of _____.
 - 3. Jesus described it as a place of “weeping and gnashing of _____” (Matthew 25:30).
 - 4. Jesus described it as “_____ fire” (Matthew 25:41).
 - 5. He also described it as “everlasting _____” (Matthew 25:46).
- B. It seems its original purpose was for the _____ of those angels who, along with Satan, fell (Matthew 25:41).

II. Hell is _____.

- A. The Catholic doctrine of purgatory gives the one who is lost some hope of _____.
- B. The Bible simply does not _____ this.
 - 1. Doctrines that do hold out _____ for those in sin.
 - 2. It gives people the idea that they can _____ in sin.
- C. The Bible teaches that hell is _____.
- D. The strongest argument for the eternity of hell is the fact that the _____ Greek word is used to describe the length of heaven and hell.

III. Hell is _____.

- A. The cry is that eternal punishment is _____.
- B. The truth is, no one will be in hell who does not _____ to be there.
 - 1. There are those who refuse to _____ to His will and have alienated themselves from Him.
 - 2. By their actions, they have _____ hell.
- C. Not only that, but God is holy and cannot overlook sin like it doesn't _____ (Habakkuk 1:13).
- D. Because God is just, evil is going to be _____.

IV. Hell is avoidable.

- A. God has done all that He can do to get _____ off of the highway headed to hell.
- B. When one looks at the cross, the goodness, grace, mercy, and love of God should _____ out to us.
- C. There is a _____ path that leads to heaven (Matthew 7:14).
 - 1. It isn't easy, being called strait, or _____.
 - 2. It isn't _____ since few there be that find it.

Hell Is a Hot Topic These Days **Wayne Jackson**

The issue of hell is pretty “hot” these days. This topic was the cover feature of the January 31, 2000, edition of U. S. New & World Report. Among other things, the article says that “the 20th Century was nearly the death of hell.” The article then focuses mostly upon the nature of the punishment, i.e., literalism versus symbolism.

In recent years a number of prominent religious journalists have repudiated the biblical concept of eternal punishment. Clark Pinnock, theology professor at McMaster Divinity College in Ontario, Canada, once a highly respected conservative, has renounced the scriptural affirmation of eternal, conscious suffering for the wicked. He contends that a being who would cause one to suffer endlessly partakes more of the nature of the devil than deity!

Another scholar advocating annihilation is John R. W. Stott, a popular theologian in London. Philip E. Hughes, an Anglican clergyman, has similarly argued that the rebellious will simply go out of existence ultimately.

Among churches of Christ, several have also contended for this “conditionalist” notion, which has more in common with cultism (Watchtower dogma, Seventh-day Adventism, etc.) than it does biblical revelation.

Edward Fudge of Houston, Texas authored a book with the revealing title, *The Fire That Consumes*. F. LaGard Smith, former law professor at Pepperdine University—now affiliated with David Lipscomb University (Nashville, Tennessee)—has argued similarly.

Stephen Clark Goad (Blythe, California), whose articles occasionally appear in Christian journals, has produced an essay titled, “Believer In Heaven & Hell: A Non-Traditional View,” in which he has contended at length that “Jesus spoke of eternal punishment but he never hinted of continual torture of souls that live on and on in some state of anguish and torment.” Goad credits Fudge and others for his conversion to the annihilationist position.

While the advocates of these views claim that within the church today there are numerous “closet” conditionalists that agree with them, their boasts likely are more wistful than substantive.

There is scarcely a subject clearer than the scriptural teaching on eternal punishment. And Jesus had more to say about this theme than anyone else. (For a more thorough consideration of this subject, we refer the reader to *The Doctrine of Eternal Punishment*.)

The Bible teaches that hell was originally prepared for “the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41). Satan knows what his ultimate fate will be. He will be “tormented day and night for ever and ever” (Revelation 20:10); and the wicked will be subject to the same fate (Matthew 25:41).

Perhaps some modern revisionist can explain to the tempter that these passages do not mean what they so clearly say—and that finally he will just evaporate!

Satan is the consummate “deceiver” (Revelation 12:9; 20:10). There is nothing that pleases him more than to see deluded men repudiating the idea of eternal punishment—which the Lord explicitly affirmed (Matthew 25:46). How tragic that some, who profess a relationship with the Son of God, would join with the enemy in this compromising denial of truth.

(Edited for space - BW. Entire article, and many other outstanding articles, can be found at christiancourier.com)