

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAR 20, 2016

SICK LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS:

Ruby Harrison

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Linda Davidson, Henry McDonald, Ann Myers

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, Patrick Parker, Gene McDonald, Sabrina Handley, Mike Miles

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "CONFRONTING SIN"

PM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

BIBLE BOWL TODAY AT ADAMSVILLE, 2 PM

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY APR 17

BIRTHDAYS:

Mar 23: Liz Robbins

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mar 25: Kim & Gary Haynes

26: Jamie & Kristee McDonald

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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
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Bruce Windham 221-2348

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Danny Busby 387-0213
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CONFRONTING SIN (Matthew 18:15-20)

A. The _____ (Matthew 18:15-17).

- a. How big a sin is to be _____?
 - i. All sin _____.
 - ii. Thus, _____ sin needs to be confronted.
- b. We go _____ to that brother or sister and attempt to gain them back.
 - i. Gain has to do with accumulating _____.
 - ii. This ought to cause us to see the _____ of each Christian.
- c. If we fail to confront sin in the life of a fellow member, we are telling that person that they are of _____ value to us.
- d. When they fail to repent when confronted individually, verse 16 tells us to take one or two other _____ to confront this person.
- e. If this does not work, then the whole church is to be _____ made aware of the problem.
- f. After time is given to the congregation to attempt to bring the individual back, if he refuses to be won, there is a _____ step.
 - i. The person is to be considered an _____ from the fellowship.
 - ii. He is to be _____ from according to 2 Thessalonians 3:6.

B. The _____ (Matthew 18:18-20).

- a. There is no doubt that this is _____ to do and if you think about it, it something that is not often done in the church.
- b. Church growth models _____ teach this.
- c. However, if we fulfill what is taught in Matthew 18:15-17, these last three verses promise us that _____ is with us in all that we do in this area.
- d. Verse 18 is found in Matthew 16:19.
 - i. What it means for us is that when we confront sin and the person repents, they are _____ from their sin.
 - ii. If they fail to repent, they are _____ in their sin.
 - iii. Heaven has already rendered the verdict about sin, we are showing we are in _____ with heaven.
- e. Verse 19 teaches that when there are enough witnesses, two or three, to verify the truthfulness of the events God will _____ their request.
- f. Verse 20 teaches us in _____ situations Jesus is with us.
 - i. Those two or three together are the two or three _____.
 - ii. The _____ of Christ is there with them when these actions are undertaken.

Building Up The Body

Dave Rogers

We know the church is Christ's body; Colossians 1:18 tells us so. The word of God's grace is able to "build [us] up" as members of that body (Acts 20:32). That same word also tells us that we must contribute to that "building up" process as well (Jude 20)!

"Building up" is from a compound Greek word that means "to build upon, to promote growth in Christian [traits]." The bible provides the material, but WE must provide the labor! All Christians are members of the body (1 Corinthians 12:27), and each has a work to do in it (verses 15-18). We don't all do the same work, but each must do his/her "part" for the body to be healthy and strong! Therefore, we need to give attention to building up the body by:

Take in a well-balanced diet of God's word in your personal study. We all have favorite passages and Bible topics on which to meditate: These give us comfort and security in our spiritual lives, but we need the "balance" of all of God's word (Acts 20:27) to be truly "well-equipped" for His good works (2 Timothy 3:17).

Exercise your senses to distinguish between good and evil, Hebrews 5:14. Becoming familiar and well-nourished in God's word is a truly challenging aim. The fact that even the apostles, after receiving inspiration, continued learning, shows how high this goal is. It is one thing to consume good, nutritious spiritual "food" (1 Timothy 4:6), and something else altogether to grow strong through the exercising of our senses! All the Bible knowledge we gain cannot save us if we don't USE it: The "sword of the Spirit" is to "...discern the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12), but it does us very little good until we apply it in our lives! Jesus says we should live so that our lives broadcast the light of His word in this sin-darkened world, Matthew 5:16 (and Philippians 2:15). We must learn and practice what we have learned. Jesus condemned as hypocrites those who "said and did not," Matt. 23:3.

Sacrifice worldly attachments for the strength and fellowship of the saints, Romans 12:10-13. Our world teems with choices; they often serve the devil by distracting us from eternal life with God. When we are unsatisfied with what we have, and mistake wanting for needing, we fall into the vicious snare of materialism. Jesus said "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). God doesn't measure us by how much we have, but by how much we do with what He has given us (Matthew 25:28).

Brethren, we simply must get away from worldly values, and help each other get to heaven! NO school activity, job, social organization, or civic activity offers as much in return; no house, car or clothing begins to compare; not even a friendship is as important as helping fellow Christians get to heaven.

Building up the body requires us to reevaluate, reorganize, re-prioritize our lives so that God's kingdom ALWAYS gets first place! Love for God, for the lost, and for our Savior's body must support and undergird all that we do in our lives: Love is the motive that brought Jesus into the world (John 3:16) and what held Him to the cross (John 15:13), and He is the Pattern we must follow (1 Peter 2:21-24).