

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY 10, 2016

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Henry McDonald, Gene McDonald

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, Margie Thomasson, Micah Earnest, Vonciel Phillips, Wanda Self, Jamie Sanford, Bruce Windham, Raymond Johnson, Joyce Jacobs, Patrick Parker, Gene McDonald, Sabrina Handley, Mike Miles, Terry Galloway, Jon Sanford, Marvin White, Jimmy Harrison, Otto Tolbert, Diane Chambers, Angie Jones

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "SPEAK UP AND SPEAK OUT"

PM - KEVIN RICHARDSON

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO GLEN LOCKHART DUE TO THE DEATH OF HIS UNCLE, EARL LOCKHART, JR. SERVICES WERE TUESDAY

VBS AT CARBON HILL JULY 10-13

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ICYC ARE BEING TAKEN UP TO GAIN FREE WEEKS FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR FRIENDS. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP IN THIS

OUR 5TH SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GOING TO BE GIVEN TO VARIOUS MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT: JULY - L.T. GURGANUS, OCTOBER - MSOP/GBN

BIRTHDAY:

July 15: Danny Rushing

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July 14: Robert & Deloris Brown

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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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SPEAK UP AND SPEAK OUT
(1 Timothy 1:5)

I. By having a pure _____.

A. The only way to truly love God and others, and ultimately _____, is to have a pure heart.

B. Someone wrote this description of the biblical use of the word heart: "Heart is used in Scripture as the most comprehensive term for the _____ person.

C. By purity we mean free from anything that is _____.

D. There is only one way for a heart to become pure and that is by _____ the truth (1 Peter 1:22).

1. Peter tells us that we become pure when we obey the _____.

2. Once we are pure, then we can _____ one another with a pure heart fervently.

E. If our hearts are contaminated with _____, there is no way for us to love others as we should.

II. By having a good _____.

A. Notice that Paul told Timothy it must be a _____ conscience.

1. The word for good indicates that which is _____ good.

2. It is the aspect of self-awareness that produces pain or pleasure based on what we hold as _____ and _____.

B. A conscience must be trained in that which is good according to God's word for it to be _____.

C. We can _____ our conscience.

D. When we do that long enough, you and I _____ our consciences to feel no pain when we commit sin.

III. By having _____ unfeigned.

A. Faith, we know, comes from God's word (Romans 10:17) and without it we can't _____ God (Hebrews 11:6).

B. The word "unfeigned" is _____.

1. It is the negated form of the word from which we get our English word "_____".

2. The one who loves, in this verse, is the one who _____ no part, but has true faith.

C. In this context, the idea of faith is more in line with the idea of _____ than strictly belief in God.

D. This person who loves others holds to _____ doctrine.

E. Paul wanted Timothy to understand that we don't love others when we don't _____ the truth.

Your Soul Is Worth Fighting For Clay Bond

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ - 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Jesus spoke of the value of the soul in Mathew 16:26 when He said, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Our eternal soul is the most precious commodity we possess and it is worth fighting for.

The Scriptures teach that each of us is involved in a spiritual battle with eternal ramifications (2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Galatians 6:7-8). Heaven and Hell are at stake in our warfare. In this battle there can be no reconciliation. The combatants, flesh and spirit, will never be at peace (Galatians 5:17).

In this great battle the winner and loser are fixed. There is no question about which side will triumph. If we choose to live in fleshly lust, we have chosen the losing side and we must not expect to win this war (Romans 8:13). To win we must be in Christ (Galatians 3:27) and remain in Christ by abstaining from "fleshly lusts, which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11). We must make no "provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lust thereof" (Romans 13:14).

Our enemy, the devil, is depicted as the tempter (Matthew 4:3), a murderer (John 8:44) and a deceiver (Revelation 12:9). He wants to take advantage of us and bring us into captivity (2 Corinthians 2:11; Luke 22:31; 2 Timothy 2:26). He is like a roaring lion who walks around looking for someone to consume (Matthew 13:39; 1 Peter 5:8).

Like a general at war Satan has devices, methods and strategies to draw us away from God and His path (Ephesians 6:10; Matthew 7:13-14). While it is absolutely true that "every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed", it is also true that Satan uses our natural desires to lure us off into the proverbial "far country" (James 1:14). His desire is to see us in life's pigpen with the prodigal son of Luke 15.

The enemy's greatest and most effective weapons are "the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" (1 John 2:16). We see the effects of this deadly trio in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve (Gen 3), with Achan (Joshua 7), with David and Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11), with Judas (John 13:2), with Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5) and with so many Christians who have escaped Satan's captivity only to be entangled in sin again later on (2 Peter 2:20).

How would you describe your life at this moment? Have you escaped Satan's grasp by placing yourself under the power of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16)? Is your life characterized by fruit of the spirit such as love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith and self control (Galatians 5:22-23)? If not, you will find yourself controlled by your fleshly lusts and overtaken in things like drunkenness, sexual immorality, gambling, lying, theft, uncontrolled anger and hatred.

We said a lot about Satan and his activity, but here is the most important truth: Jesus Christ has already won this battle! When He won, He paved the way for us to triumph. He prepared our escape and revealed to us spiritual truth that can set us free from sin and death (2 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Peter 2:20 & John 8:32). "...thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).