

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 15, 2016

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Henry McDonald, Adyson Preston

HOSPITAL: Gene McDonald (Princeton, MICU)

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

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "A G.R.E.A.T. MARRIAGE"

PM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO BRENDA RUSHING DUE TO THE DEATH OF HER SISTER-IN-LAW, JUDY DOBBS. SERVICES WERE SATURDAY

OUR VBS IS JUNE 5-9. BE MAKING PLANS TO ATTEND AND INVITE OTHERS

GOSPEL MEETING MAY 15-17 AT GOODSPRINGS

ANNIVERSARIES:

May 21: Chris & Shanna Robbins

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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
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Danny Busby 387-0213
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MINISTER:

Ben Wright 522-8004

A "G.R.E.A.T." MARRIAGE (Genesis 2:23-24)

I.G _____ must be in your marriage.

- A. God is the _____ and _____ of marriage (Genesis 2:18).
- B. The fact is, unless we honor God by allowing Him to be present in our marriages, they will _____.
- C. Since God instituted marriage, He has given us the _____ for how to have the type marriage He has always had in mind for mankind.
 - 1. He has allowed it to be _____ by the relationship of Christ and the church.
 - 2. He has given the parameters of marriage for our _____.

II.R _____ your vows.

- A. What happens is that over time, we tend to forget these words that are of such great _____.
 - 1. We fail to bring the _____ to the ones we made the vow that they deserve.
 - 2. We say biting words that bring no _____ or _____ to them.
 - 3. Sadly, sometimes we fail to forsake all others and become _____.
- B. Love, honor, comfort, companionship, are all things we promised and we must make sure that we are _____ up to those vows we made.

III.E _____ life together.

- A. When marriage is entered into by a man and woman, which is the biblical standard for marriage, God says it is _____.
- B. Those two are to be together till _____ parts them.
- C. A husband and wife must be able to enjoy life together because many of the years are going to be with _____ only.
- D. A husband and wife are blessed greatly if given children by the Lord, but those children are not to be the _____ of their marriage to one another.

IV.A _____ one another.

- A. Do you _____ your spouse for the things he or she does?
- B. Too many times, after the newness of marriage wears off, we begin to take one another for _____.
- C. One writer said that appreciation in marriage is an _____ to divorce.

V.T _____ your spouse as the most important person on earth.

- A. Who is more important to you on _____ than your spouse?
- B. There should be no _____ on this earth that is more important than the one with your spouse.
 - 1. Too many allow _____ relationships to hinder their marriages.
 - 2. Too many allow _____ relationships to hinder their marriages.
 - 3. Too many allow relationships with _____ to hinder their marriages.

Dealing With Doubt In Marriage **Denny Petrillo**

Song of Solomon 3:1-4 provides an interesting "dream story." The story is plainly told, but the application of it can be difficult to grasp. But it seems clear that the Shulammitte, just a few days before her wedding to Solomon, is concerned about his devotion to her. Several nights come and go, but there is no sign of Solomon. His absence is speaking volumes to her about his commitment. She decides to go find him and has to go through some effort to do so. Finally she succeeds in finding him and embraces him with all her strength. There are some valuable lessons that can be learned from this short little story:

First, it is logical that both the man and the woman will have some doubts and reservations before they "tie the knot." This is a big day, and arguably the second most important day of their lives (the first would be when they put on Christ in baptism). When they consider the permanency of this move (God binds them - Matthew 19:6, and the expectation is that they stay together for the rest of their lives), it can be quite intimidating. Yet these thoughts are good and healthy. The man and the woman need to look long and hard into the decision they are about to make. They need to have a high level of assurance that "he is the one for me," and that "she is the one for me."

Second, when there are doubts about the love and commitment of the other, be proactive in getting it resolved. The Shulammitte could have stubbornly said "we'll see how long it takes before he finally shows up!" Instead, she went out to find him. This was not an easy task for a country girl trying to navigate her way through a big city. But her willingness to do this (even at night) showed her level of commitment. Now she just needed to learn about Solomon's level of commitment. As couples approach their wedding day, they should have long talks with each other. This is the time to learn as much about the desires, goals, dreams and aspirations of the other. Especially is it the time to see their level of commitment to God. Bottom line: he or she will not be a good life-mate if there is not a true, genuine devotion to God.

Third, when the doubts are removed, it is time to move on in love and trust. It is not healthy for one to live day-to-day wondering about their partner's commitment. When the Shulammitte found Solomon, she hugged him and would not let him go. He was her choice, and she was comfortable with it. She also was comfortable with his level of commitment to her. In a short time they would be married.