

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**AUG 21, 2016**

**HOME:** Fred & Romaine Elliott, Henry McDonald, Gene McDonald, Chuck Windham, Ann Myers, David & Brandi Preston

**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, 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, Courtney Riddick

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "COMFORT ONE ANOTHER"

PM - SINGING NIGHT

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO CHRIS ROBBINS AND FAMILY DUE TO THE DEATH OF HIS GRANDMOTHER, DEAN PATE. SERVICES WERE SUNDAY**

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO JILL RODEN AND FAMILY DUE TO THE DEATH OF HER COUSIN, MATT RUTLEDGE. SERVICES WERE TUESDAY**

**NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL TONIGHT BUT THERE IS AN ELDERS AND DEACONS MEETING AFTER EVENING SERVICES**

**LADIES DAY, AUG 27, AT WHITE'S CHAPEL**

**GOSPEL MEETING AT DOVERTOWN SEP 11-13**

**OUR 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GOING TO BE GIVEN TO VARIOUS MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT: OCTOBER - MSOP/GBN**

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Aug 22: Charity Chambers

24: Linda Davidson

### **ANNIVERSARY:**

Aug 27: Jack & Barbara Wright

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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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Neil Myers 924-9289

Bruce Windham 221-2348

#### **DEACONS:**

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David Preston 300-1927

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Chris Robbins 388-1354

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#### **MINISTER:**

Ben Wright 522-8004

## **COMFORT ONE ANOTHER** **(1 Thessalonians 4:18)**

### **I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the word “comfort”.**

- A. Comfort is something we \_\_\_\_\_ in times of grief or sadness.
- B. The word translated comfort is used \_\_\_\_\_ times and it is translated in several different ways.
- C. In the Greek, it literally means “to \_\_\_\_\_ to one’s side”.
- D. When translated “comfort”, it carries the meaning of “to call to one, call near, to call for; every kind of speaking to, which is meant to produce a particular \_\_\_\_\_, for example, exhortation, encouragement, comfort”.
  - 1. Every kind of speaking to, which is meant to produce a particular effect.
  - 2. There is something we are trying to \_\_\_\_\_ when we are obeying this command.
- E. We are seeking to have an effect on our brethren who are in need of comfort, we are striving to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ them in their time of need.

### **II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of comfort.**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ plainly tells us that God is the God of all comfort.
- B. The entire \_\_\_\_\_ is involved in this.
- C. Some seek comfort from the \_\_\_\_\_ source.
- D. If one wants to obtain real, lasting comfort, it can only come from God.
- E. Notice 2 Corinthians 1:8-10 - Paul thought he was going to \_\_\_\_\_.
- F. It was this that Paul had in \_\_\_\_\_ in verses 3-7.
- G. Back to verse 4.
  - 1. In every trouble, God can and will \_\_\_\_\_ the Christian.
  - 2. Every tribulation that comes, God is there for the Christian as the \_\_\_\_\_ of comfort.

### **III. \_\_\_\_\_ God’s comfort to one another.**

- A. God comforts us with the \_\_\_\_\_ that we will then comfort others who are in any trouble.
- B. We do this by giving the comfort we \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
- C. The Godhead is involved in the giving of comfort and it is given to us in various ways.
- D. Our original text of 1 Thessalonians 4:18 tells us that we can comfort one another with God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. The presence of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ brings comfort.
- F. Remember that we comfort people with the \_\_\_\_\_ comfort we’ve received.

## **God Gives Comfort Through You**

### **Dan Jenkins**

Paul's second letter to Corinth has some amazing words about how concerned God is about us and the comfort He gives in times of trial. "Blessed be the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulations, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (2 Cor. 1:3-4). Look at the emphasis in this passage. He is the God of all comfort . . . in all of our tribulations to enable us to comfort those who are in any trouble.

It is remarkable how so many have failed to see the emphasis in this passage and the clarity with which it speaks. God comforts us and enables us to use that comfort He has given to us to comfort others. A vivid illustration of this is how the God of Paul comforted him and enabled him to comfort others. The church at Thessalonica was troubled and worrying that those who had died would miss seeing the return of Jesus. Paul told them exactly how the events would transpire and then added, "Therefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:18). These words from heaven brought comfort to those in the church who were troubled. They were words from the God of all comfort. These same words which comforted those troubled then were to be used to provide comfort to any others who were troubled. As Paul said, "Comfort those who are in any trouble with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted." Now, if the Bible supplies our every need (2 Tim. 3:16-17), there is never a life's situation where it does not provide comfort that we can use to comfort others.

Someone then might ask, where then does the Holy Spirit fit into all of this? Does He not directly and in addition to the Bible comfort us? Is He not called the Comforter? Yes, Jesus did promise the apostles that He would send the Comforter to them. But He also described the kind of work this Comforter would do. He said the Comforter would: (1) teach the apostles all things; (2) bring to their remembrance everything Jesus had taught them; (3) testify concerning Jesus; (4) convict the world of sin; (5) guide the apostle into all truth (John 14:26; 15:26; 16:8-13).

He was not promised as one who would wrap His arms around them and sing a lullaby (like Soft Kitty) to a crying child. This is not the concept of the comfort He would bring. This concept of the comfort of the Holy Spirit comes from the mind of fallible man. God is the God of all comfort, but we must study carefully how He provides comfort to the world!