

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NOV 20, 2016**

**HOME:** Fred & Romaine Elliott, Henry McDonald, Neil & Carolyn Myers, Bobbie Dailey

**HOSPITAL:** Lucille Finn (Princeton Neuro ICU)

**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, Mike Miles, Terry Galloway, Jon Sanford, Marvin White, Jimmy Harrison, Otto Tolbert, Diane Chambers, Angie Jones, Victor Crosby, Brianna Cordell, Michael Griggs, Bud Howell, Margaret Henson

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "GOD IS AT WORK TODAY"

PM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

**SPECIAL 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY MEAL FOLLOWING EVENING SERVICES. OUR YOUTH WILL BE HOSTING OUR FELLOWSHIP MEAL SUNDAY NIGHT AND PROVIDING THE FOOD FOR EVERYONE**

**REMEMBER TO FILL OUT YOUR MENU SELECTIONS FOR OUR HOLIDAY MEAL AND GIVE THEM TO CHRIS OR SHANNA BY THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN DECEMBER**

**ANNIVERSARY:**

Nov 22: Ben & Jincy 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:**

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**GOD IS AT WORK TODAY**  
**(Philemon 14-16)**

**I. The idea \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. When God created the world, do you believe He just left it \_\_\_\_\_ and showed no interest in it?

1. This is the idea of some, known as \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 17:27 denies this type thinking.

B. Does God work \_\_\_\_\_ today?

1. Some say that God is active in the world, so active that it is in the form of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Those that go to this extreme do not understand the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of miracles in the New Testament church.

C. A third question that needs to be asked is: how does God \_\_\_\_\_ in the affairs of men today?

1. The only answer that is biblical is that He does so \_\_\_\_\_.

2. It is through means of \_\_\_\_\_ law that God works today.

**II. Providence \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. The English term "providence" derives from the Latin "providentia", which signifies "\_\_\_\_\_".

B. The concept of God's providence concerns God's support, care, and \_\_\_\_\_ of all creation from the moment of creation until the earth ends.

C. Providence \_\_\_\_\_ at least three things:

1. God's \_\_\_\_\_ of the functional balance of the natural world;

2. Fulfillment of divine purpose in the \_\_\_\_\_ of international affairs;

3. God's special \_\_\_\_\_ in the lives of those who seek to do his will.

**III. Providence \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ providence is God shining the sun on the just and the unjust and causing the rain to fall on the good as well as the wicked.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ providence is God working in the affairs of men and in the lives of men to accomplish His will.

1. He answers our \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 3:12).

2. He \_\_\_\_\_ to always be with us (Hebrews 13:5).

3. He \_\_\_\_\_ a way of escape during times of temptation (1 Cor. 10:13).

4. He rules in the \_\_\_\_\_ of men (Daniel 4:17).

**IV. Providence \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. There is no doubt that we see providence exhibited in the life of \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_ life is another example of providence at work.

C. It surely seems that there was providence involved in the conversion of \_\_\_\_\_.

D. This is similar to what Mordecai told Esther (Esther 4:14 - who \_\_\_\_\_).

## **The Two Sides of Providence**

### **Dan Jenkins**

It might seem strange to learn that the word providence occurs only one time in the Bible, and there it is not referring to the providence of God (Acts 24:2). In fact, this word is not found in most translations. Yet, the truth is that the concept of God's providence is found throughout the Scriptures. One cannot read the Bible without knowing that God provides.

There are questions about His providence He has chosen to not reveal to us. We should be content to speak where the Bible speaks but also must remember to stop where the Bible stops. Moses' words say so much about this. "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law" (Deut. 29:29). There is no way we can know that our idle speculations are what God thinks and we must learn to be silent.

### **Providence Seen By Looking Backward**

Because we know that every good and perfect gift comes from above (James 1:17), it is not wrong for us to look at the past and see the hand of God in our lives. Young David found strength and courage to fight Goliath because of His past experiences. "The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine" (1 Sam. 17:37). He knew of providence because he had seen it. The book of Psalms is filled with encouragement based on all that God had done in the past for Israel. Our Lord reminded His followers about providence, which they had seen in the rain, the sun, the birds and the lily of the valley. Because every good gift is from above, it is not wrong for us to look backwards to see providence.

### **Providence Seen When Looking Forward**

The words of Abraham to Isaac show us that we can see His coming providence by faith. Isaac was concerned and asked his father about the animal for the sacrifice. The patriarch's answer was simple. "God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering" (Gen. 22:8). He had no idea how God would provide it, He just knew that He who had always provided in the past would do so in the future. David also looked forward with the eyes of faith and saw himself walking with his Shepherd through the valley of death.

### **Providence Seen in Your Life**

So when troubles surround you and you are overwhelmed, stop and meditate of these two sides of providence. Look at how God has always helped His people. Look and see this truth in your past life. Then look to the adversity ahead and with the eye of faith march onward because you confidently know that your God will provide!