

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JAN 22, 2017**

**REHAB:** Tabitha Rushing (Birmingham Rehab, Rm 65A)

**HOME:** Fred & Romaine Elliott, Henry McDonald, Lucille Finn, Bettye Henderson, Neil Myers, Bruce Windham, Wilma Brown

**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, Jon Sanford, Marvin White, Jimmy Harrison, Otto Tolbert, Diane Chambers, Angie Jones, Victor Crosby, Brianna Cordell, Michael Griggs, Bud Howell, Margaret Henson, Judith Homer, Mason Chambers

AM - DAVID STAFFORD

PM - ELDERS ANNUAL PRESENTATION

**REMEMBER THURSDAY NIGHT CLASSES AT 6<sup>TH</sup> AVE AT 6 PM**

**MEN'S DAY AT WINFIELD, JAN 28 AT 9 AM**

**GOSPEL MEETING AT PARRISH, FEB 3-5**

# THE WEST WALKER WELCOMER

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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

Bruce Windham 221-2348

#### **DEACONS:**

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#### **MINISTER:**

Ben Wright 522-8004

## **TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?**

**Ben Wright**

Jesus was never one to pull punches. He laid His message out for everyone to hear and make the choice that they needed to make. There was no sugar coating with Jesus. In John 6 we have recorded a conversation that Jesus had with a group of Jews. What Jesus said in that conversation was considered by many of His disciples to be “a hard saying” (vs. 60). Because of His response to that many of the disciples stopped following Jesus.

Jesus looked at the twelve and asked them a question, which when read you can almost hear the hurt in the voice of Jesus. He asked, “Will ye also go away?” (vs. 67). Peter, in one of his best moments, said, “Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou has the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God” (vs. 68-69). What a tremendous statement by Peter

He asked a great question in that statement: “To whom shall we go?” Many in this life follow people that are of no benefit spiritually. They follow after false teachers or false ideas that they have come up with in their minds. The fact of the matter is, Peter was right. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. There is no other who can do for us spiritually what Jesus can do.

Long ago, the Psalmist wrote, “For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people: He will beautify the meek with salvation” (149:4). It is God and His Son Jesus to whom we must go if salvation is our desire. It is God that gives salvation to mankind as a gift. “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

Just like any other gift offered, this gift must be accepted. We do that by being obedient to the gospel of Jesus. God offers His grace to all men (Titus 2:11). We accept that grace by faithful obedience to the commands of God (Ephesians 2:8-9).

No one else can save us. There is no other place of salvation than in Christ. It is in Christ that all spiritual blessings are found (Ephesians 1:3). Men believe that there are other people and places where spiritual blessings are available. However, they believe this in spite of what the Bible says.

To whom have you gone for salvation? David penned that “...the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord” (Psalm 37:39). It is only to the Lord that we can turn for salvation. It is only in the Lord that one can find righteousness and be righteous. As the great hymn asks: “Where could I go but to the Lord?”

## **THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH**

**J.K. Gossett**

Good buildings have good foundations. The church of Christ is God's building and it has a sure foundation. Isaiah wrote, "Therefore thus saith the Lord God, BEHOLD I LAY IN ZION FOR A FOUNDATION A STONE, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line. And righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand..." (Isaiah 28:16-18). This prophecy was fulfilled in Christ, the tried stone, when Jesus became the foundation of the church.

When Peter confessed that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus said unto him, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter (Petros, a stone) and upon this rock (Petra, a ledge of rock) I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:16-18). There is a vast difference between a pebble and a great mass of rock. There is a great contrast between Christ and Peter. The latter died and is still dead. Jesus died and rose again. He is alive! He is truly the tried stone, the sure foundation upon which the church was built and upon which it stands.

Paul said to the saints at Corinth, "FOR OTHER FOUNDATION CAN NO MAN LAY THAN THAT IS LAID, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST" (1 Corinthians 3:11).

In contrast, men of today build so-called churches upon traditions, opinions, cultural fads, entertainment, human wisdom, felt needs, human philosophy and whatever else fits their fancy. The church of Christ, however, is built upon the indestructible rock, the Son of God. Each person who is added to the church makes a noble confession: "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.