

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ GUS NICHOLS SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL EMPHASIS THURSDAY NIGHTS @ 6 PM
- ◆ FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY WILL BE APRIL 9—BE PRAYING AND INVITING OTHERS
- ◆ MIKE MYERS HAS BEEN MOVED TO A REHAB FACILITY AS HE CONTINUES TO RECOVER FROM A STROKE
- ◆ LADIES DAY @ BLACKWATER, APR 1
- ◆ GOSPEL MEETING @ DOVERTOWN, APR 2-4

## BIRTHDAYS

### MARCH:

- 4: Kenyy Busby
- 6: Brenda Rushing
- 7: Frank Brown
- 9: Jamie McDonald
- 10: Hoyt Sims
- 13: David Barton
- 18: Allen Lockhart
- 23: Liz Robbinms
- 31: Vince Roden

## ANNIVERSARIES

### MARCH:

- 25: Kim & Gary Haynes
- 26: Jamie & Kristie McDonald

## SICK LIST

Fred & Romaine Elliott, Neil Myers,  
Jill Roden, Bobbie Dailey, Vera Fike

## SERMONS

March 12, 2017

AM: MY FAITH LEADS ME TO LOOK UP

PM: A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER

## 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, John Pruitt, Madison Banks, Charles Crump, Martha Ann, Margie Thomasson, Micah Earnest, Vonciel Phillips, Wanda Self, Jamie Sanford, Bruce Windham, Raymond Johnson, Joyce Jacobs, Gene McDonald, Mike Miles, Marvin White, Jimmy Harrison, Otto Tolbert, Diane Chambers, Angie Jones, Victor Crosby, Brianna Cordell, Michael Griggs, Bud Howell, Margaret Henson, Judith Homer, Mason Chambers, Danielle Dodd, Mark Barker, Mike Myers, Jacob Lazenby, Tabitha Rushing

# THE WEST WALKER WELCOMER

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### Times of service:

Sunday:

Bible Class:

9:30 AM

Worship:

10:20 AM & 5 PM

Wednesday Bible Study:

7 PM

Elders:

Eugene McDonald

924-4827

Carl Myers

221-0637

Neil Myers

924-9289

Bruce Windham

221-2348

Deacons:

Danny Busby

387-0213

David Preston

300-1927

Kevin Richardson

295-8864

Chris Robbins

388-1354

Vince Roden

471-3747

Preacher:

Ben Wright

522-8004

### Are We Bringing Our Children Up or Down?

Allen Webster

#### Rules for Bringing Up a Child:

1. Make home the brightest and most attractive place we can.
2. Make him responsible for helping in some daily duties at home.
3. Never punish in anger nor to relieve our own feelings, but only in love and for disobedience.
4. Do not ridicule his ideas; talk frankly on matters in which he is interested.
5. Encourage him to invite friends to our home and table.
6. Impress on his mind the fact that service and honesty are more important than making money.
7. Live Christ before him so you will be able to talk of Christ to him.
8. Let him see your enjoyment and profit from Bible reading and prayer.
9. Set an example in faithful church attendance and interest in the work.
10. Be much in prayer for his salvation and spiritual growth.

#### Rules for Bringing Down a Child:

1. Let him have plenty of money to spend as he likes.
2. Permit him to choose his companions without restraint or guidance.
3. Let him spend Sunday hours on the street or with companions with low ideals as to the Lord's day.
4. Allow him to go out at night as he pleases and return when he gets ready.
5. Make no inquiry as to where and with whom he spends his leisure time.
6. Teach him to expect pay for all help at home and for all service to others.
7. Allow him to think that good manners are a good substitute for good morals.
8. Do not trouble to interest him in the Bible or to win him to Christ.
9. Let him see that you think church attendance is not important.
10. Never let him hear you pray, especially for his salvation.

## A STRANGER AMONG US

Patrick Morrison

The Almighty created everything around us, from the world in which we live to the air we breathe (Gen.1:1). He is our Creator, though many in the world refuse to acknowledge Him as such. God has given to all life and breath, even our very being (Acts 17:25). Not only has He created us, but He also sustains our very existence. He upholds all things by the word of His power (Heb.1:2).

Jehovah gives to us our daily needs (Matt.6:11), and daily loads us with benefits (Psa.68:19).

While there are those who may deny His existence or who refuse to acknowledge Him, the evidences for His eternal power and Godhead are so obvious that man is without excuse for denying such (Rom.1:20). It is sad that so many who owe their being to God will not even allow Him into their lives or even their thoughts.

It is sadder, still, when those who claim to love and honor God forget Him. Jeremiah lamented, “O you hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler who turns aside to tarry for a night” (Jer.14:8)? God’s own people were treating Him like a poor, wayfaring stranger! They had invited Jehovah in for the night, only to send Him on His way the next day. God had become a stranger to His own people! This seems to be a recurring theme of the weeping prophet. Israel and Judah had forgotten God, and for that reason they were suffering the repercussions. “Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me days without number” (Jer.2:13). With great mercy and compassion, God reached out to His people, pleading with them to return to Him, but they refused: “Thus says the Lord, Stand by the road, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, “We will not walk in it” (Jer.6:16). Oh, how God’s heart was breaking because His own children wouldn’t even acknowledge Him! In so doing, they had invited misery and trouble upon themselves, having exhausted the longsuffering of Jehovah. “This is your lot, the portion I have measured out to you, declares the Lord, because you have forgotten me and trusted in lies” (Jer.13:25).

Has God become a stranger to His own people today? Have we forgotten Him days without number? It seems in some ways we have done that. When we come together to worship Him, some of His own children will have to reintroduce themselves. They have lived with and like the world to the point that they don’t know who God really is. The more time we spend with the Father, the less likely we are to forget Him. Don’t allow God to be a stranger in your life. Invite Him in to dwell with you permanently!

# SERMON ADVANTAGE

## MY FAITH LEADS ME TO LOOK UP

(Colossians 3:1-4)

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 3:1-2)

- A. There is a definite allusion to \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. If we have been baptized, we are commanded to seek those things that are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. The word “seek” carries the idea of giving \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. We are to be giving effort to find those things that are \_\_\_\_\_ in nature.
- C. We must put forth effort on \_\_\_\_\_ our minds towards spiritual things.
- D. By setting our minds on things above, we are \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
- E. We are saying to the world that we are in God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
- F. Paul does not leave us in the \_\_\_\_\_ as to what needs to have our attention and what does not.
  - 1. Colossians 3:5-11 tells us what to put \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. Colossians 3:12-17 tells us what to put \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 3:3).

- A. There is a tremendous reason for this command: we are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. This is not a reference to \_\_\_\_\_ death.
  - 2. This is a reference to \_\_\_\_\_ death to sin.
- B. Our lives are to be \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ in God.
- C. Rooting around in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world keeps us from looking like Christ.
- D. We don’t live for self anymore because we are \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 3:4).

- A. Paul now points us to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
- B. If we have obeyed the command, we will \_\_\_\_\_ the crown.
- C. Paul did not \_\_\_\_\_ the return of Jesus at all.
  - 1. We must never doubt this because it is a \_\_\_\_\_ way of thinking.
  - 2. One who has put on Christ lives in full hope and \_\_\_\_\_ of the return of our Lord.
- D. We will be allowed to \_\_\_\_\_ with Him in the glory He will have.
- E. For this glory to be ours, Jesus must be our \_\_\_\_\_.