

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY IS TODAY
- ◆ PLEASE STAY FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP MEAL AFTER MORNING SERVICES
- ◆ GOSPEL MEETING @ EAST WINFIELD APR 9-12

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL:

10: Vercie Griffin
11: Jayla Chambers
12: Kristee McDonald
18: Jincy Wright
19: Mason Chambers
25: Carl Myers
28: Libby Tucker

SERMONS

April 9, 2017

AM: THE AIM OF WORSHIP (PT 1)

PM: THE AIM OF WORSHIP (PT 2)

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, 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, Danielle Dodd, Mark Barker, Mike Myers, Jacob Lazenby

ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL:

NONE

SICK LIST

Fred & Romaine Elliott, Bettye Henderson

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

WELCOME TO FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

If you are here as a visitor, we thank you for coming to our special day. Every Lord's day is special because we have the opportunity to worship God, but this Lord's Day is extra special because you are here.

We all know how important friends and family are to each of us. Close friends are vital to our well-being and play an important role in our lives. Friends share in our good times as well as our bad times. Our Lord had friends that were very close to Him and this gives us a picture of the importance of friends.

We also understand that family is vital. As the old sayings goes, "Blood is thicker than water". Family members provide for us in many ways. Most of us can look back on our youth and remember great family moments. The closeness of a brother or sister, a cousin, or an aunt or uncle is a wonderful thing. If you are blessed to have parents still living you are blessed indeed. Oh, how much we have learned and been molded by our parents.

The West Walker congregation is made up of friends and family. We are friends with one another but also spiritual family members. We are part of the family of God (Eph. 3:14-15). It is a blessing to be a part of God's family and we want others to have that blessing and joy in their lives as well.

Today, as we gather to study God's divine revelation, the Bible, and to worship God, if you have any questions about what is said in a class or done in worship, please don't hesitate to ask any of us. There may be something that you don't understand or about which you may want to know more. It will be our pleasure to answer any questions you may have with an answer from the Bible.

Thank you again for being a part of our special day. We hope that you will stay for our fellowship meal and our afternoon service which will begin at 1 PM.

STUBBORN TRUTHS

Neal Pollard

—And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery (Mat. 19:9).

—Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

—For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error (Rom. 1:26-27).

—And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all...There is one body (Eph.1:22-23; 4:4).

—And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord (Eph. 5:18-19).

—A woman is not allowed to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet (1 Tim. 2:11-14).

Passages like these are hotly debated, denied, and derided by those who either cast them against other Scripture or subjugate them to current cultural expectations. Those who desire to accept verses like those above as simple truth are often thought to be ignorant or, worse, dangerous.

The same book reveals the person and sacrifice of Jesus. It reveals the nature and attributes of God. It tells us where we came from and where we are going. It speaks of grace and faith. We accept these truths at face value. But when we come to passages that go against the grain of popular opinion (in or out of religion), cultural mores, or religious orthodoxy, we somehow attempt to say they do not say what they say they say. Jehoiakim's scribe's knife and his fire did not eliminate truth (Jer. 36:23). It actually intensified the message against him (36:29ff). The number of academic degrees, religious followers, or oratorical skill will not change the truth of Scripture. It is what it is. Our role is to humbly submit to it or forever beat ourselves against it. May we love and revere God enough to always do the former.

THE BEST DAY OF YOUR LIFE

Patrick Morrison

If someone were to ask you, "What was the best day of your life," how would you respond? Would you think about some great vacation you took with your family? Would it be the day you graduated high school or college? Would it be the day that you met your sweetheart, or perhaps the day that you married that special someone? Would it be the birth of your children or grandchildren? Would it be the day that you obeyed the gospel, being baptized into Christ for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38), or the day you were restored to your first love after having been unfaithful for a period of time (Rev.2:5-6)? How would you choose one day out of your life that has surpassed all others? What sort of criteria would you put in place in order to choose the best day? Can you narrow it down to just one day?

You see, for the faithful child of God, the best day of your life is yet to come. Oh, I know the joy you experienced when your sins were washed away through the blood of Jesus in the waters of baptism (Acts 22:16). I know the peace that came over your soul when you realized you had been reconciled to God by the death of His Son (Rom.5:9-10). I know the hope that you found in Jesus the day that you obeyed the gospel (Col.1:27). There is no doubt that the day you obeyed the gospel was one of the greatest days of your life! But, it is not the greatest day you will ever experience. That day is still ahead! The moment you are reconciled to God in Christ, you start living for the greatest day of your life. Whether you live one year or seventy years in the service of the Lord, the greatest day of your life will be the day that you leave the walks of this life, or the day that the Lord returns (whichever comes first). When we give our lives over to Jesus, we do so in anticipation of living eternally with him (John 14:1-6). Every day upon this earth brings us closer to that glorious day! We are nearer to heaven than when we first begun (Rom.13:11). For those who walk with the Lord in this life, that last day will be a day of rejoicing and anticipation (1 John 2:28). Many times I have stood over the body of a faithful saint who has gone on to his/her reward and stated, "This brother/sister lived his/her life for this very day." What a day that will be!

Sadly, for those who refuse to hear and obey the gospel, the best day of their life has already come and gone. For the rebellious and disobedient, the best day of their life was the day they were born. All are born in innocence, and for the wicked and rebellious, there was a time when they were not separated by God due to their sins (Matt.18:3). But the moment they transgressed the will of God, they became estranged from Him (Isa.59:1-2). Even though the Almighty made provisions to rescue them from their sins (John 3:16), many refuse to accept the terms of pardon given through the gospel. So long as man persists in this state of rebellion and defiance, the last day for them will be a day of dread and fear. The sentence of eternal torment awaits those who do not know God, and who do not obey Him (2 Thess.1:7-9). Truly, like Judas, the impenitent sinner would have been better never to have been born than to refuse to obey the soul-saving gospel (Mark 14:21). What a sad and tragic day the Day of Judgment will be for those who will not come to the Father through Jesus! Don't let the best day of your life be a day relegated to your past. Let the best day of your life be that day that is yet to come, the day when you will be united eternally with your Lord and Savior!