

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ OUR FELLOWSHIP MEAL WILL BE AFTER MORNING SERVICES @ SINGING WILL BE AT 1 PM
- ◆ SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO BOBBIE DAILEY DUE TO THE DEATH OF HER BROTHER CLIFFORD WINDHAM. THE FUNERAL WAS YESTERDAY
- ◆ GOSPEL MEETING @ BURLESON OCT 1-4
- ◆ GUS NICHOLS SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL EMPHASIS SEP 21 @ 6 PM

BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER

10—Romaine Elliott
30—Deloris Brown & Margie Mays

SERMONS

Sep 17, 2017

AM: SINS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT
PM: FELLOWSHIP AND SINGING

PRAYER LIST

April Lazenby, Sue Hinds, Joshua Jackson, Elmer Williams, Debra Webb, Patsy Tucker, Debbie Odom, Robert Turner, Ricky McDonald, David Brown, Kim Elliott, J.D. Dailey, Donna Laratta, Kathy Windham, John Pruitt, Madison Banks, Martha Ann, Margie Thomasson, Micah Earnest, Vonciel Phillips, Wanda Self, Jamie Sanford, Bruce Windham, Raymond Johnson, Gene McDonald, Mike Miles, Marvin White, Jimmy Harrison, Diane Chambers, Angie Jones, Victor Crosby, Brianna Cordell, Bud Howell, Margaret Henson, Judith Homer, Mason Chambers, Danielle Dodd, Mike Myers, Weston Suddeth, Renea Lawson, Chuck Peltz, John Aldridge, Tommy Pope

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

3—Chuck & Patricia Windham
8—Lynn & Betty Honeycutt
19—David & Margaret Barton

SICK LIST

Fred & Romaine Elliott, Sandy Richardson, Bettye Henderson, Wilma Brown, Betty Honeycutt, Sandy Richardson

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

We Are at War

“Mr. Vice President, Mr. Speaker, members of the Senate and the House of Representatives: yesterday, December 7th, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.”

President Roosevelt’s words still echo in our nation’s heart. While most of us were not yet born in 1941, the repetition of Roosevelt’s opening statement to Congress has left an indelible imprint on the American soul. We can still hear the cadence of his voice, the measured determination that stirred a nation to action.

The United States was ill prepared for war. In spite of the aggression of Japan in the Pacific and of Germany in Europe, America was indifferent and complacent. A shocking wake-up call came with Pearl Harbor. The nation was at war.

I can understand the pacifists who through accommodation and appeasement kept America out of the Second World War until it was almost too late. Cautious people want peace, not Bloodshed. The temptation is always to get along and to go along, even with the most egregious evil.

There is a lesson Christians must learn about the need for spiritual warfare. Ephesians 6:10-12 calls us to be prepared for battle:

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

There is a spiritual battle going on, and we must never compromise with evil. God calls His people to engage the enemy on every front.

Conflict is never pleasant, but complacency and indifference chart a dangerous course. Our Lord calls us to victory. He does not call us to accommodation with sin.

Gregory Allen Tidwell
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WHAT DRAWS YOU TO WORSHIP?

What is it that brings you to the Lord's house upon the first day of the week as the saints assemble to worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24)? The religious world is vying for the attention of would-be worshippers, hoping to win the affections of those who are enamored with the glitz and glamour rather than that which is truly substantive. Sadly, many choose the place of worship based upon the physical edifice itself. The more opulent and grandiose the building, the more men seem to be attracted to such. Some families look around to find a place of worship, judging solely on the facilities. Do they have a gym? Do they have a day-care facility? Do they have an area devoted to children? Such are very superficial means by which to gauge the atmosphere in which the congregants work and worship. No matter how lavish a building might be, and no matter how much of the physical structure is designed to cater to man's "felt-needs," we must remember that God is not at all impressed with our church buildings/facilities/plants/campuses. The Almighty created this entire universe and everything therein! He does not dwell in temples made with hands (Acts 17:24). While bragging about your new ten million dollar worship complex may impress some and lure them to such a monument, is this really what we want to draw us to worship? What happens when the place down the road builds something even more magnificent?

Some are drawn to worship at a particular place because of the preacher. Perhaps he is charismatic. Perhaps he is an eloquent orator. It may be that he is very outgoing, a people person. Some choose where they will worship based upon their opinion of the minister. Many worshippers have "preacheritis." When the preacher moves on to another congregation, many follow him, or cease worshipping where this preacher once made his home. Mind you, this is not at all a new development or fad. The brethren at Corinth suffered from this malady (1 Cor.1:12). Sadly, this does not foster congregational loyalty. Some have no sense of loyalty or obligation to the local congregation.

Thankfully, many are drawn to worship because of their profound gratitude and abiding love for the Father in heaven. Many enter into the meeting place of the local congregation each Lord's day having been drawn by the cross of Jesus Christ to offer their worship and adoration to the Almighty and to the Lamb (Rev.5:13). When we survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died, we cannot but help to be moved to sing his praises! It is not the building that draws true worshippers, nor is it the preacher(s). That which draws the heart and mind of the true worshipper is the exalted Christ (John 12:32)! How do we reach the masses, men of every birth? Jesus gave us the key. Lift him up, and he will draw all men to the Father! How do we draw more people to worship? Build larger, more elaborate buildings? Hire more dynamic, more eloquent preachers? No! We will draw more to worship the Father in heaven when we exalt Jesus in our preaching, our teaching, our worship, and our lives!

— — —Patrick Morrison

SERMON ADVANTAGE

SINS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

(Acts 7:51-53)

I. _____ to the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:1-11).

- A. When Ananias came to the apostles to _____ them, he was really lying to the Holy Spirit.
- B. This is the case because the apostles were led by _____ of the Holy Spirit.
- C. This passage shows us that the Holy Spirit is part of the _____.

II. _____ the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51-53).

- A. The forefathers had _____ the prophets of God.
 1. Those men had brought God's _____ and been persecuted.
 2. Those men had been _____ the message by the Holy Spirit.
- B. The word for "resist" means to set oneself _____.
- C. We resist the Holy Spirit today when we resist the _____ of scripture.

III. _____ the Holy Spirit (Ephesian 4:30).

- A. The word translated "grieve" means "to make _____; to affect with sadness".
- B. We tend to think of grief when someone _____.
 1. When we _____ ourselves from God by sin, we are spiritually dead.
 2. When we act spiritually dead, we _____ the Holy Spirit.
- C. When Christians live like the _____, we grieve the Holy Spirit.

IV. _____ the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19).

- A. "Quench" means to _____ or _____.
- B. We quench the Spirit when we _____ the Spirit's teaching in God's word.
- C. We do this when we purposefully _____ or fail to _____ God's word.

V. Doing _____ to the Spirit of grace (Hebrews 10:29).

- A. False _____ is insulting to the Holy Spirit.
- B. False _____ is insulting to the Holy Spirit.