

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ MEN'S GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES
- ◆ THERE WILL BE NO MEAL BETWEEN SERVICES ON THE 3RD SUNDAY
- ◆ THE PM SERVICE ON THE 24TH WILL BEGIN AT 12 PM
- ◆ TWO OF THE PREACHER STUDENTS WE SUPPORT WILL BE WITH US ON THE 5TH SUNDAY

## BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

- 4—Tammy Whitfield & Sandra Richardson  
7—Jason Chambers  
12—Nelda Windham  
13—J.D. Dailey  
17—Peyton Preston  
25—Carolyn Myers

## ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER

- 6—Gene & Linda McDonald  
27—Travis & Sandy Richardson

## SICK LIST

Fred & Romaine Elliott, Gene McDonald, J.D. & Bobbie Dailey, Bettye Henderson, Bruce Windham, Wilma Brown (Princeton, 3142)

## SERMONS

Dec 10, 2017

AM: NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH

PM: 2 TIMOTHY 4

## 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, Byron Leith, Jan Sims, Jean Griffith

# 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

**EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT 401**

**Steve Higginbotham**

On the evening of December 29, 1972, Eastern Airlines flight 401 crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing 101 people. Any time a passenger plane crashes, it grabs our attention because so many lives are affected by the tragedy. But what makes this crash even more tragic is that it was completely avoidable.

While preparing to land in Miami, FL, the co-pilot noticed that a light bulb on the instrument panel wasn't working, and he tried to replace it. Unsuccessful at his attempts to remove the burnt out bulb, the airplane was placed on auto-pilot and the pilot, himself, left his seat to assist him. However, somehow in the process, the auto-pilot was accidentally disengaged and while the pilot and co-pilot worked at replacing a burnt out light bulb, the plane slowly descended, and crashed.

Think of it...101 people died because more attention was given to a burnt out light bulb than flying and landing the airplane. Sad indeed, but every day, mistakes more monumental than this take place.

In fact, someone reading this article right now may unwittingly be in a "descent" that will lead to his destruction if he continues to devote his attention to things of lesser importance.

Do you think people will someday meet God unprepared because they gave their attention to lesser things? Jobs, family, entertainment, social status, schooling, pleasure, wealth, etc. all have their place, but not at the expense of a "safe landing."

Friends, don't get so caught up with the distractions of this world (Matthew 13:22), that you fail to "land safely." Give it some thought.

**LET GO OF THE PAST**  
**Larry Pasley**

The passenger tapped the cab driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the sidewalk, and stopped inches from a department store window. For a second everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said, "Look mister, don't ever do that again. You scared me half to death!" The passenger apologized and said he didn't realize that a little tap could scare him so much. The driver replied, "You're right. I'm sorry. Really, it's not your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

The cabbie allowed his past experiences to cause him to take his eye off of the road and his goal of getting his passenger to his destination.

Sometimes we allow our past to affect our present and future goals and destinations also. The apostle Paul told the Philippian brethren: "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12-14).

- ◆ When we find our past affecting our lives in a negative way, we need to learn how to forget those things.
- ◆ We especially need to forget those things which keep us from focusing on our goal of heaven.
- ◆ When we have people in our lives who are causing us to take our eyes off of our goal of heaven, we need to forget them.
- ◆ When our guilt from former sins, which have been forgiven, causes us to take our eyes off of our goal of heaven, we need to forget them.
- ◆ When temptations to sin lead us astray from our goal of heaven, we need to forget them.
- ◆ We need not to allow anything in our past to take our focus off of heaven.

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory" (Colossians 3:1-4).

# SERMON ADVANTAGE

**NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH**

**(2 Peter 3:10-13)**

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ where the phrases are found.**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ 65:17 and 66:22.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ 3:13.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ 21:1.

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of these passages.**

- A. The passages in Isaiah have \_\_\_\_\_ to do with the return of Jesus.
  - 1. What is being discussed is the \_\_\_\_\_ in of the New Law.
  - 2. They refer to what will take place when Jesus would come the \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- B. Peter mentions there will be those that \_\_\_\_\_ at the idea of a return of Jesus.
  - 1. Christians are not to be \_\_\_\_\_ of this fact.
  - 2. When Jesus returns the universe is going to pass away with a great \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. All these things will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Revelation 21:1 fits in with the verses \_\_\_\_\_ with 20:11.
  - 1. Here is the \_\_\_\_\_ scene.
  - 2. All those not found in the Book of Life are cast in the lake of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. John was allowed to see the new \_\_\_\_\_, which is the \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the phrases.**

- A. We must remember that any meaning a passage has cannot \_\_\_\_\_ other clear passages.
- B. The new heavens and the new earth is the same state as \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The phrases are \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven itself.