

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ GOSPEL MEETING @ DOVERTOWN NOV 12-14
- ◆ GOSPEL MEETING @ OAKMAN NOV 12-15
- ◆ ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

- 7—Chris Robbins
- 10—Gene McDonald
- 28—Bobbie Dailey
- 29—Brandi Preston

SERMONS

Nov 12, 2017

AM: WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY?

PM: LUKE 15

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

ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

- 2—Neil & Carolyn Myers
- 22—Ben & Jincy Wright

SICK LIST

Fred & Romaine Elliott, Gene McDonald, Jamie McDonald

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

DISGUISED

Pat Moore is twenty-six. She lives in New York City and is a designer and manufacturer of special aids for senior citizens. Recently Pat was invited to speak to a special conference of professionals who were coming together to learn more effective ways of ministering to the elderly.

She was scheduled to speak the second day of the conference but showed up a day early disguised as an elderly lady!

These “professionals” in caring for the needs of the elderly walked right past her, refused to open doors for her, almost slammed doors in her face and generally just ignored her. You can imagine the reaction from the audience the next day when she revealed to them who she was and what had happened.

What if Jesus came to visit us at our church services one Sunday but was disguised as a poor man; a sick woman; a handicapped teenager; a hungry family; or an ex-convict? How would we treat Him, what would our reaction be?

Would we:
Walk up to Him or walk right past?
Shake His hand or shake our head in disgust?
Talk to Him or talk about Him?
Show Him the way in or show Him the way out?
Be glad He came or be glad He left?

Read what Jesus said in Matthew 25:31-46. Then consider what advice is given in Hebrews 13:1-2: “Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.”

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The Wrong Way

We know how dangerous it is to travel the wrong way down a one way street or highway. That is kind of common sense. Yet millions go the wrong way on their spiritual journey and it does not bother them. A few might realize they are going the wrong way, yet they figure things will work out if they just stay the course they have chosen to follow. This will not work. If you are going the wrong way the safest action is to get off that way, and get to the right way.

Another way of looking at this is by the direction we are supposed to go. From Texas, if you want to go to Florida, you should travel east. So if you are on a westbound road going west, you are not going to get to Florida. Hopefully, you will discover your error, and correct it by getting on the road that leads the right direction. Once again, we have millions heading the wrong direction, and they really do not care about it.

Jesus talked about two ways in Matthew 7:13-14. He spoke of the narrow way which leads to heaven, and the broad way which leads to destruction. A blunt, but honest, statement would be that most people are on the pathway to hell. That is so sad, because many do not care about going to hell. Some do not want to go there, but they refuse to get off the path that leads there.

The basic meaning of the word repentance is one of turning around and going the opposite direction. This is easy to see, but most people just ignore it. These people want to go to heaven, but figure they can get there by doing what they have always done. Living a life that does not change will not get one into heaven. They may think themselves into heaven, and they may hope to go there, yet they continue living the same lifestyle and follow the same course that got them into trouble in the first place.

We know that many people claim to know Jesus, but their actions tell a different story. Read what it says in Titus 1:16: "they profess to know Him, but their deeds deny Him".

If you want to get on the right pathway that leads to heaven, you are going to have to get off the pathway to hell. The only way for that to happen is to change your life to bring it into line with God's instructions.

That is not really that hard to do because God has given mankind everything he needs to get right with Him (2 Peter 1:3). God provides a way for people to not sin by giving people a way out (1 Corinthians 10:13). God has provided His grace to all mankind (Titus 2:11-12). And that grace instructs us to live righteous lives.

One cannot begin a journey down the narrow path that leads to heaven if they choose to remain on their pathway of destruction. One of the problems facing everyone is the fact that many preachers these days tell people they can continue in sin, yet still be blessed to be able to go to heaven. That is nothing more than a lie. In fact, it is a horrible lie. When God calls something a sin, it is a sin. Too many people want to say otherwise. Just because many people deny what the Bible says will not make anything acceptable. The only thing acceptable to God is what God has told us in His word.

If you are going to appeal to God to get on the right track, you must make the choice to follow His instructions. Making your own rules and following them is folly. Please change your life's path before it is everlastingly too late.

Carey Scott

SERMON ADVANTAGE

WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY

(Colossians 3:17)

I. The _____ Figure.

- A. Our Lord _____ and _____ for unity.
- B. Jesus stated that the _____ for unity is in Him and the Father.
- C. It was Jesus who was given _____ authority by the Father (Mt. 28:18).
- D. There is no room in this verse for our _____.

II. The _____.

- A. We want to _____ as much as we can.
- B. This verse _____ that from our lives.
- C. The verse starts with " _____ " and then says " _____ ".

III. The _____.

- A. Whatever we _____ and whatever we _____ are to be done in the name of Jesus.
- B. Paul talks about _____ matters but we can't stop at _____.

IV. The _____.

- A. "Ye" means all _____.
- B. This verse leaves out _____ Christians.
- C. God gets the _____, not us.

V. The _____.

- A. This authority _____ Jesus His life to obtain.
- B. Jesus is the Author of eternal salvation for those who will _____ to His authority.