

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ ELDERS WILL GIVE THEIR YEARLY PRESENTATION THIS EVENING
- ◆ GOSPEL MEETING @ PARRISH FEB 2-4
- ◆ THURSDAY NIGHT CLASSES @ 6TH AVE START @ 6 PM

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

- 4—Barbara Wright
- 5—J.P. Whitfield
- 10—Jenna Wright
- 17—David Preston
- 18—Asher Phillips
- 19—Margaret Barton
- 21—Bettye Henderson
- 25—Travis Richardson
- 27—Brooklyn Griggs & Kevin Richardson
- 28—Neil Myers & Jack Wright

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5—Jason & Charity Chambers
- 13—Vercie & Pete Griffin
- 28—Carl & Ann Myers

SICK LIST

Fred & Romaine Elliott, Lynn & Betty Honeycutt, Bettye Henderson, J.D. Dailey, Neil Myers, Jeremy Chambers

SERMONS

Feb 4, 2018

AM: THE LIFE JESUS OFFERS

PM: ELDERS PRESENTATION

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, 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 Sudeth, Renea Lawson, Chuck Peltz, John Aldridge, Tommy Pope, Byron Leith, Jan Sims, Jean Griffith, Audrey Posey

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:
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 You Overdoing it?

Ed Thomason

Have you ever been accused of "over doing it" or "going overboard" when it comes to working for the Lord? Most of us might reply, "Not often!" Others of us might think we "overdo" sometimes, but we probably don't. Still, being an "over-achiever" and "go-getter" when it comes to church work is something that we as Christians should be known for.

The apostle Paul reminded the church at Corinth that they were to become "over-doers" or "second milers" when it came to working for the Lord. He wrote it this way, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:58).

Did you notice the word "abounding" in that passage? It means "overflowing in abundance, exceeding expectations, doing more than what is required." Did you also notice what Paul specifically exhorts brethren to "overflow in abundance" doing? That's right.... "The work of the Lord."

When it comes to the Lord's work, do others find us being timid or even reluctant to be more involved? Shouldn't each of us be known as "over achievers," with a volunteer spirit and willingness to do far more than what is expected or what might be considered our "duty?"

Of course Paul was writing to twenty year old Christians who have endless amounts of energy to "abound" with. Right? Wrong! Did you also notice the word "always?" It means "consistently throughout our lives." There is no age specification in this passage. Each of us should do more than our share of the work. We are taught and expected by God to "abound in the work of the Lord over our entire lifetimes."

How about you? Is your schedule full and overflowing when it comes to the Lord's work?

INTEGRITY
Mark Lindley

Integrity is a human characteristic that seems to be on the verge of becoming extinct. Integrity is “the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness” (online dictionary). A great prophet of the Old Testament, Elijah, once felt very despondent because God’s people had become corrupt and were worshiping false gods. In desperation, Elijah cried to God, “Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away” (I Kings 19:10). Faithful Christians today can relate to the way Elijah felt about his circumstances. He felt that he was the only righteous man left.

Certainly, there are still many godly men and women who possess integrity, but that number is declining. If a cashier miscalculated and gave a customer back too much change, how many would pocket the money, and then, exiting the store, mumble to one’s self, “Today must be my lucky day!” rather than giving the money back to the cashier? Keeping the money might not seem to be a big deal to many, but it is a big deal because it is stealing? Scripture says, “Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth ” (Ephesians 4:28). How many married women have enough integrity to intentionally “shun” the handsome co-worker who always tries to flatter (James 4:7; Proverbs 4:23)? How many fathers have enough integrity to maintain control of his emotions so that when his baseball-player son is called “out” though he appeared to be “safe,” the father does not “cuss-out” the umpire (Colossians 3:8)? What a bad example father sets for his children and for all the players on a team when he blurts out a string of profane language when a call in a baseball game does not go his way! How many people, upon entering a public restroom, finding a wallet or purse with a hundred dollars inside, would steal the hard-earned money of another without ever giving it a second thought (Exodus 20:15)?

Hundreds of scenarios could be added to this list, but the point is clear for all to see. This world needs more good, honest, sincere, decent, and considerate people in it. It starts with you and me! The key word is “integrity!” Let us be people of integrity, that our children and grandchildren might be people of integrity. If every reader of this article will maintain integrity, it will make a positive difference in the world! Just do it!

SERMON ADVANTAGE

THE LIFE JESUS OFFERS

(John 10:10)

I. A _____.

- A. We have a Father who will never _____ us.
- B. This is a Father who _____ all (Hebrews 4:13).
- C. John tells us we can see how great a _____ the Father has for us (1 John 3:1).

II. A _____.

- A. Christians have a family that, as long as we _____ the Father, will _____ us.
- B. A Christian is part of a _____ and _____ family.
- C. Time will come when having a family that will _____ our names in prayer, _____ us, or _____ us will be more valuable than anything this world offers.

III. _____.

- A. As Christians, we have forgiveness that knows no _____ (Ephesians 1:7).
- B. Both Testaments are filled with examples of people who sinned _____ and were forgiven _____.
 - 1. _____ committed murder but ended up leading God’s people.
 - 2. _____ committed adultery but became known as a man after God’s own heart.
- C. No matter how _____ a sin we commit, we can be forgiven (1 John 1:9).

IV. A _____.

- A. As Christians, we have a future that has no _____.
- B. This future involves no more _____ or _____.
- C. We don’t have to _____ death the way so many do.