

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEB 14, 2010 SICK

LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS:

Bertharine Burton, Maudie Jones (Ridgeview Rm 110)

HOME: Flora Millwood, Ruby Harrison, Freddie Alexander, Gloria Windham, Paul Mays, H.C. Brown, Frances Vinson, Mitchell Davidson, Lois Boshell, Fred & Romaine Elliott, Jim Windham, Eli Phillips, Sandra Hunt, Gene McDonald

PRAYER LIST: April Lazenby, Amanda Rutledge, Kimberly Wilcox, Pat Cush, Emmitt Pendley, Fritz Pendley, Jerusha Key, Sonya Parnell, Michelle Howell, Anna Turner, Francis Rushing, Irene Palmer, Vera Fike, Sue Hinds, Virginia Nicholas, Harold Walton, Paul Lockhart, Larry Drummond, Jim Murrell, J.B. Pruitt, Louise Alexander

AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - WHAT DOTH HINDER ME TO BE BAPTIZED?

PM SERMON - NEIL MYERS

SINGING SCHOOL, FEB 21-25

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO MARGARET BARTON DUE TO THE DEATH OF HER SISTER-IN-LAW EDNA TOWNLEY.

SEE GENE OR LINDA FOR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

SEE DAVID FOR TAPES

BIRTHDAYS:

Feb 19: Margaret Barton

REMEMBER GBN ON INSPIRATION NETWORK ON DIRECTV AND DISH SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 6 AM

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827
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Randy Wood 221-2508

MINISTER:

Ben Wright

WHAT DOTH HINDER ME TO BE BAPTIZED?

(Acts 8:26-39)

- I. He learned the _____ of baptism.
- A. We are told that Philip preached unto him _____.
- B. While Philip conducted a great gospel meeting in Samaria, we are told that Philip preached _____ unto them (Acts 8:5).
- C. Just from these two events we should come to understand that Jesus _____ baptism.

- D. Baptism is not some _____ ordained “sacrament, “rite” or “tradition.”
- E. Baptism is a commandment of God in order be in Christ where there is _____ (Galatians 3:26-27).
- II. He learned of the _____ to be baptized.**
- A. We do know, by the reaction of the nobleman, that Philip let him know that he was _____ to be baptized.
- B. No doubt this eunuch felt a _____ obligation to be obedient to the One who died for him.
- C. Our Lord commanded that men be born _____ (John 3:1-5).
- D. Paul informs us, by inspiration, that there is _____ baptism (Eph. 4:5).
- III. He learned about the _____ of baptism.**
- A. The Greek word for “baptize” has always meant “dip, plunge, or _____.”
- B. He understood that he was to be _____ with Christ (Colossians 2:12).
- C. There was no _____ or _____ of water on the Ethiopian.
- IV. He learned the _____ of baptism.**
- A. He came to learn that when he was baptized, the eunuch had his sins _____.
- B. He also came to learn that he was now a _____ man.
- C. He came to learn that he was now _____ of God.
- D. He came to learn that he was now _____ (1 Peter 3:20-21).
- E. He came to learn that he was now a part of the Lord’s _____.
- V. He learned a new _____ because of his baptism.**
- A. This was a _____ of the outcome of his baptism.
- B. He was now a new _____ (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- C. He was now _____ to sin (Romans 6:1-2).
- D. He was now a _____ of Jesus.
- E. Whenever anyone puts on Christ in baptism as did the eunuch, there is a new way of looking at life that is _____.

A DYING BREED

Frank Chesser

A Bible professor in one of our Christian colleges recently remarked, “Those of us who believe Matthew 19:9 are a dying breed. The younger generation doesn't believe it and are not going to teach it.”

Truth is not determined by “who” or “how many.” Wholesale rejection of the clear and obvious import of Matthew 19:9 will not change a jot or a tittle thereof. The effort to lessen the stringent nature of Biblical teaching on divorce and remarriage is just one of many expressions of the permissive spirit that has invaded the church within the last quarter of a century.

“So then, if while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress” (Romans 7:3). Therefore, all marriages, subsequent to a divorce are adulterous relationships. To this general law governing the marital bond, Jesus made one exception, *“except it be for fornication”* (Matthew 19:9). Thus, God's divine formula for marriage is, “Divorce, except for fornication, plus remarriage, equals adultery.”

Ignoring God's “except” (John 3:5) relative to the new birth, denominationalism has tampered with the scheme of redemption and made it impossible for its people to reach the blood of Christ. Many in the church have played havoc with the “except” of God's marriage law, thus destroying purity and promoting adultery.

Judaizers altered God's “except” with regard to the Gospel by adding one of their own. *“Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved”* (Acts 15:1). Such action constituted a gross perversion of the Gospel. Fabricators within the church have limited God's “except” concerning marriage to those one-flesh relationships involving two Christians. Such reprehensible action constitutes a flagrant distortion of God's design for the conjugal state.

Professional help is required to misunderstand God's law regarding marriage. The common man could read and study the New Testament for a lifetime and never arrive at the preposterous conclusions presently being promoted by those viewed as erudite among us. May God grant a renewal of life and number to the “dying breed.”