

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MAY 9, 2010 SICK**

**LIST:**

**HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

Bertharine Burton, Maudie Jones, Ruby Harrison

**HOME:** Flora Millwood, Freddie Alexander, Gloria Windham, Paul Mays, H.C. Brown, Frances Vinson, Lois Boshell, Jim Windham, Gene McDonald, Lizzie Banks

**PRAYER LIST:** April Lazenby, 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, Clyde Hall, Alan Waid, Ricky McDonald, Larry Alexander, Cindy Ruddard, Donnie Bryant

AM SERMON - NEIL MYERS

PM SERMON - NEIL MYERS

**VBS IS JUNE 6-10 - BEGIN INVITING OTHERS AND PRAYING FOR IT**

**BABY POUNDING FOR SHANNA ROBBINS MAY 9 AFTER AM SERVICES. IT'S A BOY!**

**SEE GENE OR LINDA FOR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES**

**SEE DAVID FOR TAPES**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

May 10: Betty Honeycutt

15: Lois Boshell

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

May 9: Tammy & Jon Whitfield

12: J.D. & Bobbie Dailey

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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**

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**LESSONS FROM THE MOTHER OF THE SONS OF THUNDER  
(Matthew 20:20-23)**

1. **She asked that her sons be \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom.**
  1. I hope and believe that the mothers here are mothers of \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. No one has ever said motherhood is \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. There are times when your children make you extremely \_\_\_\_\_.
    2. There are times when they make you \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. No matter what may be going on, mothers and fathers need to be praying to God about their children's \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 4:6).
  4. We need to be praying for their eternal \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. Mrs. Zebedee gives us a valuable \_\_\_\_\_ because she asked Jesus for her sons to be a part of His kingdom.
2. **She asked that her sons be \_\_\_\_\_ in the work of the kingdom.**
  1. She not only wanted her sons in the kingdom, but she wanted them to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the kingdom as well.
  2. It is not enough for us to simply want our children to be \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Christians are described as \_\_\_\_\_, which carries the idea of work (Luke 17:10; Romans 6:16-18).
  4. The greatest way for this prayer to be answered is for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to be workers in the kingdom as well.
    1. We set the \_\_\_\_\_ for our children.
    2. They will, more than likely, work no \_\_\_\_\_ than us.
    3. The spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ begins at home.
  5. The children need to see us taking an \_\_\_\_\_ role in the work of the congregation.
3. **She had big expectations.**
1. She didn't pray that her sons be \_\_\_\_\_, but that they sit on the right and left hands of the King.
  2. Some may consider her \_\_\_\_\_, and maybe rightly so.
    1. However, she was bold and didn't settle for \_\_\_\_\_..
    2. We shouldn't be content with small things and most are not when it comes to \_\_\_\_\_ matters.
    3. Most of us don't pray for our children to hold \_\_\_\_\_ positions in the work place.
    4. What are we praying about when it comes to the kingdom of Christ?
    5. Are we praying for our sons to be elders, deacons or preachers?
    6. Are we praying for our daughters to marry men who will hold these positions or for them to be Bible class teachers?
  3. We need to pray for our children to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord's church - we need to pray big when it comes to our children.
  4. We must strive for \_\_\_\_\_ because the Lord calls us to be His disciples and to be effective laborers in His kingdom.

## **“AS WE STAND AND SING”**

### **Mark Lindley**

The above words or words similar to these are usually the last to be spoken at the end of a sermon and before the invitation song is sung. It is then customary that we all stand together and sing the “song of invitation.” But sometimes it seems that we do not really understand the purpose for which the song is being sung or else we fail to keep our attention focused. The singing of this song does not signal the end of the service, but rather it signals that a very vital part of the service is about to begin.

We sometimes fail to give the proper respect to this part of the service. Instead of focusing on what we are supposed to be doing, we are putting on our coats, picking up children's toys, going to the restroom, talking, thinking about what we are going to do after services or playing with the babies. While there may be exceptions when one had to do some of the aforementioned things, it seems to happen far too often.

Why do we sing a “song of invitation?” What is the purpose of this part of the service? This part of the service is for encouraging one another in song to respond to the Lord’s invitation. Rather than being a time of getting ready to go home, it should be a time of considering what has been preached in the sermon. We should consider whether or not there may be others who need to respond. If there are, our singing will help to encourage them.

In settings where there are many distractions during the invitation song, the chances are slim that there will be public responses. Suppose during the sermon someone is seriously considering responding to the invitation to be baptized into Christ. When the song begins this person is struggling with the decision of whether or not to respond. But as he looks in front of him, he sees a couple laughing and it very obvious that their minds are not on the invitation song. As he tries to figure out why this couple is laughing, his thoughts are no longer on baptism but have been temporarily shifted to the couple standing in front of him. When he begins thinking again about being baptized, the thought does not seem as compelling. The invitation song ends; this person did not respond and goes home lost. Would he have responded if it had not been for the couple standing in front of him? It very obviously would have been more encouraging if they had been singing instead of laughing.

Let’s do our best to stay focused during the invitation song. It is a time when we are extending the greatest invitation available to man - the Lord’s invitation. Rather than distracting those who may respond, let’s sing and encourage them.