

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DEC 27, 2015**

**SICK LIST:**

**HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

Ruby Harrison

**HOME:** Fred & Romaine Elliott, Bettye Henderson

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "A GROWING CHURCH

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "EXPECT BETTER THINGS"

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO HOYT SIMS DUE TO THE DEATH OF HIS SISTER, BARBARA STEWART. SERVICES WILL BE THIS AFTERNOON**

**OUR HOLIDAY DINNER WILL BE TONIGHT AT THE BULLPEN AFTER EVENING SERVICES**

**OUR MIDWEEK SERVICES THIS WEEK WILL BE ON TUESDAY EVENING**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING AT ADAMSVILLE BEGINS AT 8 PM**

**ANNIVERSARY:**

Dec 27: Travis & Sandy Richardson

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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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#### **MINISTER:**

Ben Wright 522-8004

## A GROWING CHURCH

(Acts 2:47)

### I. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ (Acts 2:22-28).

A. When Peter and the other apostles stood up to speak on that day, they preached a simple message of Christ and Him \_\_\_\_\_.

1. They presented Jesus as One who was \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

2. They presented Jesus as the \_\_\_\_\_.

3. They presented Jesus as the \_\_\_\_\_ Savior.

B. Jesus has to be at the \_\_\_\_\_ of all that we are teaching.

### II. Enjoy Christian \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:42-46).

A. Those early brethren enjoyed being with one \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Assembling together was a \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

2. They also would get together \_\_\_\_\_ of the assembly.

B. They \_\_\_\_\_ together, \_\_\_\_\_ together, and \_\_\_\_\_ together.

C. The early church understood that and it allowed them to show their love for one another which caused others to take \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. Have a common \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 4:32).

A. They \_\_\_\_\_ one another and wanted one another to get to heaven.

B. We have a single purpose: to \_\_\_\_\_ God.

1. We fulfill that purpose in \_\_\_\_\_ ways.

2. One of which is the way we take \_\_\_\_\_ of one another (John 13:34-35).

### IV. Be \_\_\_\_\_ by those outside the church (Acts 2:47; 5:13).

A. They lived lives that even sinful people \_\_\_\_\_.

B. You and I ought to be \_\_\_\_\_ people in that way by the lives we lead.

### V. Be committed to \_\_\_\_\_ God (Acts 5:29).

A. Christianity is not a matter of \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The apostles were standing before a group of men that could have had them \_\_\_\_\_.

### VI. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:43-46; 4:31-37).

A. They were willing to \_\_\_\_\_ one another (Galatians 5:13).

B. Christians \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

1. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ in all that He did (Philippians 2:5-8).

2. He put us \_\_\_\_\_.

### VII. Practice \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 8:1-4).

A. Evangelism was not left to simply a faithful \_\_\_\_\_.

B. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ way to evangelize.

C. We won't grow unless we evangelize.

## How Does the Church Grow? Stan Mitchell

A number of years ago I was talking to a young man about a practice in worship about which I had biblical concerns. Evidently he felt my concerns demonstrated that I was not "interested in evangelism."

"Don't you believe," he concluded his remarks, "That God's will is that we grow?"

There were several things wrong with his statement. The first was the assumption that this particular unbiblical practice would result in a growing church. He had no way of knowing whether there was a direct correlation between the two.

Just saying (as these kinds of people usually say with utter, blissful confidence) that a certain action will make the church grow is no guarantee that it will do so.

The second problem with his statement was that when numerical growth does occur because of some unbiblical practice, the price we paid for church growth was too great!

The third problem, and the most significant, is that when we build without the authority of Jesus Christ's direction, we build on the wrong foundation. And as anyone who has built anything knows, the foundation is the most vital part of a structure, physical or spiritual.

"For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Christ Jesus," (1 Corinthians 3:11, ESV).

"On this rock I [Jesus] will build my church" (Matthew 16:18).

As one author observed, the correct foundation makes all the difference: "Paul does not mean that it would be impossible to construct a new community on a different basis, only that such a community would not be the church" (Barrett, 1 Corinthians, 87).

This is not to say that we shouldn't utilize thought, prayer, imagination and vision to help reach our communities and help the church to grow. But let us remind ourselves that we are involved in no merely human activity.

We are not building a social organization, a support group or a therapeutic center; we're building the church of Jesus Christ. And for that, only one foundation can be laid.