

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JAN 8, 2017**

**LAKESHORE REHAB:** Tabitha Rushing

**HOME:** Fred & Romaine Elliott, Henry McDonald, Lucille Finn, Gene McDonald, Charlie Richardson, Bruce Windham, Lynn Honeycutt

**PRAYER LIST:** April Lazenby, Sue Hinds, Joshua Jackson, Elmer Williams, Debra Webb, Patsy Tucker, Debbie Odom, Robert Turner, Bobby Holloway, Ricky McDonald, David Brown, Kim Elliott, J.D. Dailey, Donna Laratta, Kathy Windham, Arthur Mason, John Pruitt, Madison Banks, Charles Crump, Martha Ann, Margie Thomasson, Micah Earnest, Vonciel Phillips, Wanda Self, Jamie Sanford, Bruce Windham, Raymond Johnson, Joyce Jacobs, Patrick Parker, Gene McDonald, Mike Miles, Jon Sanford, Marvin White, Jimmy Harrison, Otto Tolbert, Diane Chambers, Angie Jones, Victor Crosby, Brianna Cordell, Michael Griggs, Bud Howell, Margaret Henson, Danny Marara, Judith Homer, Mason Chambers

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE PERSONALITY OF GOD"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "GOD IS SOVEREIGN"

**ELDERS MEETING NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER EVENING SERVICES**

**MEN'S DAY AT WINFIELD, JAN 28 AT 9 AM**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Jan 8: Henry McDonald

13: Bruce Windham

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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:**

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**THE PERSONALITY OF GOD**  
**(Luke 15:11-24)**

**I. He is the One who \_\_\_\_\_ with man.**

A. This parable tells us about God's \_\_\_\_\_ with man.

B. Man is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

1. God is not the Great \_\_\_\_\_ as some have described Him.

2. God can, and \_\_\_\_\_ to, be known.

C. God has \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to us in His word (2 Corinthians 2:9-13).

D. He is the God who knows us by \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:14-15).

**II. He is the One who \_\_\_\_\_ our freedom of choice.**

A. God is seen by some as a Being who moves man \_\_\_\_\_ man's will.

B. The prodigal made the \_\_\_\_\_ to ask for the goods that were to come to him.

1. It was his decision to take those goods and \_\_\_\_\_ out on his own.

2. It was also his decision to come \_\_\_\_\_.

C. You and I have the freedom to \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 24:15).

**III. He is the One \_\_\_\_\_ in the lives of His creation.**

A. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ God the Father as a God who is very involved.

1. He deals with His son by \_\_\_\_\_ him what belongs to Him.

2. We \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual blessings from this ever-present God (Ephesians 1:3).

B. He is the God who will never \_\_\_\_\_ us (Hebrews 13:5).

**IV. He is the One who \_\_\_\_\_ for man.**

A. This father, a picture of God, is seen caring for his son who is \_\_\_\_\_.

1. God sends the \_\_\_\_\_ on the just and the unjust (Matthew 5:45).

2. However, His spiritual children are told to give Him their \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 5:7).

B. God cares enough that He sent His \_\_\_\_\_ for all men (John 3:16).

C. He cares enough that He wants all men to be \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 2:4).

D. He cares enough that He has shown His \_\_\_\_\_ to all men (Titus 2:11).

**V. He is the One who \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. Forgiveness can be defined as \_\_\_\_\_ of lost fellowship.

1. Forgiveness is needed when a \_\_\_\_\_ of fellowship has occurred.

2. There was an act that hurt the other party and forgiveness is needed to remove the \_\_\_\_\_ that now exists.

B. The son hurt the father by, in essence, desiring him to be \_\_\_\_\_.

C. When the son came to his senses and went home, the father is shown as \_\_\_\_\_ restoring that lost fellowship.

D. The giving of the robe, ring, and shoes all show the \_\_\_\_\_ of the father towards the son.

## **DO YOU WANT TO MAKE GOD LAUGH?**

**J.K. Gossett**

The late John Chancellor of NBC News said, "If you want to make God laugh, tell Him what your plans are". Mr. Chancellor made this statement at a critical time in his life, realizing that God always has the last word.

The Scriptures teach that it is right to plan, but folly to plan without God. Solomon wrote by inspiration, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow: for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Prov. 27:1).

With regard to business, men who plan with wanton disregard for the divine Creator, James wrote, "Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is eve a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: All such rejoicing is evil" (Jas. 4:13-16).

In the parable of the rich fool, Jesus said, "The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, THOU FOOL, THIS NIGHT THY SOUL SHALL BE REQUIRED OF THEE; THEN WHOSE SHALL THOSE THINGS BE, WHICH THOU HAS PROVIDED? SO IS HE THAT LAYETH UP TREASURE FOR HIMSELF, AND IS NOT RICH TOWARD GOD" (Luke 12:16-21).

No doubt some who are reading these words are building greater barns, planning a business trip in the morning or a wedding in June. Some of these things will never happen. Life is a vapor. Who know what tomorrow will bring?

Jesus taught His disciples to pray: "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matt. 6:11).