

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ BEGINNING IN JULY THE 3RD SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE WILL BE AT 1 PM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A FELLOWSHIP MEAL TOGETHER
- ◆ 7B SOUTHEASTERN SOUL SAVING SEMINAR @ ADAMSVILLE JUNE 23-25
- ◆ VBS @ ELDRIDGE JUNE 25-28

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE:

- 10: Allie Chambers & Linda McDonald
- 21: Ricky Pope
- 26: Ben Wright
- 28: Averie Richardson

JULY:

- 1: Danny Busby

SERMONS

June 25, 2017

AM: THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

PM: A GIVING HEART

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, Joyce Jacobs, Gene McDonald, Mike Miles, Jon Sanford, Marvin White, Jimmy Harrison, Diane Chambers, Angie Jones, Victor Crosby, Brianna Cordell, Michael Griggs, Bud Howell, Margaret Henson, Judith Homer, Mason Chambers, Danielle Dodd, Mark Barker, Mike Myers, Amy Suddeth, Renea Lawson, Chuck Peltz, John Aldridge

SICK LIST

Fred & Romaine Elliott, Gene McDonald, Bruce Windham, Wilma Brown, Travis & Sandy Richardson, J.D. & Bobbie Dailey

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:
Eugene McDonald
924-4827
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

Do You Keep His Commandments?

Jon Mitchell

"Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." All who profess to follow Christ will unhesitatingly state that they love God. That's a given, and from a certain perspective it's a good thing. It speaks of their sincerity and of a heart-felt gratitude they have towards their Creator.

Yet, so many of us profess to love God...while unrepentantly doing things that grieve him, anger him, and displease him. Consider this...

We say we love God but we hardly ever open our Bibles. Do you truly love someone if you're not interested in learning what they have to say? We say we love God but we hardly ever pray. Do you truly love someone if you're not interested in talking to them?

We say we love God but we choose to worship him according to what we think will please him rather than according to his will revealed to us in his Word. Do you truly love someone if they ask you to give them a certain gift and instead you give them what you think they will like?

We say we love God but we then say he has saved us in a way which is foreign to how he has told us he saves us in his Word. Do you truly love someone if you basically call them a liar, especially over something as important as your salvation?

We say we love God but we do not care enough about the souls for whom he sent his Son to die to share with them the gospel as he told us to do. Do you truly love someone if you don't care enough to do everything you can to save the person for whom they gave such a high sacrifice?

If we truly love God and his Son Jesus, we will obey their commandments. And when we sin and fail them, we will repent and try again because we love them. Otherwise, all we are doing is lying to them, to others, and to ourselves.

WHAT IF EVERYBODY WAS DOING IT?

Timothy Gunnells

What if everybody treated everybody like I treated everybody? Have you ever considered that question for yourself? When I say “I” I mean you and I mean me. I don’t mean your wife, your child, your boss, your coworker, your schoolmate, or your neighbor. I mean how do you and how do I treat other people day in and day out?

What if we all started actually and literally living out the greatest commandments? Let me remind you of what they are, according to Jesus:

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, “‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 22:36-40 NASB

I cannot convince someone who is not a disciple of Jesus Christ to actively follow these commandments. I wish you would. I pray you will. I know that the world would begin to change for the better if everyone would at least give it a genuine try. However, if you claim to follow Jesus... well...to be blunt, you and I are without excuse. Yet, most of us consistently proclaim our own rights, pursue our own desires, and rail against anyone and everyone that gets in the way of what we perceive will make us happy.

Feel free to argue with me but I know I’m on target because I know you because I know myself and we are alike. We want what we want when we want it and how we want it. I want to do better. I need to do better starting with my wife and children and my parents. I need to do better in truly showing love for the Lord too. I’ve got room for improvement and my assumption is that you do too.

So, back to my opening question. What if everybody treated everybody like I treated everybody? What if the primary weakness of my family, my church, my school, my workplace, and my part of the world is my own lack of genuine love for God and for my neighbor?

Let’s all commit to love like Jesus. Let’s all commit to begin changing our world for the better starting now.

SERMON ADVANTAGE

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

(Matthew 28:18-20)

I. What do we do?

- A. _____ Jesus set foot on earth, it was told what He would do.
 1. He was to be named Jesus, which means “_____”.
 2. John would point the way to Him who would bring _____.
- B. When Jesus was _____, we are told what He would do (Luke 2:10-11, 30, 38).
- C. When Jesus began to _____, we are told what He was doing (John 1:29; Luke 4:43).

II. How do we do it?

- A. Peter and John went to where the _____ were (Acts 3).
- B. Philip went to where the _____ were (Acts 8).
- C. Philip went to where the _____ was (Acts 8).
- D. Peter went to where one _____ was (Acts 10).
- E. Don’t ever make the mistake of doing _____!!!!

III. For whom do we do it?

- A. We do what we do for _____.
 1. God wants all men to be _____. (1 Timothy 2:4).
 2. You and I are to do the _____ of God (1 John 2:17).
- B. We do what we do for the _____.
 1. The 2nd greatest command is to love thy _____ as thyself.
 2. If we truly love our neighbors, we will not want them to be _____.

IV. What value are we bringing?

- A. We bring the only _____ that saves.
- B. We bring stronger _____.
- C. We bring a place of _____.
- D. We bring help for the _____.