

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ THERE WILL BE A FELLOWSHIP MEAL FOLLOWING THE MORNING SERVICE TODAY
- ◆ WE WILL EAT AT 5:30 EACH NIGHT AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME
- ◆ MADISON CHAMBERS WEDDING IS AUG 12 @ 6 PM AT SHADY GROVE FARMS
- ◆ SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO BRENDA RUSHING DUE TO THE DEATH OF HER BROTHER RONALD DOBBS. SERVICES WILL BE THURSDAY AND BURIAL WILL BE SATURDAY

BIRTHDAYS

AUG:

- 1- Jill Roden
- 3- Kim Haynes
- 7- Shanna Robbins
- 8- Chuck Windham
- 12- Madison Chambers
- 18- Glenn Lockhart
- 22- Charity Chambers
- 24- Linda Davidson
- 28- Braden Wright

SERMONS

Aug. 6, 2017

AM: MARK LINDLEY

PM: MARK LINDLEY

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

ANNIVERSARIES

AUG:

- 10: Rick & Cindy Pope
- 15: Danny & Brenda Rushing
- 17: Frank & Wilma Brown
- 27: Jack & Barbara Wright

SICK LIST

Fred & Romaine Elliott, Bobbie Dailey (Ridgeview, Rm 148), Brandi Preston

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

It Will Work!

Neal Pollard

- Planting gospel seed (cf. Luke 8:11) will result in people of all ages, backgrounds, and nations becoming Christians.
 - Overcoming evil with good (Rom. 12:17-21) will soften hard-hearted enemies.
 - Approaching a wayward brother or sister in lovingkindness (Gal. 6:1; Jas. 5:19-20) will bring some back to faithfulness.
 - Faithful attendance will stimulate to love and good deeds (Heb. 10:24-25).
 - Singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs from the heart and with purpose will help us and everyone else who is present (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).
 - Spending time together and getting to know each other will make us closer to one another (Acts 2:44; 4:32).
 - Investing in a heartfelt relationship with God will lessen anxiety and increase peace and joy (John 14:27; Phil. 4:7).
 - If the church stays committed to souls and service, it will grow (Acts 6:1-7).
 - Speaking to (rather than about) those who we feel have offended us results in greater harmony and reconciliation (Matt. 18:15-17).
 - Culture is met mightily by transformed, sacrificial representatives for Christ (Rom. 12:1-2).
 - We will win more in the world if we are not trying to simply embrace and imitate it as it is (Jas. 4:4).
 - Emphasizing leadership will result in people rising up to lead (cf. Ti. 1:5-11; 1 Th. 5:12-13).
 - Homes united in dedication to putting Christ's kingdom first will have a high rate of success in raising faithful children (Pr. 22:6; Eph. 6:1-4).
 - If we will consult Scripture for answers to our dilemmas, we'll uncover the best solutions possible (Ps. 119:105).
- In our search for relevance, effectiveness, and success in our present world, let's not overthink it! Whatever the question, if it matters (2 Pet. 1:3), the Bible has the answer. It will work!

WORRYING AND PRECIOUS TIME

Mark Lindley

Time is a precious blessing not to be wasted. With each tick of the clock, the brief span of time we have in this world is passing. This is why Paul exhorts us to use our time wisely: “Redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:16). We should “number our days,” making the most of each moment, living life to the fullest (Psalm 90:12).

Perhaps, nothing hinders a proper use of time more than the futile exercise of worry. To worry is to “to afflict with mental distress or agitation: make anxious” (Webster’s). Worry goes far beyond reasonable concern. To worry is to be anxious and fretful. Everyone, at some point, will have to deal with the temptation to worry. Many cares and concerns burden our minds. We may worry about our children, finances, health, marriage, and a thousand other things. But worrying wastes time and accomplishes nothing!

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave some powerful principles regarding worry. He asked, “Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?” (Matthew 6:27). The “cubit” of Scripture was roughly 22 inches, from the elbow to the end of the middle finger.

It is apparent that one cannot increase his or her height by worrying about it. God, by the process of biology, determines the “cubits” of each person’s height. This is out of our control. In this same way, the vast majority of our worries are beyond our control. Worrying will never improve one’s finances, health, or marriage. Worry will never help your children or grandchildren make wise choices. In fact, worry will never do one thing positive for you. But it will waste your time!

Jesus teaches us to “take no thought” for our lives or for tomorrow (Matthew 6:25, 34). Since God knows our needs, He will provide. He takes care of the birds and the lilies, surely, He can and will take care of all who seek Him (Matthew 6:26, 28, 30). Rather than spending our time worrying, we should spend our time seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33).

If worry has become a problem in your life, break the cycle today. Realize that time is quickly passing. Begin looking to God. Seek Him through a study of His Word, the Bible. Put Him first in your life. Trust His promises, obey His will, and He will take care of you! He promised His people: “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Hebrews 13:5).

RELIGIOUS UNITY

Mark Lindley

It is apparent that there is widespread religious division in our day. Driving through large cities or small towns, one will see numerous houses of worship. Each place of worship has been established by a church (denomination) that has its own denominational name, doctrines, and practices. The doctrines and practices of one church often contradict the doctrines and practices of other churches. With such rampant religious division, is it possible for there to be unity among all who profess to follow Christ?

In response to that question, consider what Jesus prayed: “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me” (John 17:20-21). Notice that Jesus prayed that all His followers would be “one,” just as He and the heavenly Father are one. However, the religious world of our day is divided, not united.

In addition to what Jesus prayed, consider what Paul wrote about unity: “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” (I Corinthians 1:10). It was Paul’s desire that the church at Corinth have “no divisions.” How would Paul feel about all the “divisions” within the religious world today? Without a doubt, he would oppose such divisions.

But is unity possible? In a day when there are so many churches, doctrines, and practices is unity possible? Yes! All believers can be “one.” It is a possibility for there to be “no divisions” today.

The solution to religious division is set forth in the words of Philippians 3:16: “Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.” The remedy for division is to “walk by the same rule.” The rule by which followers of Christ are to walk is the word of God (cf. Acts 17:11; I Thessalonians 2:13; II Timothy 3:16-17).

Religious division is the result of deviating from the Bible. Division is caused by “adding” to, or “taking away” from the teachings of the Bible. Every denominational name, doctrine, and practice would cease to exist if all would abandon religious traditions and honor the authority of God’s Word, the Bible. May we resolve that whatever we do in word or deed, we will do all in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:17).