

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ THE ELDERS ARE LOOKING FOR CONGREGATIONS IN FLORIDA WHO ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY OR ANYONE, PLEASE INFORM THE ELDERS
- ◆ GOSPEL MEETING @ 6TH AVE OCT 1-4
- ◆ GOSPEL MEETING @ BURLESON OCT 1-4
- ◆ GOSPEL MEETING @ WHITE'S CHAPEL OCT 1-5
- ◆ GUS NICHOLS SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL EMPHASIS THURSDAYS @ 6 PM

## BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

- 3—Shelia Windham
- 5—Wilma Brown
- 11—Fred Elliott

## SERMONS

Oct 1, 2017

AM: EXCEPT YE BELIEVE

PM: EZEKIEL 37

## 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, Gene McDonald, Mike Miles, Marvin White, Jimmy Harrison, Diane Chambers, Angie Jones, Victor Crosby, Brianna Cordell, Bud Howell, Margaret Henson, Judith Homer, Mason Chambers, Danielle Dodd, Mike Myers, Weston Suddeth, Renea Lawson, Chuck Peltz, John Aldridge, Tommy Pope, Byron Leith, Jan Sims

## ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER

- 1—Hoyt & Faye Sims
- 28—Danny & Robin Busby
- 30—David & Brandi Preston

## SICK LIST

Fred & Romaine Elliott, Bettye Henderson, Travis Richardson, Bobbie Dailey, Gene McDonald

# 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

**Truth is Essential**  
**Bill Lambert**

John 8:31-32 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

The world needs the truth, but there are precious few who are willing to hear the truth. Why is this? Because the truth is many times painful. People would rather "put off" facing the truth in order to continue their lives without the pain of making changes. Facing the truth will mean facing the need to make those changes. This is the "moment of truth" which we have heard about all our lives. It is when one must make a decision to accept the truth and act upon it, or ignore the truth and suffer the consequences. Jesus said that the truth will make one free, but this is only if one accepts the truth. Many, unwilling to accept the truth, will continue in their ungodliness.

In John 5:39-40, Jesus said to his audience of Jews, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life." He likened them to chickens which could find refuge under the wings of their mother. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matt 23:37).

Had they been willing to accept the truth that Jesus was the Son of God, they would have had life -- but they would not. As Peter said to the Lord one time, "...thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). By refusing him, they had, as those Jews who rejected their preaching judged themselves unworthy of eternal life. (cf. Acts 13:46).

What is your attitude when your habits, lifestyle, beliefs, etc. are exposed to the light of truth? You cannot simply say, "I don't agree that such is wrong." That will not make it right -- even if you could find a million people to agree with you! The truth is still the truth, even if it is ignored or denied.

## THE BOOK OF ALL BOOKS

Mark Lindley

We live in a time when skepticism regarding God's existence is increasing. Those who profess atheism are writing books, giving lectures, and teaching in some universities that believing in God is a thing of the past and for the ignorant. Nevertheless, for those whose minds are open, honest, and objective there is powerful, abundant evidence for God's existence. The God of which I speak is the God of the Bible.

Just one piece of evidence for God's existence is the Bible, itself. Some argue that it is circular reasoning to use the Bible as evidence for what the Bible teaches about the existence of God. However, in the courts of our land, those accused of violating law are allowed to take the stand and speak in their own defense.

By the same principle, the Bible should be admissible as one piece of evidence for the existence of God. The Bible should be allowed to "speak for itself." The argument for God's existence based upon the Bible might be constructed as follows: 1) If the Bible is a book that cannot be accounted for upon natural grounds, then there must have been a supernatural, guiding power behind the production of the Bible; 2) the Bible cannot be accounted for upon natural grounds; 3) therefore, there must have been a supernatural, guiding power behind the production of the Bible. I affirm that the only being able to produce such a remarkable book is God. What does the Bible claim for itself? "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (II Timothy 3:16-17).

One line of evidence that the Bible is inspired of God is prophecy. Only God knows the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:9-10). Skeptics choose to ignore literally hundreds of prophecies about the birth, life, mission, death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Some of these prophecies were made a thousand years before Christ came. It was predicted that Jesus would be born of a virgin, would die for the sins of others, and would be buried in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 7:14; 53:4-6, 9). It was further prophesied that Jesus would arise from the dead, ascend to heaven, and establish an everlasting kingdom, the church (Psalm 16:8-11; Acts 2:25-31; Daniel 7:13-14; Colossians 1:13, 18). These prophecies are a small sample of the ones made concerning Christ.

Many additional prophecies were made in Old Testament times concerning other people, nations, and events which came to pass. That such prophecies were made is indisputable. How can one account for hundreds of prophecies fulfilled upon natural grounds? I maintain that one cannot, and that there must have been supernatural intervention—God—to produce the Bible.

The Bible is the Book of all books. Read it. Study and meditate upon it, and your faith will be increased that the Scriptures truly are inspired of God.

# SERMON ADVANTAGE

EXCEPT YE BELIEVE

(John 8:24)

## I. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to be the Messiah.

- A. Jesus once had a discussion with a \_\_\_\_\_ woman by Jacob's well (John 4:7-15).
- B. Jesus then talked to her about her \_\_\_\_\_ situation.
  - 1. By doing this, Jesus showed her that He knew her \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. He had never met her before this \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Jesus claimed to be the \_\_\_\_\_, the Son of God.
- D. Notice what Jesus said to \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 27:11).

## II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus showed Him to be the Messiah.

- A. The works did not show Jesus to be an \_\_\_\_\_ (John 5:36).
- B. The healing of the \_\_\_\_\_ man (John 9).
- C. The healing of the \_\_\_\_\_ man (Matthew 12:22-23).
- D. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the waves (Mark 4:38-41).
- E. The raising of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 11).
  - 1. There was no \_\_\_\_\_ this miracle occurred (John 11:47-48).
  - 2. The Pharisees even considered putting Lazarus to \_\_\_\_\_ (John 12:10).
- F. John tells us why he \_\_\_\_\_ (John 20:30-31).

## III. \_\_\_\_\_ point to Jesus as the Messiah.

- A. Nearly every writing \_\_\_\_\_ recorded a prophecy of the coming Messiah.
- B. Notice what Jesus said about what was \_\_\_\_\_ about Him (Luke 24:44).
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ itself testified to the fact of Jesus being the Son of God.
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ is also a witness to the Sonship of Jesus (Acts 2:31).