

NEWS AND NOTES

- ◇ Please remember in prayer– Linda James, Patti James’ son (Brian), Debbie Montgomery , Alma Townsley (Angela Wisdom’s aunt) , June Ross (Nick & Robin’s Grandmother), Nadine Fields (Moses' sister), Hugh Sills, and Ted Penland.
- ◇ Davis & Kyoko Williams will be out of town until the 29th.
- ◇ Please remember also our shut-ins:
- ◇ Group 1 meets tonight.

***UPCOMING EVENTS ***

- Last Friday of each month - Teen Bible Study (May 24th)
- 2nd Sunday each month - Afternoon Song Practice (**Today**)
- 2nd Monday night each month - Ladies’ Bible Class. (**Tomorrow**)
- 4th Sunday of each month -Men’s Bible Class (May 26th)

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Assignments

Wednesday Night: 5/15/13

Song Leader: Colby Sadler
 Opening Prayer: Eddie Lawson
 Invitation: Nick Ross
 Announcements: Mike Sadler
 Closing Prayer: Jordan Lawson
 Parking Lot: Paul Lloyd

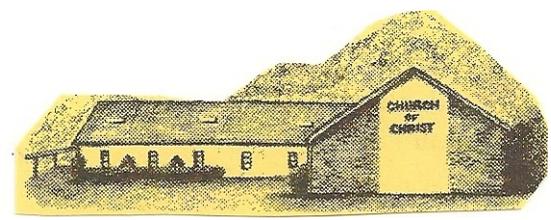
Sunday Morning: 5/19/13

Lord’s Table: Colby Sadler (B)
 Sherman Johnson (C)
 Serving: Ed Lawson
 Clay Sadler
 Song Leader: Bob Marshall
 Opening Prayer: Nick Groenhof
 Announcements: Larry Hicks
 Closing Prayer: James VanDoorn
 Parking Lot: (9:00) Bucky Day
 (9:50) Jim Abram

Sunday Evening: 5/19/13

Song Leader: Keith Marshall
 Opening Prayer: Eddie Lawson
 Lord’s Table: Colby Sadler
 Announcements: Larry Hicks
 Closing Prayer: OPEN
 Parking Lot: Norm Blackburn

****Tomorrow is the last Ladies’ class until the fall. It will be held at Stephan Marshall’s residence. The class will study “Abigail– Queen of the Art of Persuasion” - Pages 108-116*



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<p><u>ELDERS</u> Larry Hicks (863) 899-7405 Leon Miller (863) 640-6378</p>	<p><u>SERVICES</u> Sunday Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Morning Services 9:50 A.M. Evening Services 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 P.M.</p>	<p><u>DEACONS:</u> Robert Marshall Michael Sadler Eric Stevens Moses Stevens David Williams</p>
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“IF THE FOUNDATIONS BE DESTROYED, WHAT CAN THE RIGHTEOUS DO?”

Psalms 11:3

I believe there is a good lesson in this psalm for us today. We live in a time when the foundations of our society and of religion are being destroyed. It is a time when truth is set aside for error; a time when men do not believe in God; a time of moral decay and religious apostasy. Since we, the people of God, live in a time when the foundations are being destroyed, we must work to preserve:

1. BELIEF IN GOD: Men on every hand are trying to destroy belief in God. They teach that God did not create the heavens and the earth,

man, and all things in the world as the Bible teaches in Genesis chapters one and two. They also teach that there is no God, or that “God is dead”. Man’s disbelief in God does not make God non-existent. Paul said in II Timothy 2:13: *“If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.”* David of old said, *“The fool hath said in his heart, there is not God.”* (Psa. 14: 1). The righteous had better wake up to the fact that belief in God is one of the foundations that is being destroyed in this country today!

2. MEN WHO KEEP THEIR PROMISES: We live in a day when a man’s word is not his bond. Even members of the Lord’s church won’t keep their word! The God of heaven has always required man to keep his word (vow). The wise man of old said, *“When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: Pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.”* (Eccl. 5: 4,5). The psalmist said that the man who is

right before the Lord would swear to his own hurt, and change not (Psa. 15:4) – one who will keep his promises even if he comes out on the “short end”.

3. THE HOME AS GOD ORDAINED IT: God conceived and originated the marriage relationship; therefore this relationship has a perfect pattern, revealed in the Bible, for man to follow. Marriage is MONOGAMOUS in form – one man and one woman (Gen. 2:24; I Cor. 7:2); THREEFOLD in purpose – (1) to satisfy man’s desire for companionship (Gen. 2:18), (2) to perpetuate the human race (Gen. 1:28; I Tim. 2:15), and (3) to prevent immorality (I Cor. 7:2; Heb. 13:4); PATRIARCHAL in government – the man is the head (Eph. 5:23; I Pet. 3: 1 – 7); MUTUAL in obligation (Eph. 5: 23 – 33; Titus 2: 4,5); and RELIGIOUS in spirit (Eph. 6: 1 – 4; Deut. 6:7). The Bible teaches that there are only two things that can dissolve a marriage: (1) death (Rom. 7: 1 -4; Matt. 22: 223 – 30); and (2) fornication (Matt. 19: 9;

5:32). But, in the day in which we live, many do not marry, they just live together committing fornication! It is a day when many married people have “affairs”. It is a day of broken homes and neglected, untrained children. No society can long stand when the divine institution of the home breaks down!

4. MORAL UPRIGHTNESS: Another of the foundations that is being destroyed today is moral uprightness. Some of the prevalent sins in our society today are adultery, fornication, lasciviousness, *“men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burning in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet”* (Rom. 1: 27). All of these sins stand under the condemnation of God (Gal. 5: 19 – 21; I Cor. 6: 9 – 10).

5. THE CHURCH: The church is the most important institution in the world – without it man would be lost (Eph. 5:23)! Things that are destroying the church today are: (1)

institutionalism; (2) the “social gospel”; (3) modernism; and (4) preachers “living high on the flock” who will not cry out against their sins. Yes, brethren, this foundation is also being destroyed!

“WHAT CAN THE RIGHTEOUS DO?”: When the righteous see these things happening every day, what can they do? The answer is found in this eleventh psalm. David said that in such a time as this he put his trust in the Lord (Psalms 11:1). So, we today, can only do what the Lord has commanded us to do – be “salt” and “light” (Matt. 5: 14, 16) in this old evil world and put our trust in God, knowing that He is the Sovereign of the universe and that He will rule and overrule for the good of His people.

Donald Townsley