

### NEWS AND NOTES

- ◇ Please remember in prayer– The Claridy and Marschall families, Ken and Arlene Turner, Vivian Dillman, Tammy Sadler, Ronnie Henderson, Madge Hicks, The Wisdom’s nephew (Jeremiah Crapps), Larry Wisdom’s sister, and Keri Rice’s mother (Diane Fields).
- ◇ Butch Morgan, Jordan Lawson, Larry Wisdom, Mary & Erica Stevens, and Patti James have been ill lately.
- ◇ Clay, Colby, & Mike Sadler, Eddie Lawson, Eric Stevens, and Nick Groenhof were working Wednesday evening.
- ◇ Please remember also our shut-ins:
- ◇ Group 2 meets tonight.

**\*UPCOMING EVENTS\***

- 1st and 3rd Friday each month - Teen Bible Study (*This Week*)
- 2nd Sunday each month - Afternoon Singing
- 2nd Monday night of each month—Ladies’ Bible Class.
- 4th Sunday of each month -Men’s Class (*Today*)

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### Assignments

Wednesday Night: 2/27/13

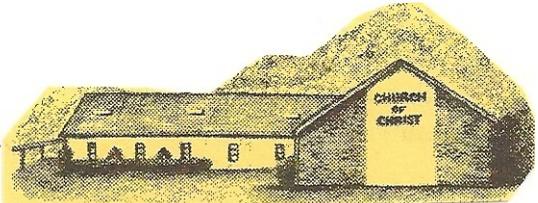
Song Leader: Jeremy Wharton  
 Opening Prayer: Moses Stevens  
 Invitation: James VanDoorn  
 Announcements: Mike Sadler  
 Closing Prayer: David Williams  
 Parking Lot: Larry Hicks

Sunday Evening: 3/3/13

Song Leader: Nick Groenhof  
 Opening Prayer: Jerry Williams  
 Lord’s Table: Bob Marschall  
 Announcements: Leon Miller  
 Closing Prayer: Moses Stevens  
 Parking Lot: Ed Lawson

Sunday Morning: 3/3/13

Lord’s Table: Bob Marschall (B)  
 Keith Marschall (C)  
 Serving: Ed Lawson  
 Jordan Lawson  
 Song Leader: Colby Sadler  
 Opening Prayer: Mike Sadler  
 Announcements: Leon Miller  
 Closing Prayer: James VanDoorn  
 Parking Lot: (9:00) Norm Blackburn  
 (9:50) Paul Loyd



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### *“What Does Preaching Accomplish?”*

The Old Testament prophet was the preacher of his day. He was inspired, but other than that, he served in the same role as preachers must serve today. There were all kinds: blunt Amos, noble Isaiah, austere Elijah. There were also different purposes served by the various prophets. Some of them made virtually no converts (Jeremiah). Some were very successful, even when they did not want to be (Jonah).

The prophets have messages which refresh us and encourage us. Sometimes they give us sober warning. Consider one of the lessons. Isaiah prophesied 740-700 B.C. He preached in Jerusalem but he saw the downfall of Israel to the north. He saw the terrible signs of decay in his own Judah. Although he had the sympathy and support of Hezekiah, the people of Judah gave little heed to his preaching. Also, some of the time, he dealt with a king such as Ahaz who had no sympathy for Isaiah's cause whatsoever. A situation like that makes us wonder, "If people will not listen, why preach? What good does it do?"

In Isaiah's commission (ch. 6), the Lord says, "I need someone to do a job." Isaiah volunteered. The job was: "Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes" (Isa. 6:10). How was Isaiah to do this? By telling them what God said. Isaiah wanted to know how long he should do this. God answered, "Until cities be waste without inhabitant, and houses without man, and the land become utterly waste" (6:11).

God knew the heart of His people. He knew that they would reject His word. God wanted Isaiah to know that He knew they would respond this way. Yet He told Isaiah to preach to them anyway. Why? Isaiah was to preach with all his heart because he might convert his people. If he could not accomplish this, then he was to leave them no defense when judgment came. Let them drive the nails in their own coffin as it were.

The preacher today is to preach with all his heart to win sinners from the clutches of this sinful generation. Preach with love and concern. But even when it seems that the effort is a failure; realize that this is not the case. We get preoccupied with numbers sometimes and forget that our objective is to do the bidding of God and leave the results in His almighty hand. God wants all men to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4). If, however, a generation turns away from God, then God wants them to have a witness against them that they were taught. He wants them taught

again and again, so that their rejection of His will is complete. Whether they obey or whether they are lost, "yet they shall know that there hath been a prophet among them" (Ezek. 2:5).

This lesson is not to say that we should deaden our hearts to the fate of doomed men and women but to help us realize that when we have done our best to preach the word, and the world will not respond, we have not failed if we have faithfully taught the word.

-- *Bob Waldron*

### **“Christ Shall Appear the Second Time”**

We are living between two primary appearances of Jesus Christ. The first one is a matter of history and the second one is yet in the future. For reliable information about either of these appearances we must appeal to the inspired record. The second appearance (or coming) of Jesus Christ is mentioned (or referred to) about 300 times in the New Testament. Although various false theories abound relative to the second coming of Christ, the Word of God reveals to us the truth. Let us consider the following:

#### **I. THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST IS CERTAIN!**

In Acts 1:11, we learn that two men in white apparel (understood by most to be angels) said: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Peter mentions "the revelation of Jesus Christ" in I Peter 1:13, and, in James 5:7, brethren are told to be patient unto "the coming of the Lord." John refers to the time "when he shall appear" (I John 3:2), and Paul says, "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20). In John 14:3, Jesus declared, "I will come again" Also see II Peter 3:1-14. Yes, it is certain that Jesus is coming again!

#### **II. SOME FACTS ABOUT THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.**

A. Personally! Acts 1:11 says: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." It will not be "another Jesus." It will not be someone else. Jesus is coming again! John said, "but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is" (I John 3:2). In John 14:3, Jesus declared, "I will come again" Yes, it is certain that Jesus is personally coming again! Also read I Thess. 4:13-17.

B. Visibly! Revelation 1:7 says, "Behold, he cometh with the clouds, and every eye shall see Him, and they that pierced Him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen." Also, read I John 3:2.

C. Audibly! The voice of Jesus will be heard! He will speak! After mentioning the coming of Christ, the apostle Paul declared that the "Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first" (I Thess. 4:16-17). In John 5:28-29, Jesus said, Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice and shall come forth" Yes, the voice of Jesus will be heard!

D. In Flaming Fire! In II Thess. 1:7-9, Paul refers to the time "when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" This takes place "when He shall come to be glorified in His saints" Note: When Jesus comes, the Judgment will occur according to John 5:28-29, Matt. 25:31-46, etc. The saints will be rewarded, but the wicked will be punished! Yes, Jesus is coming in flaming fire!

Are you prepared to meet Him when He comes?

-- *Carrol Sutton*