

In need of prayers

The McCrary's are very excited to have learned that Ciara is not suffering with any problem to her eyes besides the cataracts. There was a possibility that there was more to it but that is not the case. Surgery will be soon and should be able to fix the problem entirely.

Elizabeth Parsons received good news from her biopsy. Let us thank God for answered prayers!

The Marksberry's continue to recover from a plane crash. Mr. Marksberry appears to have a longer way to go.

Janice Parson's sister passed away last week. Let's remember the family during this time.

In need of regular prayers

Our members: Jeff Howerton, Glenn Kimberlin

Others: Edith Tirey, Charlene Antle, Lala Whitson, Tom Curtis, Rita Pagan, Linda Hill, Robin Miller, Vina Krassow, Courtney and Aubrey Reeves, John Bennett, Dennis Brennan, Robert and Sarah Brundige, Donald Dawson, Jean Gartland, Gail Stein

Weekly Reading

Su	Neh 11, Ps 38, Luke 2
M	Neh 12-13, Ps 39, Luke 3
T	Est 1-2, Ps 40, Luke 4
W	Est 3-5, Ps 41, Luke 5
Th	Est 6-10, Ps 42, Luke 6
F	Job 1, Ps 43, Luke 7
Sa	Job 2-4, Ps 44, Luke 8

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Today's sermon topics

AM "We have heard it ourselves from his own lips"

PM The power of love

Today's Scripture Reading

AM Matthew 6:1-15

PM Matthew 6:16-34

Times of worship

Sunday AM

Bible study 9:45

Worship service 10:45

Sunday PM

Worship service 6

Wednesday PM

Bible study and worship 7:30

First and Third Friday's

7:30 PM

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There's A Lesson Here...

"Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity." Psalm 98:7-9

God has judged portions of the earth from time to time. He has punished people because of their willful and prolonged disobedience, and he has rewarded some for their faithfulness and loving submission to His will. While there are a few passages of scripture which give some clue as to what was in the minds of those who were about to experience God's judgment, for the most part we don't know what people thought of the judgment that was about to come upon them. Did they anticipate it with dread? Or, were they joyfully looking for it? We don't know for sure probably because

most people were ignoring the warnings of the prophets, going about their merry way, and giving no thought to the possibility that God's patience might have run its course.

The same is, no doubt, as true today as it has been throughout history. People seem bent on failing to heed the warnings. God's word clearly says that Jesus is coming again to judge the world, but the vast majority of people give it no thought. However, what about Christians? We are keen Bible students, aren't we? We believe we are living in the last days, don't we? We realize that Jesus could return at any time, and that we are to be in a constant state of preparedness, don't we? So, how do you view the final judgment? Is it with dread, or is it with joy? Can we anticipate the final coming of Jesus with the joy that is expressed in Psalm 98:7-9? We can if we are living righteously. We must dread it if we are not living righteously.

Consider the following passage from Hebrews 10:19-31: *"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has spurned the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

Why live in dread when we can look forward with joy?

The Elders

When Jesus Came To Birmingham

By Studdart-Kennedy, an English poet

When Jesus came to Golgotha, they nailed Him to a tree.
They drove great nails though His hands, and made a Calvary.

They crowned Him with a crown of thorns; red were His wounds, and deep;
For those were crude and cruel days and human flesh was cheap.

When Jesus came to Birmingham, they simply passed Him by;
They never hurt a hair of Him, they only let Him die.

For men had grown more tender and they would not give Him pain;
They only just passed down the street and left Him in the rain.

Still, Jesus cried, "Forgive them, Lord, they know not what they do!"
And still it rained the winter rain that drenched Him through and through.

The crowds went home and left the streets without a soul to see;
And Jesus crouched against a wall and cried for Calvary.

This short poem touched me very deeply. Read it again, mentally replacing Birmingham with Lexington. Are you able to see the neglected Jesus crouching against some dirty, downtown wall, perhaps right outside the public library, and weeping for Calvary as folks going about their business barely spare Him a glance? It occurs to me that the greatest enemy our Lord faces in this country is not violent persecution. Neither is it the university elitist who scoffs at the very idea of a God. No, His greatest enemy rises from within the ranks of those who claim to love and serve Him. His greatest enemy is INDIFFERENCE! Please, think about these things. AL

Gospel plan of salvation: Hear the gospel (Romans 10:17), Believe Jesus Christ (John 3:16), Repent of sin (Luke 13:3), Confess faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9), Be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), Live worthy of a Christian (Ephesians 4:1)