

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Eddie Dickinson

Opening Prayer: David Key

On the Table: Head - Ralph Burleson
Servers - Greg Lowery
Billy Box
Josh Berryhill

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

Preparing the Lord's Supper Michelle Lowery

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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***If God Is In Control
- Then Why Do Anything -***



***The
Brilliant
Beacon***



God Help Me

By Dan Jenkins

The story is told of a young child who foolishly had climbed on top of the house. It was a metal roof, years ago called a tin roof, and each piece was held in place by several nails readily visible. The boy slipped and was sliding down the roof and knew he would be injured when he fell. He remembered the Bible class he had attended just days before where prayer had been discussed. So, as he was sliding, he prayed, “God help me.” Those words had scarcely been uttered and then were followed by these, “That’s all right, God, I do not need Your help; my pants caught on one of the nails and stopped me.”

That boy’s response was like that of Pharaoh when the plagues came on the Egyptians. When the second plague of frogs came, the king called for Moses and Aaron and said, “Entreat the Lord...and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the Lord.” God removed the frogs. “But when Pharaoh saw there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not heed them” (Ex. 8:8, 15).

When the fourth plague of flies came it happened again. The king said, “I will let you go that you may sacrifice to the Lord your God...intercede for me.” Every single fly was removed. “But Pharaoh hardened his heart again at this time also” (Ex. 8:28, 32). He was like the boy on the rooftop who called out to God asking for His help, but when help came he told God to forget his first prayer.

I can imagine what might repeatedly happen in this land in the coming months in the lives of those who never have had a place for God. There will be those who will be in a difficult financial crisis and begin to pray to God for the first time. There may be those who have friends and family members who become infected with the virus and in desperation will pray to God. They may even make promises to God that if He will help them, they will serve Him forever. When better times come, they will say to God, “Forget it, God, I no longer need you.”

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Tommy Housh: diagnosed with bladder cancer, please pray that they will be able to successfully defeat this cancer

Ren Garrison (Donna Martin’s Nephew): is still dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that this issue will be dealt with successfully

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

Ruth Addison: ongoing health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Glynda Long: she is fighting stage 4 colon cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

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Celia Grace Hamlett, daughter of Gary and Kassie Hamlett, was diagnosed with MLD(Metachromatic Leukodystrophy); planning on traveling to Italy for gene replacement treatment; please pray that these treatments will be successful.

Virgie McMillan (mother of Ann Box: dealing with complications from a recent stroke, please keep her in your prayers

Don Lawrence: had a temporary knee replacement because of an infection. He will be taking antibiotics to clear up the infection and then will have a total knee replacement; please be praying that the infection will clear up

Karen Chaffin: has had fainting spells, please pray that the doctors can determine what is wrong and that she will have no serious problems

Pray for all those dealing with COVID especially those of the household of faith.

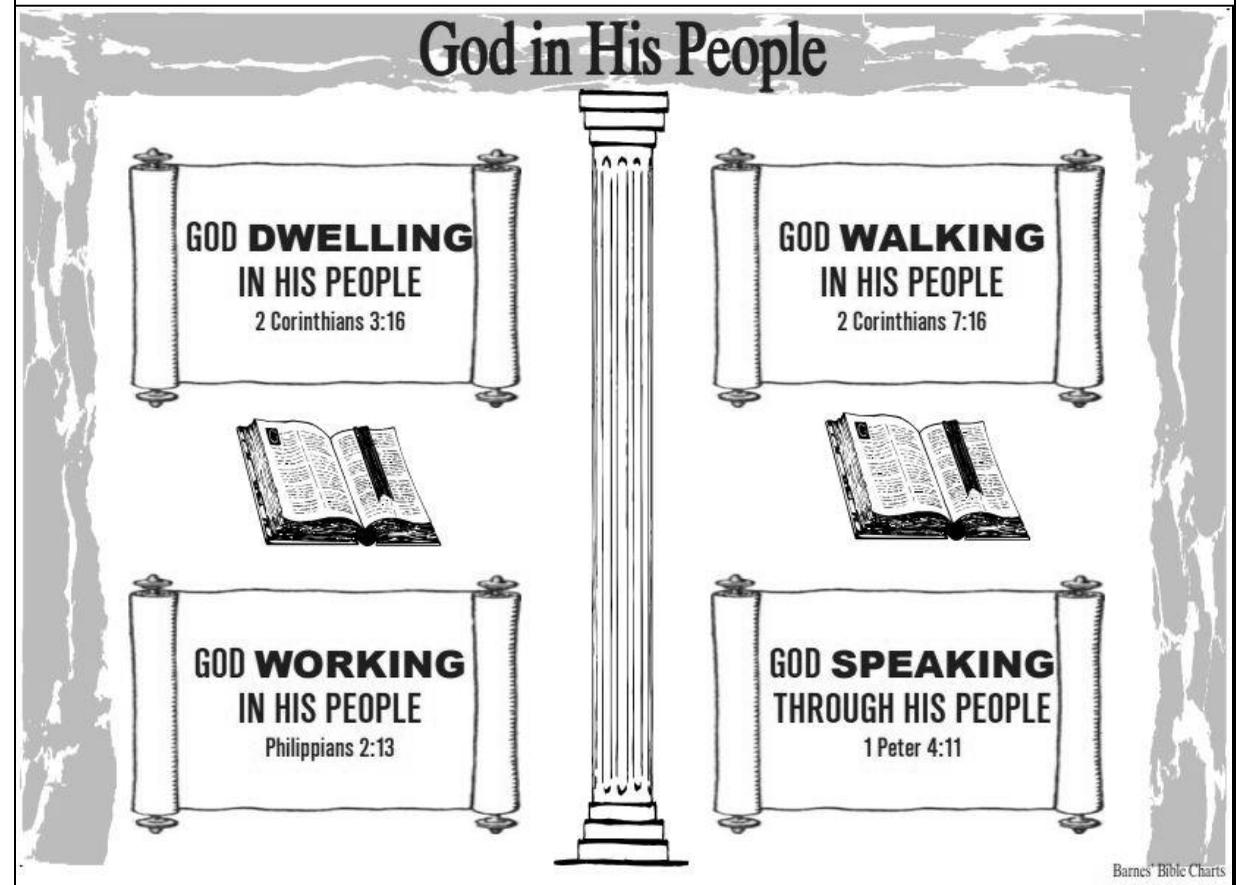
Pam Braden: she is dealing with some ongoing health problems, please pray that those working with her can help her

Bobby Sanderson: dealing with COVID and pneumonia, please keep praying that he overcomes these issues

Turning to the Lord is far more than crying out to a Rescuer when trouble comes. He is a Rescuer, but He is Lord. He is Master. He is the Ruler of all His creation. He is the only Way. He is the Shepherd who demands His sheep follow Him. We are not at liberty to select only those traits of God we like and ignore the rest.

Meditate on these two verses. “The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ears open to their prayers” (1 Pet. 3:12). “He who turns his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be an abomination” (Prov. 28:9). As trials are coming toward us, make sure you are serving Him before they arrive. God has His “nails of rescue,” but He only promises them to those who serve Him all the time.

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Who Has Control Of Your Life?

By Robert Notgrass

Imagine for a moment that your life is represented by a circle. Inside that circle, in the very center, is a throne. On that throne sits, by your choosing, the ruling influence in your life. Who is sitting on the throne of your heart?

Some put their enemies on the throne of their hearts. These people allow their enemies to consume their lives because hate for their enemies control their thoughts, their actions, and their attitudes. Some put their friends on the throne of their hearts. Many allow their friends to dictate what they wear, what they say, what they do, even what they believe about God. Friends can be a blessing or they can be a curse. In the Bible, we read about Amnon who had the wrong kind of friends (2 Samuel 13). Even in the New Testament, we are warned: “Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals” (1 Corinthians 15:33). But, most people put self on the throne of their hearts. They say, “What’s in it for me?” and that becomes the determining factor in the lives of those who are dominated by self. If we will stop and think, however, the most miserable person and the most selfish person are one and the same!

Thus, we should put Christ on the throne of our hearts. If we want to experience an abundant life now (John 10:10) and an eternal life in heaven (Romans 6:23), we must allow Christ to rule our lives! Christ is Lord (Acts 2:36). The word “Lord” means master, owner; one who has power or authority over another. So, is He your Lord? You know He wants the best for you. But know this, Jesus has said, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). He has also said, “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46). In our individual lives, if Jesus is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all.

You know, each of us will serve someone. Each of us will put someone on the throne of our hearts. It may be our enemies, our friends or loved ones, our selves, Christ, or some other. We’re going to serve someone! But, whom do you serve? Who is your lord? Who controls your life?

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Searching for God

By Gary C. Hampton

Researchers report they have found what may be liquid on Mars, according to an article on the website for Popular Science. I have rarely read an article filled with so many might and maybes. It is obvious they are desperate to find the possibility of life on another planet.

Their time could be much better spent looking for God and His will for their lives. These well-educated men seem to be following the path of the Gentiles’ in their downward spiral into the depths of sin.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. (Romans 1:18-21)

Scientists and researchers who work so hard to find evidence of life on another planet overlook the truth right before their eyes — God exists! The Psalmist sang, “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork” (19:1). “For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God” (Hebrews 3:4). God created the universe with such precision that men can calculate the exact day, hour and minute of the next lunar or solar eclipse. Halley’s Comet has an orbital path that brings it within view of the earth every seventy-five years, with the next appearance expected in 2061.

It is no wonder that the singer of Israel wrote, “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good. The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God” (Psalm 14:1-2). May all open their eyes to the design all around us and seek the will of the Designer

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