

## SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

Sunday morning worship (Bible study) .....	9:30 AM
Sunday morning worship (Preaching) .....	10:30 AM
Sunday afternoon worship (Preaching).....	4:00 PM
Wednesday evening worship (Bible Study).....	7:00 PM

## NEWS AND NOTES

**VISITORS:** If you are visiting with us, we welcome you and ask that you please sign our guest book and fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection basket or give it to one of the men in the congregation.

**SCHEDULE:** The schedule for June is posted on the bulletin board so the men can see what their responsibilities are for the month.

**OUT OF TOWN:** Rita Thompson is in Nashville with grandchildren.

**SICK AND SHUT-INS:** Peggy Tiffin had surgery this past week and is recuperating slowly. Donna Criswell had a biopsy on a spot on her neck and has not been feeling well following that procedure. Beulah Tooley continues her recovery from back surgery. Helen Sparks has health issues that sometimes keep her from services. Brittney Day continues to have back problems occasionally. There may be others who are sick that I am unaware of, if so, please tell David Tiffin, who is making announcements in June.

**NEW PROGRAMS:** Our teaching bulletin will be inserted in the Red Bay News the first week of July with our meeting announcement in it. Our TV/Radio program is on local Cable TV channels 12 and 97 at 6:30 AM and 4:30 PM on Sunday and various times through the week on TV as well as two local radio stations 1430 AM and 97.9 FM. Please pray for these efforts that they will reach people who will be interested in reading and listening to God's word. I have received a request for a Bible correspondence as a result of our add in the newspaper.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS / VBS:** Highway 157 (Cullman) June 17-20 with Doy Moyer 7 PM. Eastside (Athens) with Greg Chandler June 17-22; Mon - Fri 10:00 AM & 7 PM. Isbell June 17-20 with Bob Harkrider; Mon -Wed 7:30 PM. Eastside Church (Russellville) VBS Nick Woods June 22-23 Friday 7:00 PM; Saturday 9-11:30. Tri-Cities (Muscle Shoals) June 24 - 29 with Bobby Schrimsher; Mon - Fri 7 PM. If you know of meetings that should be listed, please let me know.

**NOTE:** To have information put in the bulletin please get it to Jerry before Saturday afternoon.

## POINTS TO PONDER

- We don't change God's message; His message changes us.
- A clean conscience makes a soft pillow.

# THE EASTSIDE REMINDER

2Pet 1:12-15

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## OUR GOSPEL MEETING

*July 8-13*

**Service times are:**

**Sunday 9:30 & 10:30 AM & 4:00 PM**

**Monday - Friday 7:00 PM**

**Speaker: Steve Klein**

**For more information or transportation  
Call 662-542-3170**

Please consider this to be your personal invitation to this gospel meeting and be sure to invite your neighbors and friends to attend with you.

**MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND**

## **WALKING IN WISDOM TOWARD THEM THAT ARE WITHOUT**

By Irvin Himmel

By words and actions, Christians are making some kind of an impression on people around them. Our neighbors who are outside the kingdom of Christ are being influenced, either for good or for bad, by what we say and do. True enough, some may pay little attention to us, but others take more notice of our way of life than we may suppose.

Paul admonished the saints at Colosse, "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without..." (Col. 4:5). When the apostle wrote concerning "them that are without" versus "them that are within" (1Cor. 5:12), he was referring to people out of Christ in contrast to brethren in the Lord. To Christians, "them that are without" means people who have not embraced the truth and, therefore, remain outside the body of our Lord. The following are some of the principles involved in our conducting ourselves wisely toward outsiders:

### **Practice Honesty**

Honesty should be viewed as a basic law of right conduct, not a matter of mere policy. We should show integrity and freedom from deceit in all our business transactions. Our means of livelihood must be honorable. Writing along this line to the Thessalonians, Paul said, "And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have need of nothing" (1 Thess. 4:11,12). A Christian quickly kills his influence for good when he acts deceitfully, becomes involved in shady dealings, or pursues a course that is less than honorable.

### **Live Consistently**

Everything which the Christian does should be consistent with the teaching of Jesus Christ. Some things are so manifestly contrary to right that they should never be named as befitting saints (Eph. 5:3). In doctrine, in worship, in our individual work, in all that we do -- there must be harmony with the will of God. Outsiders may not know much about the Bible, but they soon detect inconsistency between teaching and practice on the part of professed believers in Jesus.

Consistency demands constancy. Some members of the church live one way on Sunday and another way on

Monday; one way when in the company of other Christians but differently before the worldly. This is plain hypocrisy and is detested by both the Lord and the world.

### **Show Understanding And Sympathy**

Outsiders need help. Some of them are engulfed in immorality and unbelief. Some have high moral principles but are ignorant of God's positive divine laws. Others are caught up in religious errors -- perhaps Catholicism, Protestant denominationalism, or the false concepts of some cult. True Christians must try to understand their plight. We must teach rather than berate, lift rather than crush, pointing to the Lamb of God as the means of salvation and hope eternal. We can show sympathy without compromise. We need not abandon the truth to defend it in love.

### **Be Distinct**

Christians are a called-out people. Through the gospel we are called out of Satan's kingdom to serve in the kingdom of Christ. We must keep ourselves unspotted from the world (Jas. 1:27). "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened..." (Eph. 4:17). Whatever time we spent in sinful living prior to our conversion to Christ ought to suffice (1Pet. 4:3).

It is sometimes hard to live among outsiders, to work among them, and be sympathetic toward them without partaking of their deeds that are evil. The Christian's watchword is "vigilance." We must be watchful over our own conduct to prevent our losing those distinct qualities that make us God's people.

### **Exercise Good Judgment**

Wisdom means prudence. James said, "if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (Jas. 1:5). Often sincere attempts to do good end in failure for lack of sound judgment. The Christian needs discernment, practical and well-informed wisdom -- the good sense to apply the word of God. Paul walked with wisdom when he was "made all things to all men" that he might by all means save some (1Cor. 9:22).

Let us pray that God will help us to conduct ourselves prudently toward outsiders that our influence might be to His honor.