

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

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

SICK AND SHUT-INS: Donna Criswell's aunt, Nell Barrett is not doing very well. Donna's brother has moved in with aunt Nell, but Donna is providing most of her care. Jane Edwards continues physical therapy. Brother Butz's sister has a mass in her chest that may be cancer. Remember Telford Hamm's brothers. Telford's brother-in-law is in the luka, MS hospital. Remember Jack Elliott's niece. Nancy Summerford's mother is in last stages of Alzheimer's. Virgie Waddle's sister-in-law, Jean Malone is in the Red Bay nursing home.

SYMPATHY: Our sincere sympathy goes out to the Elliott family. Terry Elliott, Jack's nephew passed away Thursday the 14th. Visitation will be today from 12-3 pm at Deaton Funeral Home in Red Bay followed by a graveside service at Ridge Cemetery in Golden.

OUT OF TOWN: Richard and Beth Hammock and Rita Thompson are out of town

TEACHING EFFORTS: Our teaching bulletin, the **EASTSIDE EXAMINER**, was in the **Red Bay News** the first week in October. There are copies of the new issue on the table in the foyer for those who do not receive a paper. There is also an ad in the local paper once a month offering a free Bible correspondence course. Remember our TV/Radio program on local Cable TV channels 12 and 97 at 6:30 AM and 4:30 PM on Sunday and various times through the week as well as the audio on radio stations 1430 AM and 97.9 FM. It is also on Facebook live at various times. There are DVD copies of the TV program available. Jerry is also on the radio on 95.5 FM about 10 AM each Sunday. Please pray that these efforts will reach people interested in studying God's word.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: Underwood Heights Gospel Singing Saturday Nov 23 at 5 pm. Tri-Cities Dec 8 - 11 with Stan Caldwell; Mon - Wed 7 pm. If you know of other meetings in the area, please tell the one making announcements.

POINTS TO PONDER

- Heaven will pay for any loss we suffer to gain it, but nothing can pay for the loss of heaven.
- The hardest job that people have is to move their religion from their throats to their muscles.

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AN ANSWER TO ALL OUR PROBLEMS

By W. Bruce Tooley

Man's life is short and full of troubles (Job 14:1). There are disappointments, grievances and heartache in this life. How can we deal with such difficulties? There is only one answer to life troubles and that is our Lord Jesus Christ. If an individual has the assurance of eternal life in heaven and in the presence of God, why should one be destroyed by the difficulties and sorrow we experience in our life. Jesus said in just a few words "I am the way, truth and life: no one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). If the answer to this life's problems is to take care of the concerns about the next one, and it is, then Jesus is the answer.

Jesus stated "The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). When Jesus says that He lays down His life for the sheep, we know that the life He is referring to is primarily eternal life. If one does not enter in by Him (10:7), then there is no resolution for the eternal punishment in hell and certainly none for the difficulties in this world.

The child of God has a blessed privilege that the world does not have. With wonderful words of life Peter describes that privilege: "casting all your care upon Him, for he cares for you" (1Peter 5:7). Jesus took our sins upon Himself when

He went to the cross and He will bear our anxieties of this life if we are just willing to let Him do it His way.

Jesus said He came "to minister to us and give His life as a ransom" (Matthew 20:28). We believe the promise of Jesus when He said "Come unto Me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and my burden light." (Matthew 11:28-30) There is no way the yoke and burden of the Lord compares to the weight that the burdens of this life present to us. Why not then, exchange the heavy load of this life for the light one He has and accept the peace that He alone can give. Living faithfully in Him is much easier than bearing alone the problems in this world and being tormented in the next. Jesus is the answer!

"DON'T WORRY THAT'S NOT A SALVATION ISSUE"

By Mark Dunagan

For years the denominations have justified the doctrinal division that exist among them by arguing that there are only about five essential doctrines that Christian's must embrace in order to have unity. Typically, these are doctrines surrounding Jesus, such as He is the Son of God, He died for our sins and He was resurrected. Now it seems that some of this type of thinking is trying to make its way into the church. It is tempting to say that unity on this or that doctrine isn't important because it doesn't seem to directly impact upon the deity of Jesus. The problem with this view is that the Bible, in both Testaments, strongly argues against it. For example, Cain's sacrifice was rejected (Genesis 4), Nadab and Abihu were struck dead for offering strange fire (Leviticus 10:1-2), King Saul was rejected as Israel's king for failing to carry out a simple command (1Samuel 15:1ff) and Uzzah was struck dead for touching the ark of the covenant (2Samuel 6: 1-7). On the surface it looks like none of these violations had any connection with what some might label "essential doctrine". How did touching the ark undermine the truth about the one true God?

The same is true in the New Testament. Ananias and

Sapphira were struck dead for lying (Acts 5). But how did their lie violate "essential doctrine"? Paul opposed those who wanted to insist that Gentiles needed to be circumcised to be saved (Acts 15; Galatians 2:1ff). But how did this view violate the deity of Christ or the atonement? To this list we could add Paul's condemnation of the Corinthian's social meal in 1Corinthians chapter 11. How did this meal undermine "essential doctrine"?

First of all, it is presumptuous on man's part to divide the doctrines and commands in the Bible into the categories of "essential" and not-so-essential. Does God give any non-essential commands? Rather, Jesus commanded Christians to teach new converts to "observe all things" He had commanded (Matthew 28:20). Second, we tend to forget that every command or teaching in the Bible was given by God. In the New Testament, the teaching in the Epistles are the words of Jesus Christ (1Corinthians 14:37). Therefore, the rejection of anything that Jesus taught is a direct attack upon His authority. Uzzah was struck dead because he violated a command of God, and the violation of any command is "irreverence" (2Samuel 6:7). Saul was rejected as king, because disobeying any command, is as the sin of witchcraft (1Samuel 15:22-23). Nadab and Abihu were struck dead, because going beyond the Scriptures in any realm is to treat God with dishonor and disrespect (Leviticus 10:3).

"That Will Turn People Off From The Truth!"

Now and then someone will make the above argument concerning a particular doctrine, such as what Jesus said about marriage, divorce and remarriage (Matthew 19), or what the Bible says about how the world was created in Genesis 1. This point of view basically is saying that if we teach what the Bible says, people will ridicule us, and such teaching will turn people off from becoming Christians. I am always amazed at how quickly people can forget simple Bible passages (Galatians 1:6). In contrast to this philosophy, let us get back to the Bible and simply embrace what Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel" (Romans 1:16). As a side note, we will not convert more people if we water down the gospel, for how convicted can we be in the first place, if we are embarrassed concerning what God has said?