

## 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 December 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 home from the hospital. Brenda Elliott has not been feeling well. Dottie Henderson had to be admitted to the hospital Monday evening due to a heart rhythm problem. She was able to come home Wednesday morning and continues to improve each day. Thanks for all your prayers and thoughtfulness during her hospital stay and afterwards. 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.

**OUT OF TOWN:** Marvin Butz is out of town visiting with his daughter in North Carolina. He will be away until sometime in January.

**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:** 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

- Step on your stumbling blocks instead of falling over them.
- The person who lives only for self is engaged in a very small business.
- It is a short road to some people's wit's end.

# THE EASTSIDE REMINDER

2Pet 1:12-15

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## GOD IS RICH IN MERCY

By W. Bruce Tooley

Paul writes in Ephesians 2:4 "God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us"... God is full of mercy: defined in Strong's dictionary as feelings of pity, compassion. The mercy of God would be; more kindness than justice requires or expects; showing kindness to an inferior; kindness in excess of fairness. His love and mercy is shown by His gentleness, His kindness and His ability to love tenderly.

Mercy should be considered conditional, as in Exodus 20:6 "showing mercy to those who love Me and keep My commandments". David writes in Psalms 103:11 "great is His mercy toward those who fear Him" verse 17 reads "the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him." His grace is present even when we sin. Nehemiah writes in 9:7 "You are God, ready to pardon, gracious and merciful". Salvation of our souls is based on God's mercy; Paul writes to Titus in 3:5 "according to His mercy He saved us".

Jesus told parables about mercy including the two debtors (Luke 7:36-47), the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) and the Publicans prayer (Luke 18:13). God's mercy is available everyday of our life. In Lamentations 3:22-23 Jeremiah writes "Through the Lord's mercy we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning". Let us be thankful that the God we serve is "a Father of mercies and a God of comfort" (2Corinthians 1:3).

## ATTITUDES TOWARD SIN AND ERROR

By Richie Thetford

In 2Timothy 4:3-4 the apostle Paul warned young Timothy that “the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” Paul told Timothy to “watch out” because men would leave the doctrine of Christ and would accumulate teachers that would teach a doctrine that they wanted to hear. Thousands today have done this very thing. They have turned their ears from the truth and fallen victim to fables and doctrines of men. We learn from God’s word that individuals who remain in sin will suffer an eternal death, and that only those who abide in righteousness will receive eternal life (Romans 6:23). What is our attitude toward error and sin? When faced with this question, one has four possible ways to deal with error and sin.

### We Can Deny Them

The Pharisee in Luke 18:11 would not admit that he was guilty of sin. He was quick to see sin in the lives of others, but not in his own life. This man trusted in his own self, while despising others. He appeared righteous outwardly, but his heart was wrong. John tells us that we lie if we deny that we are sinners (1John 1:8). Every one of us have sinned (Romans 3:23) and are foolish to deny that error and sin is occurring around us. James admonishes everyone to confess their sins (James 5:16), not deny them.

### We Can Ignore Them

In Daniel 5 we read about Belshazzar who ignored the fate which his father Nebuchadnezzar had suffered because of sin and was overcome by sin himself. His life was taken, and his kingdom given to another. We can ignore sin now, but we will face it in the judgment. Our sins will find us out (Numbers 32:23). Many of the Jews in Jesus’ day ignored their sins and closed their eyes and ears to the truth (Matthew 13:15). Paul instructed Timothy to take heed unto himself and unto the doctrine (1Timothy 4:16). This is good advice for all children of God. We must continually examine our lives to ensure that we are not living in error and sin. We can’t ignore our sins and pretend they are not there.

### We Can Live With Them

Pilate knew he was guilty of sin when he refused to free the sinless Christ (Matthew 27:15-25). He knew that he was delivering an innocent man to death. This kind of attitude and practice reflects a greater desire to please men than God. To live with error and sin is to become a party with them. When one knows that sin is occurring and yet goes along with it, then that individual is partaking in the evil (2John 9-11). Members of the church in Corinth were unconcerned about the sin among them. They were condoning it by living with it (1Corinthians 5:1-14). There is error and sin in some congregations today, yet many live with it. We cannot live with sin and still be pleasing to God!

### We Can Oppose Them

Paul was never afraid to stand for truth and oppose error and sin (Galatians 2:4-5). At the close of life, he knew that he kept the faith by opposing error (2Timothy 4:7-8). We can and should have the attitude that we are going to fight against error and sin. This is the **ONLY** way God will approve us. Let’s always strive to oppose sin in our lives, the lives of others, and within the Lord’s church!

### ONE OR WORM?

By Ward Hogland

One of my favorite hymns is “At the cross.” In our new song books the first stanza goes something like this: “Alas and did my savior bleed, and did my sovereign die, would he devote that sacred head for such a **“one”** as I? If my memory serves me correctly the old song books said, “Would he devote that sacred head for such a **“worm”** as I?”

I suppose the “change agents” felt the word **“worm”** was a little on the grotesque side and that **“one”** would be more dignified. Frankly, I like the **“worm”** better than the **“one”**! I will tell you why. Compared to the Lord and what he has done for me I feel more like a **“worm”**! How about you? If Isaiah could say: “our righteousnesses are as **filthy rags**” and Paul could say, his accomplishments were as **“dung”** I have no problem in being called a **“worm”**! (Isa. 64:6 & Phil. 3:8). Even now when I sing this grand old hymn I say **“worm”** instead of **“one”**. What say you?