

## 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 October will be posted on the bulletin board so the men can see what their responsibilities are for the month.

**SERVICE TIMES:** We have resumed our normal schedule of assemblies.

**STAYING IN:** As a result of the seriousness of the Corona Virus outbreak some members have stayed at home for a while and some may continue to do so, as a result of underlying health issues or just precautionary. We respect their decisions.

**NEW MEMBER:** I apologize for my oversight. With all the sadness last week about the death of George Humphries. I forgot to put in the bulletin that we have a new member here. Well, she is not exactly new, she has been worshipping with us for some time. But Sunday afternoon September 13, Mildred Ward, Melonie's mother expressed her desire to be considered a part of this congregation. Everything at her previous place of residence was settled and she is now living with Melonie which makes her a resident of Red Bay.

**SICK AND SHUT-INS:** Zola Basham continues to do well. Donna Criswell provides care for her aunt, Nell Barrett who is not doing well. Also, neither Donna's brother nor brother-in-law are doing well and Donna also deals with some health issues or her own. Telford Hamm's leg is about the same, so no surgery for now. Remember Telford's brother and brother-in-law. Jack Elliott continues to do well following his heart ablation, but has been having some other problems and Brenda has been sick as well. Remember Jack's niece. Nancy Summerford's mother is in last stages of Alzheimer's. Virgie Waddle still has good and bad days but has been able to be at some services. Remember Virgie's sister-in-law, Jean Malone in the nursing home in Golden.

**TEACHING EFFORTS:** Our teaching bulletin, the **EASTSIDE EXAMINER**, was in the **Red Bay News** in July. Copies of this issue are on the table in the foyer for those who do not receive a paper. These may also be used to give to a friend or neighbor. When these are depleted, more can be printed. There is also an ad in the local paper once a month offering a free Bible correspondence course. There are DVD copies of past TV programs available. The radio program on 95.5 FM at 10 AM each Sunday continues. Please pray that these efforts will reach people interested in studying God's word.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS / SINGINGS:** All the meetings that I knew about have been cancelled. If you know of meetings or singings in the area, please tell the one making announcements.

## POINTS TO PONDER

- Nothing is harder for most people to see than the obvious.0

# THE EASTSIDE REMINDER

2Pet 1:12-15

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## ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN

Kent E. Heaton Sr.

A pattern is anything designed as a guide or model for making things. Patterns are used to build houses, make clothing, and create everything produced. In building a house, a blueprint is made from the idea the person has in mind and from this pattern, the house is built. In the blueprint are the specifications determining the size of the house, where the doors, windows and rooms are placed with all the other specifications regarding wiring, plumbing, heating, and cooling. The builder takes these blueprints or patterns and builds the house according to them. The expectation of the person wanting the house built is the builder will follow the specifications determined by the pattern. Industry relies solely upon the reproduction of a particular pattern to mass produce a certain item. The confidence of the manufacture is that when a pattern is followed in complete detail, the product will turn out the same every time. Any deviation to the pattern is rejected.

The Hebrew writer says, "For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant ..." (Hebrews 3:4,5). The nature of something that is built is that it is built by someone. The Hebrew writer affirms that God has made all things. Moses is shown as an example of faithfulness and one of the ways that Moses shows his

faithfulness to God is by building something as God directed. He was instructed by God in Exodus 25 to build the Tabernacle: "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it."

God shows in this passage five things about how He wanted the tabernacle to be built. First, God had a plan - this is God's plan not man's. Second, God revealed His plan to Moses to build the Tabernacle. Third, the plan to build the Tabernacle was specific. Read Exodus 25-28 to see the details given for the Tabernacle and its furnishings. Fourth, God expected Moses to follow the pattern given to him. "And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain ... And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to its pattern which you were shown on the mountain." (Exodus 25:40; 26:30). Fifth, Moses had a choice! He could build the Tabernacle as God specified or he could add or subtract what he thought necessary. The faithfulness of Moses was seen Exodus 39:32 - "Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting was finished. And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses; so they did." This pattern is how God instructed Noah to build the Ark and Solomon to build the Temple and shows that He builds things the same way. He has a plan, the plan is revealed to man, the plan is specific, He expects man to follow the plan and man shows his faithfulness by following the specific plan.

When God built the church, He used the same pattern of revelation. He had a plan (Ephesians 3:8-11) - He revealed the plan (Ephesians 3:1-5) - The plan was specific in its design, beginning, organization, worship, law, authority, work, mission - God expects man to follow the plan today (Luke 6:46-49) - Man has a choice, "Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it;" Is God pleased with religious division today? The reason for religious division is man has not followed the pattern of the covenant of Christ and built their own churches. The church Jesus died for is found in complete revelation in His new covenant. Without following that pattern, the church does not exist. "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted." (Matthew 15:13).

## **MAKING NOISE, OR MAKING A POINT**

By Greg Gwin

All who engage in public speaking – including teachers, politicians, various public officials, AND preachers – have their own unique methods of preparing notes and aids to help them remember the points they want to make while before their audience. Some prefer to have their presentation in a fully written manuscript, while others would rather have a developed outline of what they will say. Still others need only a few scribbled comments on a card. Whatever the style, these visual ‘helps’ are usually very important for the speaker, and they are closely guarded in advance of the speaking assignment.

We heard of one such orator who allowed his notes to be seen prior to his speech. In the margin of his outline he had written, “Yell louder here, this is a weak point.” Think of it – he realized the weakness of what he was going to say, so he hoped to conceal it by making more noise.

Unfortunately, many religious people do this very thing – although it is unlikely that they would actually admit it on their handwritten notes or elsewhere. What they are doing is an attempt to impress men, but we are sure that God is NOT impressed.

This is not a new problem. Jude mentions those who “speak great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage” (vs. 16). And Paul said that “by good words and fair speeches they deceive the hearts of the simple” (Romans 16:18).

In contrast, all who would faithfully proclaim God's message must not allow a desire for men's esteem to overwhelm their primary devotion to the truth. Paul described his methods in this way: "My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God" (1Corinthians 2:4-5). Peter urged that “if any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God” (1Peter 4:11).

Let's be sure we are making a true point rather than simply making noise!