## **Schedule of Events**

### July's young wives class postponed

June 28th last Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm George and Joy will have youth training



### Think on These Things

#### Philippians 4:8

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJV

## **Our Family News**

**Pray for** / Maxwell's, Betti's, Lindsey (Kendra Couch's friend), Kelli, Bill and Peggy, Helen Spicer, Abby St.Claire

## **Today's Scripture**

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

I Corinthians 1:10 NKJV

### Wisdom for Today

A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:5-7 NKJV

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## **God's Plan of Salvation**

Hear Romans 10:17 Believe Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6 Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10 Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matt 10:32-33 Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16 Remain Faithful Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

### Come join us!

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## **Meeting Times**

| Sunday        |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Bible Classes | 10AM         |
| AM Worship    | 11 <b>AM</b> |
| PM Worship    | 5PM          |

Wednesday

Bible Study 7PM

Office Hours Call or check website

AM Sermon / George Jensen PM Sermon / George Jensen

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# "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

## **The Whole Counsel**

### Joe Murdock

Acts 20:27 NKJV "For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God."

How many of us have heard the statement, "Let's go along to get along"? Often this is used to avoid any kind of controversy. However, when we investigate the Holy Scriptures this is not the attitude we see demonstrated by the first century Christians. As we read in Acts 20:27 Paul reminded the elders of Ephesus that he had not withheld the whole counsel of God. Sometimes we try to avoid controversial topics because we want to preserve our current way of life. It is important we realize the scriptures teach that position of get along to go along is not what God wants from His followers. Let's consider some scriptures that prove this point.

Jude 1:3 NKJV "Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints." Jude being inspired Holy Spirit was moved to rally the spiritual troops. While wanting to discuss our common salvation, which is always an encouragement, we sometimes need to get into gear. Just think about the responsibility of the Old Testament watchman. Ezekiel 33:6-9 NKJV "But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand. 'So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul." This is something every faithful follower of Christ must consider in their lives. Are we the kind of watchmen who warn that the enemy is approaching or do we remain indifferent so that no toes are stepped on.

Both Jude and Ezekiel understood the necessity of contending for the faith just as Paul did. Remember Paul did not withhold any part of God's word from the elders and we must not either. To contend is more than posturing or making yourself sound aggressive. To contend for the faith is to have a deep love for the truth and a concern for the souls of others. Ephesians 4:15-16 NKJV "but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-Christ- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." We must realize that in order to contend for the faith we can still be loving. Love needs to be the motive as to why we contend for the faith. If we think that contending for the faith gives us a license to be ugly then we are in error. However, we can also understand that the truth is not always going to be well received. Acts 20:29-31 NKJV "For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears."

These passages clearly teach that we are to warn, speak the truth and contend for the faith. We cannot have an attitude of compromise but one of love for the truth. Are you willing to stand up like Paul, Jude and Ezekiel? To be a watchman knowing that is what the Lord requires from those who claim to be faithful. Romans 11:22 NKJV "Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off." Will you therefore consider the goodness and severity of God by preaching and teaching the whole counsel of God word?