

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

# Why me, Lord?

## OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Pray:** Windell Fikes, he has pneumonia. Danesa, Brandon Nicholson had knee surgery recently, Darlene Smith, Wayne Ezell, and Peggy Beebe

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers. Chris and Christine are traveling. Tina Crawford is traveling. Tom and Debra are traveling.

**Family Events:** We will conduct another door knocking effort next Saturday, May 11, 2019 to invite people to our VBS. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

**Radio Program:** Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

**Today's Scripture:** "And Gideon said to him, "Please, sir, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian." **Judges 6:13 (ESV)**

**Today's Wisdom:** "Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope." **Psalms 119:116 (KJV)**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 85/46 Record: 107**

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# Church of Christ AT WASILLA

## 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, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized .....	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life .....	Romans 6:4

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

—Romans 1:16 KJV

### MEETING TIMES

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes:	10AM
AM Worship:	11AM
PM Worship:	5PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study:	7PM
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### OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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## Why Me, Lord?

This is a question that is asked by many who are facing serious trials in their life. The loss of a loved one, serious illness, financial problems, persecution or the overwhelming burden of responsibility can leave one asking, "*Why me, Lord?*"

It is a natural and legitimate response when facing trials in our lives to ask why. Moses asked this question when overwhelmed by the burden of leading the Israelite people. In Numbers 11:11 he asked the Lord, "*Why have you brought this trouble on your servant?*" Job asked this question after suffering the loss of his possessions, his children and ultimately his health. In Job 7:20 he asks the Lord, "*Why have you made me your target?*" Even Jesus Christ asked this question while hanging on the cross. In Matthew 27:46 we are told that Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*"

But is this question not just as valid when all is well in our lives. When I see on the News the war and turmoil throughout the world and yet I find myself living in a land blessed with peace and security, do I ever ask, "*Why me, Lord?*" When I see those, who have lived all their lives in poverty and hunger, while I have lived all my life in abundance, do I ever ask, "*Why me, Lord?*" When I see others, whose lives have been devastated by an illness or disabling accident, while I have enjoyed good health all my life, do I ever ask, "*Why me, Lord?*" When I see those who have not been taught the righteous principles of God's word and whose lives have been devastated by the consequences of sin, while I have been blessed to have Godly parents who trained me in the way of the Lord and helped me to avoid many of the pitfalls of sin, do I ever ask, "*Why me, Lord?*"

Yes, I believe it is just as valid to ask the Lord why he has so richly blessed our lives with peace, security, prosperity, health and the righteousness revealed in his Word. And the answer to this question is boldly stated throughout the pages of his Word. God blesses our lives that we may be a blessing to others. II Corinthians 9:11 states, You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion... Let's use our blessings to bless others.

 Wendell Ingram

By: Wendell Ingram and Bill Beebe

Then the opposite question that we need to ask is "Why not me, Lord?". Why shouldn't it be me that helps with the evangelistic efforts of the church here in Wasilla? Why shouldn't I be the one that cleans the building? Why shouldn't it be me that works in the yard or update the sign? Why shouldn't it be me that volunteers to teach a class. Why shouldn't it be me that volunteers to call the visitors and let them know how much we enjoyed them worshipping with us? Why shouldn't it be me that visits those in the hospital, or those who are having a difficult time in their life? And the only real answer to these questions is because I don't want to, or I don't want to make the time to do this because I value something else higher than I value working for the Lord.

When we decide that it is more important for us to stay home from services to watch a football game, or to fix dinner for friends who want to come over at noon on Sunday than it is to attend services we have made those things our idols. When we choose to stay home and work in the yard or garden rather than to participate in the evangelistic campaigns that the church sponsors (door knocking, VBS, Bible Studies), we make those things our idols. We put more value on them than we put on working for the Lord. When we choose not to mention God to our friends and neighbors, when we choose not to invite them to attend services, we put our selves in the position of God by deciding that they are not worthy of salvation.

So the same way it is critical to consider the question "Why me, Lord?" it is also imperative that we consider the question "Why not me, Lord?". You may be the only one who can influence one person to become a Christian. It may not be the preacher, or elder, or deacon or the evangelist who can reach that one person. It may be that you are the only one who can do that certain job, or say that specific thing in a way that causes them to listen. So when you begin to ask "Why me, Lord?" when you are facing difficulties or when you recognize how many blessings He has given you, ask "Why not me, Lord?" and then take the initiative to do the work that needs done. Speak that one word or sentence that will influence someone to become a Christian, take on the work that needs done at the building, and eliminate the things in your life that prevents you from serving.

Bill Beebe