

NEWS

Naomi Copeland spent some time in the local emergency room last Saturday night. Her blood pressure was out of control. She has been doing better since then—**Brantley Moss** has broken his arm and had to wait a while before it could be treated—**LaVelle Lovell** is still in the local hospital receiving therapy. They are planning for him to go home next Thursday, 10th—**Larry Joe Lovell**, Mikes's uncle, has suffered a mild heart attack. He is being transferred to a hospital in Dallas. He has blockages that they will be dealing with. Prayers (continued on page 3)

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SERVICES:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:45 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 5:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Class 10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

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ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

September 13, 2020

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture:

Sunday Evening

PRAYERS

Sun. AM— (Opening)

— (Closing)

PM— (Opening)

— (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—

P.M.—

(call Pat Marshall if unable to serve)

Think It Over—If you were to die today...Where would you spend eternity? To all who love God, and to those who do not, but should, to all who are weary and heavy laden; to all who are lonely and sad; to all who sin and need a Savior, and to whosoever will come a hearty welcome is extended.

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Facts We Can Know About God (2)

By Mark W. White

Humans have often worshipped what they did not understand. This is historical fact. The apostle Paul knew that worship of Jehovah God could not exist where ignorance of Him prevailed. When the Thessalonians were converted to Christ, most of them “*turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God*” (1 Thess. 1:9). Just as Paul preached Christ to the Athenians, resulting in a few conversions from idolatry (Acts 17:34), true knowledge of Jehovah resulted in the Thessalonians leaving idols, too.

What then, can we make of the nature of the “*living and true God?*” It is daunting for mere humans to attempt such knowledge. Indeed, it may sound presumptuous of mortals to know the immortal. We must resign to the fact that there may be many things about God we cannot fully know. Yet, with the help of Scripture we can know at least those things about Himself God has chosen to reveal to us. Greater scholars than we have made attempts in the past. We should approach such an inquiry with some degree of awe and reverence, even godly fear. Job 11:7-9 asks, “*Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty? They are higher than heaven—what can you do? Deeper than Sheol—what can you know? Their measure is longer than the earth and broader than the sea.*” In other words, we must be very cautious when attempting to explain what can be known about Jehovah God! Let's take that under advertisement as we begin. But let's also realize there are facts about God He wants us to know.

First, **God is eternal.** The opening words of the Bible establish the eternity of God. He was there before the beginning was there (Gen. 1:1).

The Scriptures close with the words of our Lord who said, *“I am Alpha and Omega, the first and last, the beginning and the end”* (Rev. 22:13). God has no beginning and no ending. To Moses at the burning bush, God said, *“I AM THAT I AM.”* God is self-existent, everlasting, timeless. *“Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God”* (Psa. 90:1-2). Most of us who are Christians have no trouble believing that God is eternal, however difficult that may be to comprehend. We accept it as fact because the Scriptures say so. It is easier to believe this than to sort out all of the conflicting theories of evolutionists who generally say there is no god at all. Also, it is not nearly so difficult to believe that after time ceases, God will continue to be—as it is to believe that God is today a personal, living God who knows, feels, cares, loves and speaks. God may be Spirit (Jn. 4:24) unlimited by space, time or distance so that He is always and everywhere accessible to man. This one fact about God makes it possible for us to operate with an awareness of His presence in our world. This fact enables us to pray to Him without making an appointment (time) or wondering if He is nearby (space and distance). His eternity allows Him to be everywhere at once, yet nowhere in particular. Humans cannot see their physicians without appointments, or without their physical presence in some way. Doc-

tors are temporal (limited by time and space, but God is eternal.

Second, **God is immutable.** He has declared, *“For I am the Lord, I do not change”* (Mal. 3:6). This same unchanging Jehovah who knew Adam and Eve also knows babies who are yet unborn. This same God who heard the prayers of Noah, Abraham, Daniel, Elijah, Jesus and Paul hears us, when we pray. That God has not been replaced with a modern version of Himself. Hebrews 1:10ff, quoting Psalm 102:25-27 reads, *“...the heavens are the work of Your hands; they will perish, but You will remain; and they will grow old like a garment, like a cloak you will fold them up, and they will be changed. But you are the same and Your years will not fail.”* Humans live in a rapidly changing world. It is nearly impossible to predict each day’s events. Jehovah keeps pace with all of the changes, yet remains unchanged Himself. He is sure and solid.

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The Counsel of God

(By Dennis Abernathy)

Benjamin Franklin said: *“He who won’t be counseled can’t be helped.”* He is right, depending of course, on the counsel one gets. It is definitely important to listen to good advice, and the person who stubbornly ignores wise counsel and valid rebuke will suffer because of it.

Listen to the Bible: *“The way of a*

fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkens unto counsel is wise.” (Prov. 12:15). *“Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that you may be wise in the latter end.”* (Prov. 19:20). *“He is in the way of life that keeps instruction; but he that refuses reproof errs.”* (Prov. 10:17). *“Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hates reproof is brutish (stupid).”* (Prov. 12:1). *“He whose ear heeds wholesome admonition will abide among the wise: He who ignores instruction despises himself, but he who heeds admonition gains understanding.”* (Prov. 15:31-32). Good examples from the Bible, don’t you think, telling us how important it is to listen to wise counsel and not to ignore correction when it is needed.

Remember, the best counsel of all is the counsel God gives. The apostle Paul said, *“For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.”* (Acts 20:27). We have God’s counsel in the Scriptures. *“Your testimonies are my delight and my counselors.”* (Ps. 119:24).

Yes, Ben Franklin was right when he said: *“He who won’t be counseled can’t be helped.”* That’s always been true. It is especially true of people who will not listen to the counsel of God in the Scriptures. Friend, I challenge you to make a fresh commitment to listen to what God is telling us in the Bible. Think of these things.

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Paul Coffman’s Report

Sunday I preached at 4 mile or Kiritia Church of Christ. Monday first Study at Moses. Tuesday miscellaneous needs. Wednesday we traveled to Maina village. There we studied with 8 desiring to hear the Word, then land was given to begin a congregation there, this is the 5th this trip to begin. There will need to be 800 to 1000 estimate to build the small building. Today we have a Q&A at Joseph’s home, they are bringing some who gathered clothes and will be baptized there. I will send following this gathering but today as I arise 68 baptized, 5 new congregations begun, bringing total to 12 counting last year’s work. I also received the annual report from Uganda from the preachers I work with, total baptized in a year was 143 so far. My intention is, sometime during March to May to go when warmer and spend 2 to 3 weeks in each country. I leave Saturday for Nairobi where I will stay and preach Sunday, then eat KFC, first American food then fly out on the 7th at 12:45 am arriving DFW about 4 pm on the 7th due to crossing time zones. I look forward to assembling with the saint’s soon. Belinda will receive the aid you wrote Sunday if this is ok. I have drawn and it is being given out in the next 3 days to congregations with dire need.

—God bless, Paul

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News (continued from back page)

are requested for him—Remember **Charles Davis, Rance Hockaday, Kenneth Amer-son, Kenny Ferguson, June Johnson, Randy Blackmon, Teresa Tate, Betty Rust, Frank White, William and Yvonne White, Willie Don Davis, Judy Hinson, Catherine Moss, Deborah Brown**—Remember our **Shut-ins: James Johnson, Betty Rust, and Marion Shurtleff.**