

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Thou Almighty King # 6

HYMN

Christ Receiveth Sinful Men# 199

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Will plan to have a meal together following the morning services. Bring what you like.

- Cleaning for January – Mike & Karen

CLOSING HYMN

The Sands Of Time Are Sinking # 509

PROOF SALVAITON IS OF THE LORD

A God-sent man can preach faithfully the Gospel of Christ to a believing couple week in and week out. That God fearing couple can have a baby. They can bring that child up “*in the nurture and admonition of the Lord*” (as we are charged to do). They can consistently provide a God honoring example in the home, carefully teach that child the Christ of the scriptures, have the child never miss a church service, and show that child the importance of worshiping the Lord. The child will have a personal knowledge of the Gospel, of its application, and see how believers walk and talk in this world - and the Lord **MUST STILL** give them life!!! The understanding and means are provided to us to give our children – the Miracle is at His pleasure and will!

It is His plowing, His provided seed, His watering, and His giving of the increase that is necessary and what we pray for!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT SPIRIT YOU ARE OF?

Too often we mistake a bad spirit for a spirit of zeal. We think we are standing for truth when in reality we are standing for our own selves. We rarely make good judgment with our emotions.

Luke 9:51-56 *And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.*

- John Chapman (Spring Lake, NC)

CONTENDERS OR PRETENDERS?

*Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should **earnestly contend** for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. (Jude 1:3).*

Those who are not earnestly contending “*for the faith*” (the gospel of God’s sovereign and free grace in Christ) are only mere pretenders in a false refuge of lies (Isa. 28:15; Matt. 7:21-23). Those who are earnestly and eagerly contending “*for the faith*” are those that are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ (Rom.1:16-17). Those who fervently contend “*for the faith*” are those who publicly preach it (Acts 5:42; Phil. 1:27), faithfully support it (Cor. 9:7), zealously identify themselves where the gospel is preached (Heb. 10:25), ardently pray for God’s blessing upon it (2 Thes. 3:1), dogmatically defend it against all opposition (Gal. 5:1-5; Phil. 1:17; 1Tim. 6:3-5), and aggressively insist that there is but one true gospel (Gal. 1:6-10; Eph. 4:4-6). Now the question for us is this, are we genuine and legitimate contenders or wretched and desolate pretenders?

