



## **“WALKING & GROWING IN GOD”**

A little girl studied about Enoch in Bible class. When her parents quizzed her. She said, “Well, Enoch walked with God. And they walked and walked and walked, until they were so far from Enoch’s house that God said, ‘Enoch, why don’t you just come on and go home with Me?’” That is not a bad view of what seems to have happened between Enoch and God. Though none of us will be translated from this world in the same manner as Enoch, there’s still an important point here. **If we**

**walk with God, we grow closer to Him every day.** If we walk with Him long enough, we may simply get so “far away” from this world that heaven is truly the only place we can home. The more we grow, the less at home in this world we will become. Every day we live on this earth, we are one day closer to going to heaven. Each step we take with the Lord takes us that much nearer the home that He has prepared for us. This week, let’s concentrate on that thought. Let’s see if we can’t make heaven more real to ourselves, and realize that at the pace life goes nowadays it will be here before long! As the song says, “*Just a few more days to be filled with praise, and to tell the old, old story; then, when twilight falls, and my Savior calls, I shall go to Him in glory.*” We can do the Lord’s will and please Him (Heb.13:20-21; cf.11:5-6), and every day we do these things, we move closer to God. Another song says, “*When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word, what a glory He sheds on our way!*” On our way to heaven, God brightens our path. It is not as though we are bound for heaven but must endure a dreary ordeal until we get there. No, the Christian is privileged to have many foretastes of the joy of heaven before he arrives. Doing the Lord’s work with the Lord’s people is a glorious thing in itself. But just over the horizon, our Father beckons us home to rest. Even at this moment, we may be closer to that rest than we think. Let’s not fall short of that which we have looked forward to all our lives. Let’s strive for heaven this week, & always. DP

### **FOR YOUR STUDY & REFLECTION**

**MONDAY - 2 KINGS 2:1-14 - Key Idea:** God wants those who love & obey to be with Him.

**Questions for Growth:** What kind of person was Elijah? How did God take him home to heaven? Even though we won’t go to heaven in the same way as Elijah, should we not look forward to being with God when we die? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 13:1.

**TUESDAY - HEBREWS 11:8-10,13-16 - Key Idea:** If we love & obey God, we can go to the city He has built. **Questions for Growth:** What kind of person was Abraham? In v.10, what kind of city does it say he was looking for? Did he find that city in this world? Where is it, according to v.16? What are some things that make heaven a “better country”? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 13:2-3.

**THURSDAY - 2 PETER 1:1-11 - Key Idea:** To go to heaven, we must learn to love what God loves. **Questions for Growth:** What does it mean to become “*partakers of the divine nature*” (v.4)? What are the things Peter says we must add to our faith? What will these things do for us, according to vv.10-11? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 13:5,6.

**FRIDAY – HEBREWS 9:27,28 - Key Idea:** We are looking forward to when Christ returns to take us to heaven. **Questions for Growth:** What is the thing that everyone is “appointed” to do? What comes after that? When Christ appears a second time, what will it be for? What does it mean to be “eagerly waiting” for Christ? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 13:7.

# *The Salisbury Beacon*

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**JUNE 5, 2016**

### **WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY**

We appreciate your willingness to worship God with us this Lord’s Day! If you would like more information about the Church of Christ, or if we may assist you in other ways, please let us know. BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY– *The Salisbury Church of Christ.*

\*\*\*\*Please fill out a Visitor’s Card and place it in the collection plate\*\*\*\*

### **ORDER OF OUR WORSHIP**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPENING PRAYER**

SONG # 417 – WALKING IN SUNLIGHT

SONG # 97 – GOD IS SO GOOD

#### **PRAYER**

#### **SCRIPTURE – DANIEL 6:1-10**

SONG # 404 – REMIND ME DEAR LORD

#### **LORD’S SUPPER**

#### **CONTRIBUTION**

SONG # 379 – I WALK WITH THE KING

#### **SERMON: “EVER – LASTING”**

SONG # 867 – ALMOST PERSUADED

SONG # 608 – GOD’S FAMILY

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

## **NEWS, NOTES & PRAYERS**

**LET US PRAY FOR:** Ida Laramore (Judy Willie's mother); Ken & Nancy Watson (lost daughter) Jimmy McMillon, Stella Reidy, Wilma Duke's mother (dementia), Geri Plourde (cancer), Jenn Striecker (cancer), Jack Callaway, Katie Gray, Flossie Hull, Barbara Kuykendall, John Tillman, Paul Marchesault, Marilyn Artis, Linda Alaban, Florence Tucker, the Jones/Dale family, the Gibson family, Larry Laten, Prince Ituen and all missionaries and military personnel serving overseas.

- **Ruth Banks** grandson, Mike, suffered a heart attack, Please continue keeping him in your prayers
- **Chance & Tara Blackmer** and their three children have been displaced from their house after it burned down. They lost most everything. Chance preaches for the Laurel church. We will be taking up a special collection to help them out.
- **Eva Post** will be leaving for CT on Tuesday, 6/7.
- **Doug Post** will be in Pensacola, FL – June 10-14 for the Bellview Lectureship.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**JUNE 5 (Sunday)** ..... Pot Luck

**JUNE 18 (Sunday)** ..... Family Night (Food, Devo, Games. Invite friends) 6:00 pm

**JUNE 19 (Saturday)** ..... Evangelism Meeting (15 minutes)

## **RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE LAST WEEK**

Sunday Bible Classes: 27

Sunday AM Worship: 45

Wednesday Bible Class: 14

Contribution: \$2,065

Weekly Budget: \$1,489

## **THOSE WHO SERVE - SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016**

Announcements & Opening Prayer: Bob King

Song Leader/Closing Prayer: Kevin Kronewitter

Prayer & Scripture: Jerry Marvel

Lord's Supper: Herman Duke

Assisting:

## **SERMON PREVIEW**

**JUNE 5:** "SIZING UP SATAN"

**JUNE 12:** Guest Speaker

**JUNE 19:** "DO"

## **"ETHICS & MORALS"**

***Dub McClish, Denton, Texas***

Fyodor Dostoyevsky wrote the classic novel, *The Brothers Karamazov*. He had Ivan (one of his characters) observe: "If there is no God, everything is permitted"—one of the essential implications of Atheism/Humanism. Ethics and morals relate to right and wrong conduct and the standards by which men judge behavior. To mention ethics and morals implies the existence of right and wrong, which, in turn, implies an ultimate standard for determining right from wrong. Said standard, moreover, implies an infallibly pure and moral Being—God.

Men proffer many "standards," all of which are based on opinions or personal preferences. All such rules are subjective and are as varied as their originators' druthers. Thereby men are left to do what is right in their own eyes (Jud. 17:6), which well describes the prevailing philosophy of the modern world. Human beings uniquely possess moral sensibilities. The fact that we even discuss this subject argues as much. But apart from an objective standard, neither **oughtness** nor **non-oughtness** attaches to any human behavior. Stated another way, no behavior is innately right/good or wrong/evil if there is no set standard by which to judge behavior. Atheistic/ Humanistic "standards" of "good" behavior include:

- Hedonism: seeks the greatest pleasure and the least pain (but what if one must inflict pain to avoid personal pain?).
- Utilitarianism: seeks the greatest pleasure for the most people (Hitler's atrocities were "good" by this criterion).
- Nihilism: holds that nothing is real, and life is meaningless. It denies all religious and moral concepts (including God), so there is no ethical standard (cf. Dostoyevsky's Ivan). Nihilists reject their mistreatment by others, of course.
- Relativism: denies the existence of universal moral "truth"; "morality" is "relative" to and determined by the cultural or societal context of a given region (but it rejects the standard of any "region" that respects an absolute standard).
- Situationism: denies moral absolutes in favor of "loving" behavior, according to the situation (of course, each person is allowed to decide the meaning of love in each situation).
- Determinism: denies human responsibility, averring that man is a product of forces apart from his own will, which he cannot control (the murderer and rapist "can't help it"). **[This would include the claim that the Holy Spirit manipulates our minds for making proper decisions for proper behavior -DP].**

Is everything permitted? Are some things permitted? Who is to decide? Apart from God and His revelation (the Bible) we are morally adrift in selfish and self-destructive systems.

## **WHEN THE SAINTS MEET HERE IN SALISBURY**

***Sunday Bible Study – 9:30 AM Sunday Worship – 10:30 AM***

***Wednesday Bible Study – 6 PM***