

## “AND HE TOLD THEM MANY THINGS IN PARABLES.” MT. 13:3a. ESV.

Jesus was the consummate teacher. He was the Master of teaching in parables, too. He changes his teaching style in Matthew 13 to parables. The disciples came to Jesus in private because they were puzzled by this new way he was teaching. (Mt. 13:10)

So, what is the purpose of the parable? Four things:

1. Parables **reveal** truth to those willing to seek it and submit to it. Anyone can understand a parable if they have that desire.
2. Parables **hide** truth from those who intend to use it for their own purposes. Parables are set in a neutral setting to avoid emotions.
3. Parables **judge** hearts. The hearer must decide, if he trusts what Jesus is saying or trusts those things said by others.
4. Parables set truth in **memorable** form. Truth can be taught in plain language. But teach a truth in parable form and we will remember it easier. (These four are by Harold Fowler).

One other thing we must keep in mind when reading a parable is that there is only one point made. For instance, in answer to our Trivia Question last week on the Ten Virgins, the point was to be ‘watchful’ for Jesus’ return. (Mt. 25:13). That was the point that Jesus was teaching for all time! Simple!

But being earnestly watchful, expectant and prepared (as the Five Virgins who had enough oil) is not easy. Those old cares of the world can drag us away from God. False teaching will destroy our preparedness. Being watchful for the Lord is an intentional act.

One other thing: To understand parables you need to know the customs of that day. For instance, it was the custom for the bride groom to come and get his bride at night and to come suddenly, after he had prepared a place for his bride to live. That is just how Jesus will come back. You ready?!

God Bless you Brethren!

In Him,

*Gary*

## Medical & Prayer Needs

**Paul Barnes**- 1/29 to remove skin cancer.

**Rita Carr**-prayers, Allen’s sister.

**Randy and Beth Cook**- Niece died of gunshot, in WV. (34)

**Lauren Cornelison** - ca bone, friend Cindy Toppings. Radiation.

**Kelly Fetzer Potts** - personal issue.

**Laura Day Leach**: Brain aneurism, seizures - friend of Reddicks.

**Gary & Ethel Frye**- difficulties, friends of Priddys.

**Carolyn Hall**- Phareta’s sister-in-law, colon cancer.

**Barb Lenchak** - back issues, to see surgeon.

**Elaine Leonhardt Family**- various issues.

**Bill Morrison**-to have stent removed.

**Rosie Morrison** - Knee surgery, home, rehab. Cysts discovered. Hernia. Shoulders injected.

**David Pollard** - Prayer requested.

**Shane Resinger** - Lung ca, 18 yrs old. Steve Miller’s co-worker’s nephew.

**Marie Wilburn**-in Hospital.

**Family of:** Al Talbert, upon his death. God’s Blessings.

## Military Prayer List

Anthony Chesck, Brianna Jordan, Philip Pape, Ralph Reed, Kenneth Redd II, Ethan Vance, Chris Westbrook.

**Today** - Ladies Meeting and Men’s Meeting at 4:30.

**January 20<sup>th</sup>:** Monthly Fellowship Meal after a.m. service. Bring food and friend!

**NOTE:** Bill Brown to be married on February the 14<sup>th</sup> to Mildred! See board for details. Congratulations to both!

**Secret Friends:** See Cindy Toppings about this, please.

## Extended Prayer List:

Bill & Virginia Ackley, Betty Alley, Bill Brown, Norma Jean Carman, Hazel Driver, Pat & Bob Eddy, Giada Foneseca, Richard & Wanda Foy, Barbra King, Rosa Pratt, Howard Priddy Family, Olivia Smith, Georgianna Spriestersbach, Tom Tablett, Jenise Veris, Jon Siroka, Marie Wilburn.

## Attendance – 1/6/2019:

Bible Study	40
AM Worship	76
PM Worship	41
Wed. Bible Study	28

# East Broad St. Church of Christ

January 13, 2019

## God's Word for the Week

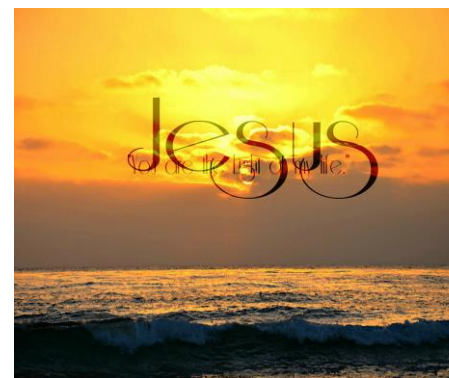
“And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked the disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ And they told him, ‘John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.’ And he asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Christ.’ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.”

Mark 8:27-30 ESV

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## WELCOME

*We welcome our visitors to the worship services today as our honored guests. Please fill out a Visitors Card and give it to one of the greeters at the door as you leave. We hope & pray you will return soon.*



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### Assembly Times

Sun. Bible Class	10:00 am
Sun. Worship	11:00 am
Sun. PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 pm

## January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Justin Rinaldi	1
Jayme Baker	2
William Brown	2
Marie Wilburn	9
Joyce Brewer	10
Austin Brown	12
Betty Alley	15
Alex Scarborough	19
Marleen Goff	19
Beckey Houdek	20
Mandy Minton	27
Bob Jordan	29
Gail Spriestersbach	30
Glenn & Mary Ann Priddy	25
Greg & Charlotte Brown	28

**Trivia Question:** Each of these creatures plagued Egypt *EXCEPT?* Lice, Frogs, Locusts, Serpents, Flies.

**Last Week's Question:** In the parable of the ten virgins, what was Jesus trying to teach?

**Answer:** That all must be ready/prepared when he comes.

**Location:** Matthew 25:1-13.

**Answers:** Harold Cantley, Denice Anderson, Paul Barnes, Cheryl Hunnicutt.

### Widows & Widowers

Betty Alley, Lola Anderson, Kimber Banks, Joyce Brewer, Bill Brown, Frances Brown, Harold Cantley, Norma Jean Carman, Kathy Carter, Hazel Driver, Joyce Fetzer, Eunice Henry, Elaine Leonhardt, Kathy Lindsey, Sue Massey, Phareta Reddick, Shirley Sarver, Betty Scheutzow, Georgianna Spriestersbach, Qualla Tablett, Ruth Watson, Hessie Weese, Marie Wilburn, Diana Wirth.

### REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

#### Prayers, Cards, Visits, Calls

Barbara Lenchak, Qualla Tablett, Georgianna Spriestersbach, Marie Wilburn.