

**NEWS**

**Catherine Moss** had her hernia surgery done Wednesday morning. The surgery went fine and she is doing well except for the pain she is having. She went home on the same day—**Bettye Mitchell** was taken to the hospital on Friday with pneumonia—**The Hancocks and Sally Bilbo** were all sick this past week and none were able to be in services Wednesday night. Asher and Ben have had the flu, and Alecia and Sally upper respiratory infections—**Dorothy Kyle** has had a stomach virus, got dehydrated, and has had to go to a wheel chair to get around. She is doing some better but probably will (continued on page 3)

**ELDERS:**  
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**Ron Burns** 577-9978  
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**SERVICES:**  
**Sunday**  
**Bible Study** 9:45 AM  
**Worship** 10:30 AM  
**Worship** 6:00 PM

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

**PREACHERS:**  
**Ronald Stringer** 717-8603  
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**ASSIGNMENTS FOR:  
December 30, 2012**

**Serving The Lord's Supper  
Sunday Morning**

**Scripture: Zach Willeford**  
**Ken Ferguson** Pat Marshall  
**Ricky Davis** Kevin Kanaley

**Sunday Evening**  
**Ken Ferguson** Pat Marshall  
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**PRAYERS**  
**Sun. AM—Andrew Arnold (Opening)**  
—Austin Fulmer (Closing)  
**PM—Luke Arnold (Opening)**  
—Charles Davis (Closing)  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**A.M.—Leon Goff**  
**P.M.—Paul Chapman**  
  
(notify 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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### “I, Me, Mine”

By Aaron Kemple

**H**ave you ever had those moments while studying Scripture when the light came on? When you came across a pattern, made connections that you didn't see before, or understood something that previously gave you fits? Maybe you got goose bumps, or shed a tear, or simply smiled and said, “Thank you, Lord, for helping me to see it.”

One such experience for me was when I finally noticed the tragic and fatal consequences that befell those sad souls who in some way said, “I, Me, Mine.” Whenever you see someone in Scripture who spends a great deal of time using words like these, eventually something bad happens to them. It's a sobering reminder that God hates pride and will punish those who exhibit it (Luke 18:14).

Want some examples of those reaping the whirlwind of the selfish —“I, Me, Mine?”

### Nabal

If there is any man whose name accurately described him, it would be Nabal (1 Sam. 25). His name means “stupid” or “fool” (which makes you wonder what his parents were thinking when he was born). He was a rich man who owned a considerable amount of livestock, and for whom David had provided free security services for his operation. When David came to ask for a simple meal on a feast day for himself and his men, Na-

bal showed no gratitude whatsoever for David's assistance, and displayed his true character with his response. Nabal said, "Shall I then take *my* bread and *my* water and *my* meat that I have killed for *my* shearers, and give it to men when I do not know where they are from? (v. 11). Had not Abigail, his wife, intervened, David would have removed Nabal from the land of the living. Thankfully David calmed down and relented, but ten days later the Lord struck Nabal with a fatal heart disease (vv. 37-38).

### Sennacherib

King Sennacherib and the Assyrian army had taken the northern kingdom of Israel into captivity, and were on a mission to destroy Judah (2 Kings 19). Jerusalem was besieged by Assyria, and Sennacherib sent a message to King Hezekiah and the people. In this message, Sennacherib taunted them and mocked the God of Israel, saying He is no different than any other god, and that Assyria would dispense with Judah and her "God" like she did with every other nation. The words of Isaiah accurately sum up the heart of many Assyrian kings as they would say, "By the strength of *my* hand I have done it, and by *my* wisdom, for I am prudent; also *I* have removed the boundaries of the people and have robbed their treasuries: so *I* have put down the inhabitants like an armed man" (Is 10:5-19). God's promise in Isaiah was that He would punish the arrogance of the king of Assyria, and He

demonstrated it very well in the days of Sennacherib. In one night an angel of the Lord slew 185,000 Assyrians, and when the king returned home, his own sons assassinated him.

Of course this wasn't the only time that God humbled arrogant rulers. In the days of Moses, Pharaoh swam with the fishes (Ex 15:9), In the days of the apostles, Herod was eaten by worms (Acts 12), and the great King Nebuchadnezzar, was reduced to grazing like an ox because of his pride (Dan. 4:28-36). Where did the selfish "I, Me, My" get them?

### The Rich Fool

Jesus' parable about a rich fool (Luke 12:13-21) calls out this sinful attitude and the consequences for it. The rich man said to himself,

"What shall *I* do, since *I* have no room to store *my* crops? *I* will do this: *I* will pull down *my* barns and build greater, and there *I* will store all *my* crops and *my* goods. And *I* will say to *my* soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'"

God's response is terrifying as He warned, "You fool! This night your soul will be required of you."

It would be *wise* for us to consider how much we are saying "I, Me, Mine,"

in our conversations, texts and emails. We should also remember not to turn sites like *Facebook* into *Facebrag*. At work, at church, in sporting events, and at home, we should be constantly determined to direct people's attention to the Lord, and not towards ourselves. Let us make sure that our "testifying" doesn't turn into a cloak for boasting. A little dose of humility would do us all well. God is watching and listening.

### A few questions about Wednesday Bible Study

1. Do you not feel a need for studying the Bible with other Christians?
2. Would it not benefit you to sing and pray with other Christians at this time?
3. If your Lord should come on a Wednesday night, would you rather be present with the saints of God studying the Bible than to be at home with your feet propped up, watching TV?
4. When your children grow up, do you want them to be regular in attendance at all the services of the church, or would you prefer that they follow your example?
5. Why not abandon all excuses and attend this meeting every time possible? You will be the one who gains by so doing.

—Connie W. Adams

### Our Annual Singing

**Friday Night, January 18, 2013** is the date and **7:30 PM** is the time. **Tim Steven, Dane Shepard and Todd Dennis** are scheduled so far to be the song leaders. We are expecting another full house at our singing. We appreciate very much the great support we have received the past years. We look forward to another enjoyable evening of worshiping God singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. As in past years, we look forward to having visitors from the local area as well as from over the Ark-La-Tex area. Let's look forward to it.

**NEWS** (continued from back page) not be in the services today. Charles has been taking care of her—**Alecia and Paley Stringer** have both been sick. Paley has had the flu, and Alecia was still sick this past Friday. They did not get to leave for Tennessee until Tuesday afternoon after seeing their doctors—**Colton Fulmer** was sick a week ago Wednesday and not in our service—**Lenelle Latimer** was not feeling well this past week—**Lee Roy Newman** has been moved to The Villas on Greenhill Rd., Room 321—Continue to remember **Relda Marshall, David Hill, Pat Brown, Deborah Brown Reed, Dana Welch Crawford, Tammy Willeford and Ronald Stringer** in their health struggles—Remember our **Shut-ins: Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Irma May, Bettye Mitchell, Lelda Thompson and Joan Tosh.**