

NEWS

Beverly Amerson has some pinched nerves in her neck. She is having surgery next Thursday to relieve the pressure. There's a 50/50 chance that she will regain feeling in her hands and feet.

She is struggling with anxiety and is in need of our prayers—

Relda Marshall went to MD Anderson last week for a check-up and they determined that she is still cancer free! She was able to return home on Wednesday evening and will go back in several months—**William White** is doing some better and has been able to be in services lately. We are thankful for that—(cont on p. 3)

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SERVICES:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:45 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

PREACHERS:

Ronald Stringer 717-8603
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ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

June 30, 2013

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: **Phil Brown**

Zach Willeford **Bob Arnold**
Colton Fulmer **Richard Tapparo**

Sunday Evening

Zach Willeford **Bob Arnold**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—**Luke Arnold** (Opening)

—**Pat Marshall** (Closing)

PM—**Leon Goff** (Opening)

—**Andrew Arnold** (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—**Leon Goff**

P.M.—**Kendall Johnson**

(call **Pat Marshall** if unable to serve)

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You Are Invited to our Vacation Bible School!

June 24 - 27, 2013

10:00 - 11:30

Theme: Parables of Our Lord

All ages are welcome!

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.

Responding To Our Enemies

By R.J. Evans

“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake” (Matt. 5:11).

How do we handle a person who reviles us, persecutes us, and says things about us which are not true? The natural response is to retaliate and get even. But how are we to respond to our enemies and be pleasing unto God? Let us go to His Word for the answers.

1. REJOICE if we are being mistreated because we are faithfully serving the Lord. If we are suffering because of our evil deeds, then we should be ashamed. However, the Apostle Peter tells us— “Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter”

(1 Pet. 3:15-16). Notice the next verse following our text: “Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you” (Matt. 5: 12). Although some may seek to make our lives miserable here on earth, our reward in heaven will be great if we remain faithful while we are hurting for His sake.

2. LOVE THEM, DO GOOD TO THEM, AND PRAY FOR THEM. This is what Jesus was teaching in Matthew 5:44: “But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.” Normally, we will have to do a lot of praying for ourselves, asking for strength, before we will be able to do this for our enemies. But we will reap many benefits if we can sincerely do what Jesus commands in this passage. Again, let us observe the inspired words of the Apostle Peter, as it relates to this kind of situation. “...not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing” (1 Pet. 3:9). Remember—this is the example Jesus left for us and we are to follow in His steps. “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ‘Who committed no sin, nor was guile found in His mouth,’ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously” (1 Pet. 2:21-23).

3. TURN IT OVER TO GOD. When men crucified our Lord, He prayed,

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do” (Lk. 23:34). In one short prayer, we find Jesus loving His enemies, blessing His enemies, and praying for His enemies. The Apostle Paul tells us to turn it over to God when he said: “Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord. Therefore if your enemy hun- gers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head: Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (Rom. 12:19-21). This is basically what Christ was teaching in His “Sermon on the Mount” in Matthew 5:38-48.

In a sense, we are being good to ourselves when we are good to our ene- mies. May the Lord help and be with us when we are meeting the challenge of cor- rectly responding to our enemies.

via Anderson bulletin
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Just An Ordinary Member
Unknown
*Just an ordinary member of the church
I heard her say,
But you’d always find her present,
Even on a rainy day.
She had a warm handclasp for the
Stranger in the aisle,
And a friend who was in trouble found
Sunshine in her smile.*

*When the sermon helped her
She told the preacher so,
And when she needed help
She let the elders know.
She always gave so freely and
Tried to do her share,
In all the ordinary tasks for
Which some have no care.
Her talents were not many
But her love for God was true,
Her prayers were not in public,
But she prayed for me and you.
An “ordinary member” did you say?
I think I would say,
She was “extra-ordinary,”
In a humble sort of way.*
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Thank You!
I want to thank all of the members who supported me by coming to the meeting in Sulphur Springs! It meant a lot to me and I appreciate **everyone** in this congregation very much.

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NEWS (cont. from back page)
Lets always keep in mind those who are struggling with disease and difficulty:
Relda Marshall, Pat Brown, Deborah Brown Reed, Tammy Willeford, Shirley Ferguson, Dorothy Kyle, Michele Williams and Ronald Stringer—
Let’s also remember our **Shut-ins:** *Clay- ton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Irma May, Lelda Thompson, Dee Ellis, Maurine Lee & Joan Tosh.*