

NEWS

Kenneth Amerson had his ablation procedure last Monday in Tyler and came home Tuesday. He thinks it has solved his arrhythmia problem—**Pat and Relda Marshall** went to Houston to have another checkup and she continues to be proclaimed cancer free—**Judy McGough** was not feeling well Wednesday night and was not in our service—**Willie Don Davis** is making progress in recovering from his stroke—**Mark Caldwell** is improving and may get to go home soon—**Paul & Carla Chapman** are sick with upper respiratory infections.

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Leon Goff 572-6809
Kendall Johnson 572-9306

DEACONS:

Ricky Davis 572-9428
Ken Ferguson 572-4135
Pat Marshall 572-9347

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:

Jared Rogers 717-3788
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ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

February 21, 2016

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Thomas Hockaday

Jerry Wildman Duane McGough
Jeron McGough Chris Hill

Sunday Evening

Jerry Wildman Duane McGough

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Kendall Johnson (Opening)

—Phil Brown (Closing)

PM—Leon Goff (Opening)

—Ricky Davis (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—Paul Chapman

P.M.—Pat Marshall

(call 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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Weekend Meeting

February 26-28, 2016

Josh Kirby & Jacob Hudgins, Speakers

Friday 26th, 7:00 pm — *The Golden Rule* (Josh)

Owning Spiritual Poverty (Jacob)

Saturday 27th, 7:00 pm — *Unleashing the Heart* (Jacob)

Judge Not, That You Be Not Judged (Josh)

Sunday 28th, 9:45 am — *The Problem of Self-Righteousness* (Josh)

10:30 am — *Radical Honesty* (Jacob)

2:30 pm — *70 x 7* (Jacob)

Our Deepest Need (Josh)

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Portrait: Disciples of Christ?

Jim Stauffer

Casual religion is not something taught by our Master. A prominent citizen defended his religion in an interview by saying, “No, I go frequently” when it was stated he was not a regular worshiper.

Jesus gives so many illustrations of the rigorous demands of discipleship. He tells us faithfulness may cause us conflict with family that should be resolved in favor of Christ (**Mat. 10:34-37**). He tells us discipleship may appear to be easy when in reality it will bring difficulty and hardship to our lives as it has to His (**Lk. 9:57-62**). He says it may come between us and personal wealth. When it does our decision must be to follow Him with total disregard for our wealth if we wish to reach heaven (**Mat. 19:16-22**). He warns us discipleship may even threaten our lives but we cannot be His disciple if fear for our lives would give us cause to reconsider following Him (**Mat. 10: 28-33**).

Jesus left the glories of heaven to come to earth and teach us how we must live to please God. Having already sinned and finding ourselves separated from God, we learn of His death on Calvary’s cross to redeem us from the bondage of sin (**Phil. 2:5-8; Rom. 3:23-26**). Peter describes the very essence of the sacrificial life of Jesus lived to be an example for us to follow. **1 Pet. 2:21** *For hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not; but committed*

himself to him that judgeth righteously: 24 who his own self bare our sins in his body upon the tree, that we, having died unto sins, might live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed.

In light of the price Jesus paid to purchase our freedom from sin (**Acts 20:28**) it is no wonder the New Testament has no record of disciples whose mentality toward worship and service of God was casual in nature. Those who please God are totally committed to His service.

Those examples we have of men who followed Christ are those who did not fear those who could, *kill the body but are not able to kill the soul*. They lived reverent lives in His service knowing He could, *destroy both body and soul in hell*.

Paul equated his suffering as a disciple to a, *light affliction for the moment*. He realized it would bring *an eternal weight of glory*. All of this he says is because life here is temporal but the glory God will grant for faithfulness is eternal (**2 Cor. 4:16-18**). He had similar comments for the Romans (**Rom. 8:18**) *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to usward. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God.*

One of the great evidences of Jesus’ life of teaching and His demonstration of the power of God before His chosen apostles are

the lives they gave in His service. All but 1 of the 12 apostles who received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in Acts chapter 2, died a violent and premature death for their faithful teaching of the word of Jesus. The one who did not, John; was exiled to the Isle of Patmos after a failed attempt to kill him, where he recorded the book of Revelation. These men with their lives tell us Jesus was real on earth and is now real as He is on the right hand of God.

We have provided for us a record that should inspire us to put God first and foremost in our lives. We should have no need to be reminded that minor suffering should not deter our service. If the threat of death did not deter them we must overcome the obstacles we face.

In our country we must not allow ourselves to be distracted by the pleasures wealth can afford. They overcame the physical persecution and threat of death to preach the gospel.

Yet sometimes we cannot worship due to a headache. We should be thankful to God we are so blessed that such things as transportation even in difficult weather is much simpler for us than what the first century Christians faced in good weather. How many excuses do we offer that pale in comparison to the difficulties they overcame?

Frivolous excuses make it hard for us to sing this old refrain. *I’m not ashamed to own my Lord, Nor to defend His cause, Maintain the honors of His word, The glory of His Cross.*
—The Lenexa Edifier

Weekend Meeting!

February 26—28 are the dates for our meeting especially designed for young people, but all ages are invited. **Josh Kirby**

and **Jacob Hudgins** will be the speakers. Josh works with David Holder and the Castleberry church in Ft. Worth. Jacob recently moved from the Campbell Road church in Garland to the Fairview Park Church of Christ in Little Rock, AR. Be making plans to profit from the good Bible teaching we will hear.

Our Spring Gospel Meeting

Will be **March 13 — 16, 2016**. Yes, this follows very closely after our weekend meeting, or otherwise we would have had to wait until June. **Roger Shouse** from Charlestown, IN, will be the speaker in this meeting. He works with the Charlestown Road Church of Christ. Let’s make plans to be in every service possible and pray for the success of the meeting.

Gospel Meetings

Bob Owen will be the speaker this week in a meeting at the Stallings Drive Church of Christ, **Nacogdoches, TX, February 14-18, 7:00** weeknights.

John Kilgore will be the speaker in a meeting at the Greer Blvd. church in Pittsburg next week, **February 21— 24, 7:00** weeknights.

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—Remember **Willie Don Davis, Vivian Stroman, William White, Catherine Moss, Randy Blackmon, Wade Miller, David Chapman, Kris Ferguson, Jr., Relda Marshall, Dorothy and Charles Kyle, Pat Brown, Deborah Brown, Tammy Willeford, and Judy Hinson**—Remember our **Shut-ins:** *Loyd Clark, Shirley Ferguson, Maurine Lee, Irma May, and Lelda Thompson.*