NEWS

- **Kenneth Amerson** received a positive report regarding his heart. A pacemaker is not needed.
- Betty Rust is scheduled for a heart valve replacement on
- Catherine Moss has been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. **Brantley** and **Zachary Moss** continue to recover from pneumonia.
- Beverly Amerson's brother, Kenneth Shelby, is to undergo melanoma surgery on March 7,
- **James Johnson** was unable to worship with for several weeks.

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ELDERS:		ASSIGNMENTS I	OR:
Bob Arnold	563-2977	March 13, 2016	
Leon Goff	572-6809	<u> </u>	
Kendall Johnson	572-9306	Serving The Lord's Supper Sunday Morning	
DEACONS:		Scripture: Ken Ferguson	
Ricky Davis	572-9428	Luke Arnold And	lrew Arnold
Ken Ferguson	572-4135	Jerry Don Davis	Dylan Davis
Pat Marshall	572-9347	Sunday Evening	
		Luke Arnold And	
SERVICES:			
Sunday		PRAYERS	
Bible Study	9:45 AM	Sun. AM—Zach Willeford	(Opening)
Worship	10:30 AM	—Colton Fulmer	(Closing)
Worship	6:00 PM	PM—Randy Blackmon	(Opening)
		—Ricky Davis	(Closing)
Wednesday		************	

10:00 AM

7:00 PM

682-300-3602

572-6809

Ladies Class

Bible Study

PREACHERS:

Jared Rogers

Leon Goff

ANNOUNCEMENTS A.M.—Leon Goff P.M.—Kendall Johnson (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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"A Faith That Works"

By Bubba Garner

The passage on faith and works in James 2:14-26 is often used to answer questions like "is salvation by faith alone?" or "is it necessary to be baptized to be saved?" And the text certainly lends itself to such discussions.

But I am certain that the readers of James' epistle believed that baptism was essential to salvation. They understood that salvation was not by faith alone. He addressed the letter to "the twelve tribes who are dispersed" (1:1), asking them in 2:14: "what use is it, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works?"

Would you say that you have faith? Most people reading this article would probably answer, "yes, I have faith." Do you know what James would say next? Prove it. Show me. What use is it to say you have faith but then provide no evidence to support your claim?

This is no new concept or requirement. When Joshua gave his farewell address and challenged the people of Israel to "choose whom they would serve," they answered, "we will serve the Lord!" Joshua said, "then put away the foreign gods that are in your midst and incline your hearts to the Lord" (Josh 24:23). Prove it! Jesus asked, "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord' and not do what I say" (Luke 6:46)? Show Me!

James introduced this subject the same way: "But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers only who delude themselves" (1:22). A faith that pleases God is a faith that works.

A faith that works is ACTIVE. If I were to draw a picture of a Bible character, could you recognize them by their appearance alone? What if drew a man who with three younger men was sawing, hammering, and nailing wood with the silhouette of a boat in the background? What if I drew a man standing over a young boy on an altar with a knife raised in the air? You would because of them their know actions. They were acting on their faith. That's why Hebrews 11reads: "by faith Noah prepared an ark" (11:7) and "by Abraham offered faith Isaac" (11:17). They had a faith that worked.

Faith needs to be active among our brethren. Do we have a brother or sister among us who is "without clothing and in need of daily food" (2:15). Or any who have need for meals, visits, transportation, or encouragement? When you hear the announcements or receive emails from the deacons, how do you

respond? To turn away or hope someone else answers the call is to have a faith that doesn't work.

Faith needs to be active in the fear of the Lord. "You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe and shudder" (2:19). The word "shudder" or "tremble" is a Greek word that describes the hair on the back of your neck standing up. How long has it been since you read a passage or thought about the power of God and trembled before Him? Do you have more faith than an angel of the devil? This fear of the Lord should motivate us to have a faith that works before Him.

faith that works Α SUCCESSFUL. Abraham and Rahab were by their justified working faith (2:21,24).Justified means to "declared righteous" or to be "set right." James quoted from Genesis 15:6: "Abraham believed God and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Why? Because he had a faith that worked. Rahab the harlot brought about her salvation and the salvation of her household. She was rescued because she acted on what she believed.

Abraham's faith was "perfected" (2:22). It was made complete. Doesn't that indicate that if it was not working with his works that it was imperfect, incomplete? When James says that faith without works is dead, it could be compared to money that draws no interest. It is idle, barren; it doesn't work and produces nothing.

Abraham was called the friend of God (2:23). If you described your friends, what would you tell about them? The experiences you've had together, the places you've been, the memories you've shared, the things they've done for you. This is the kind of friend God wants. One who has a faith that works.

"For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead" (2:26). At the judgment, every person will be "judged by the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds" (Rev. 20:12). If a man has a faith that doesn't work, "can that faith save him" (2:14)?

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Upcoming Event

Our Spring Gospel Meeting is scheduled for March 13-16 with Roger Shouse of Charlestown, Indiana. Morning classes will be offered Monday through Wednesday.

Flyers are cards are available in the foyer to invite friends and family. Begin making your plans to attend and profit from studying the Bible together.

NEWS (continued from back page)

- Willie Don Davis continues to regain his strength and motion after his recent stroke.
- Vivian Stroman, now living in Fort Worth, has not been doing well and is getting weaker.
- Wade Miller has been placed back in the hospital.
- Remember to pray for **Mark Caldwell**.
- Continue to remember Willie Don Davis, Vivian Stroman, William White, Catherine Moss, David Chapman, Kris Ferguson Jr., Relda Marshall, Pat Brown, Dorothy and Charles Kyle, Judy Hinson, Deborah Brown, Tammy Willeford.
- Remember our Shut-ins: Lloyd Clark, Shirely Ferguson Maurine Lee, Irma May, Lelda Thompson.