

News

Randy Blackmon had more injections in his back Wednesday in Tyler and he is feeling better—**Kenneth Shelby**, Beverly Amerson's brother, who lives in San Diego, CA, had surgery for melanoma cancer. They also removed some lymph nodes and are having them examined—**Dinah Arnold** has been diagnosed with cellulites in her leg and foot and she has not been able to be in our services last Sunday and Wednesday—**Willie Don Davis** is making good progress in his recovery from his stroke. And he is planning to be (continued on page 3)

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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:

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ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

March 20, 2016

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Alec Capel

Luke Arnold **Andrew Arnold**
Jerry Don Davis **Dylan Davis**

Sunday Evening

Luke Arnold **Andrew Arnold**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Paul Chapman (Opening)

—**Jerry Wildman (Closing)**

PM—Phil Brown (Opening)

—**Bob Arnold (Closing)**

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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Starting Today

Gospel Meeting

March 13th - 16th, 2016

Roger Shouse, Speaker

(From Charlestown, IN)

Sunday: **Bible Class**——— 9:45 AM
 Worship——— 10:30 AM
 Evening Worship—— 6:00 PM
Monday——— 10:00 AM— *A Saturday in the Synagogue*
Tuesday——— 10:00 AM— *The 911 Call*
Wednesday——— 10:00 AM— *The Largest Miracle*
 Monday — Wednesday—— 7:30 PM

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How Do You Hear?

By Donald Willis

In the memorable Parable of the sower, Luke records Jesus' admonition "*therefore take care how you listen for whoever has, to him shall more be given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him*" (8:18).

Jesus concealed certain apparent truths from the "worldly wise" by speaking in Parables. Parables were used in order for His disciples to see, understand and properly act. "*To you it is granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest (I speak) in parables; in order that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand...*" (8:10). Then, the admonition, take care how you listen!

Some are FORGETFUL listeners. Many know the truth at some juncture in life; then fail to move to obey. James commands, "*prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves*" (1:22). Jesus taught there is more to religion than going to church services, and making an occasional sacrifice. He said, "*Not every one who says to Me 'Lord, Lord' shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father, who is in heaven*" (Matt. 7:21). These people (v. 22) were highly involved in religious activity, but were failing to honor the law of Jesus Christ. The single

most important thing that one might do is to search, listen, understand and obey the voice of Jesus Christ.

Some are simply DULL OF HEARING. They hear, but do not hear to obey. They will not understand nor will they obey! These fulfill Isaiah's prophecy, "*for the heart of this people have become dull, and with their ears they scarcely hear, and they have closed their eyes; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn again, and I should heal them*" (Matt. 13:14ff). Possibly, one is fearful of clarity of hearing because honesty of heart demands that one act according to these instructions.

Some are ITCHING-EAR HEARERS. Paul foretold, "*the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; and they will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths*" (2 Tim. 4:3-4). Tell me what I desire to hear, not what I need to hear! This attitude will not bring one to truth, and forgiveness of sins! Preachers who preach party sermons and fail to expound the entire truth of God are enemies to the Lord and will lead one into the course toward damnation!

Some hearers have STOPPED EARS. This attitude causes one to cover their ears, quit thinking about what is being said, or simply walk away. Stephen, preaching to a group of impenitent Jews, convicted them of killing their prophets as well as the Christ. Stephen even knew what their attitude toward him would be, but he did not hold back. The people "*cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears*" and rushed upon Stephen to kill him (Acts 7:57)! One reads or hears a passage of Scripture and simply states, "I don't believe that"...and close their ears to further study.

In this wonderful parable of the sower, Jesus said, "*Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God*" (Luke 8:11). One must have a proper attitude toward the word of God; it is His instruction. We may not like it, but the gospel "*is the power of God for salvation to every one who believes...for in it the righteousness of God is revealed*" (Rom. 1:16-17). Paul said he made "*known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached unto you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached unto you, unless you believed in vain*" (1 Cor. 15:1-2).

It is important WHAT one reads, and HOW one hears. Thus Jesus cautions, "*Therefore take care how you listen.*"

—New Caney, TX church bulletin,
11/15/15.

Our Spring Gospel Meeting

Roger Shouse from Charlestown, IN, is our speaker in the meeting that begins today and goes through Wednesday night. He works with the Charlestown

Road Church of Christ. Let's give him a warm welcome and show our support of his work with us. Let's be in every service possible and pray for the success of the meeting. Also, we have the opportunity to invite and influence our families, relatives, neighbors, friends, work associates and anyone we have the opportunity to talk to about the meeting.

The greatest message ever delivered to humans, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, will be presented in these lessons. The Gospel is God's plan of salvation for all people. The Gospel, the New Testament, is heaven's message to us. "*See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven.*" (Heb. 12:25)

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back in our services soon—**Zachary Moss** has been diagnosed as ADHD, and possibly autistic—**Charles Davis** has been diagnosed with a problem with his blood that the doctors are going to be watching—**Mark Caldwell** is reported to be remarkably better in his recovery from all the problems he had following his bypass surgery—Remember **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.*