

**NEWS**

- **James Johnson** underwent a successful surgery to repair a broken bone below his hip. He is schedule to leave the hospital this weekend.
- **Shawna Waldrep** went to the hospital last week due to some complications with her pregnancy. She is doing well and is back home.
- **Amanda Willeford** has been suffering from nausea due to her pregnancy.
- **Dinah Arnold** continue to struggle with cellulites in her leg.

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**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** 682-300-3602  
**Leon Goff** 572-6809

**ASSIGNMENTS FOR:**

**April 10, 2016**

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

**Scripture: Duane McGough**

**Kenneth Amerson**    **Thomas Hockaday**  
**Kevin Kanaley**    **Dayne Stansell**

**Sunday Evening**

**Kenneth Amerson**    **Thomas Hockaday**  
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**PRAYERS**

**Sun. AM—Randy Blackmon (Opening)**  
—Richard Tapparo (Closing)  
**PM—William White (Opening)**  
—Jerry Wildman (Closing)  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A.M.—Ken Ferguson**  
**P.M.—Bob Arnold**

(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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### “Not Noting Our Needs”

By *Dee Bowman*

Need. It’s always around. No matter the time in life, regardless of the situation, there is always need hanging around. Both before and after the battle there is need. Whether victory comes or defeat, need is near.

Brethren all have needs. In fact, the needs among our brethren are almost as numerous as is the number of brethren. Our needs are personal and are mostly directed to our weaknesses. We want to fix personality quirks, speed up our individual maturity, diminish our sordid background, build a ladder of experience. We have lots of needs. Let me be somewhat more specific.

Churches have needs—again, mainly because the church is the people ([Acts 2:47](#)). Let me illustrate, please. Churches need:

**Sensitive hearts.** A sensitive heart is a responsive heart. It’s a heart that is susceptible to sense impressions. Oh, how we need hearts that are not only ready, but anxious to hear the word of God—that word that is “quick and powerful” and which is “a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” ([Hebrews 4:12](#)). Please note that the word’s ability to penetrate the heart is wholly up to the hearer of that word ([Luke 8:18](#)). You decide to listen. You have to want to hear before the word will work on your heart. But it’s not enough just to hear, there must be a determination to allow

that word free course to operate on your heart before it can be made to work in you life. Seed-truth, sown in a sensitive heart will bring forth abundantly.

**A zeal for involvement.** That may seem to be a redundancy in view of what we have just noted, for zeal and involvement are so connected that it not likely one will be found without the other. Zeal is fuel. It is being fervidly involved—really caring for a project or goal—while involvement has to do with the actual performance or participation in the intended undertaking. I never saw a congregation of the Lord’s people which could not use more zeal for a greater involvement, whether the project has to do with evangelism, edification, or personal growth. “Go into all the word and preach the gospel,” ([Mark 16:15](#)) calls for motivation, energy. To “grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord”([II Peter 3:18](#)) calls for both enthusiasm and direct participation. We need more Christians—everywhere— who are not merely on-lookers but are actively engaged in the work of their local congregation. If we’re not careful—every one of us—we will tend to give first rate dedication to second rate causes, giving our enthusiastic participation to things of the world instead of things that bring eternal rewards ([I John 2:15](#)).

**Time management.** The Scriptures speak of our “buying up the opportunities” or “redeeming the time” ([Colossians 4:5](#); [Ephesians 5:16](#)). Such an admonition is necessary because of our seeming propensity to waste time and our proclivity for procrastination. I don’t think I know any person who has deliberately plotted for himself a course for hell, but it doesn’t have to be deliberate for it to happen. The Latin saying *facile desensus Averno*,” “(the) decent to hell is easy” is so! Let us not forget it. No effort is required when a thing is put off till tomorrow. The only problem is, we have no assurance of tomorrow ([James 4:13-17](#)). We must be about doing what we can while we have today. “Put-offism” is terribly dangerous. We must manage our time as if today is all there is to be.

**Love.** The greatest commandment of all is love ([Matthew 22:37-38](#)). The grandest of all our needs is love ([John 3:16](#)). Love works—but not until it is activated; then it brings good to any situation, project, or relationship. It promotes happy marriages (Ephesians 5). It makes lasting relationships ([I John 4:7-11](#)). It encourages good will even with those who are thought of as being our enemies ([Romans 12:14-18](#)). Love is respectful and kind, no matter the relationship. Truly, true love is the highest of all motives ([Matthew 22: 37.](#))

We need more love. And more.

And consider this. True love makes sensitive hearts. Real love is what causes us to prioritize our time and manage our days. Love for the project is what will always make the project overcome whatever seeks to prohibit its success. It binds it all together, folks. What is the greatest commandment of all? Let’s put it to work and add to our faith ([II Peter 1:5](#)).

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### Gospel Meetings

The Campbell Road church of Christ in Garland will host a meeting with **Warren Berkley** April 3-8.

The Franklin Drive church of Christ in Texarkana will host a meeting with **Chuck Durham** April 3-6.

The Southside church of Christ in Jacksonville will host a meeting with **Kris Emerson** April 3-6.

The White Oak church of Christ in White Oak will host a singing this afternoon at 2:30 pm.

Flyers with more information are available on the bulletin board.

### Directory Information

**Alec and Emilee Capel’s** new address is  
2791 CR 3301  
Omaha, TX 75571

**Alec Capel’s** new cell phone number is  
903-575-8940

**Karen Ferguson’s** new cell phone number  
is 903-960-3247

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**NEWS** (continued from back page)

- **Betty Rust** continues to recover from her recent heart valve replacement surgery.
- **Yvonne White** is waiting to see her doctor for more tests regarding her heart and lungs.
- **Paul Chapman** has been Israel for the past week and will be there this next week too.
- **Carr McElroy’s** father continues to struggle with stage four cancer.
- **Leon** and **Alma** Goff are in Arizona and California for three weeks.
- Remember to pray for **Mark Caldwell**.
- Continue to remember **Willie Don Davis, Vivian Stroman, William White, Catherine Moss, Wade Miller, 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**.