

NEWS

- **Collette Shumate** came forward Wednesday asking for prayers for her faith and commitment to attending services.
- **Willie Don Davis** continues to recover. He was able to worship with us the last several Sundays.
- **Relda Marshall** and **Bob Arnold** have both received good reports from their doctors.
- **Carla Chapman** has been suffering from sciatic pain.
- **Paul Chapman** is currently in Israel. He will be there two more weeks. Let's pray for his safe travel.

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Bob Arnold 563-2977
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 682-300-3602
Leon Goff 572-6809

**ASSIGNMENTS FOR:
 November 13, 2016**

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

Scripture: **Leon Goff**

Jerry Wildman Duane McGough
Jeron McGough Dayne Stansell

Sunday Evening

Jerry Wildman Duane McGough

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Luke Arnold (Opening)
—Randy Blackmon (Closing)
PM—Alec Capel (Opening)
—Ricky Davis (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—Ken Ferguson
P.M.—Thomas Hockaday

(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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“Substitutionalism”

By: *Dee Bowman*

The Bible nowhere talks about “substitutionism.” Actually, it’s not a word. However, the concept is certainly there. In [Isaiah 5:20](#), a woe is pronounced on those who would be so presumptuous as to substitute a mixture for that which God had authorized. In Leviticus 10, we can read of an incident where two priests died because they substituted strange fire for that which had before been authorized by God. King Saul was found guilty of supplanting God’s plan with a plan of his own liking. In each of these instances, and in many others which could be cited, God condemns substitution as not only harmful, but sinful in His sight.

In spite of such clear admonitions concerning the inadvisability of substituting, we still don’t seem to get the message. As a result of disregard, convenience, peer pressure, dishonesty and sometimes outright rebellion, man deliberately decides to substitute, surrogate, swap and switch. Notice that:

Some substitute human wisdom for faith. Today’s traditional denominationalist is especially adept at such an exchange. He develops some sort of ecclesiastical council or convention, drafts documents without regard to the oracles of God, votes on such presented material which he and his constitutes have produced, and calls it “religious” simply because it was produced and recommended by so called “religious leaders.” This method of religion shows a disregard for scriptural precedent ([I Peter 4:11-12](#))

and has simply substituted human desires and designs for that which has the approval of God. "Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God" (II John 9). Bible faith is based on Bible information ([Romans 10:17](#)).

Some substitute personal preferences for authorized worship. The only reason anyone ever moved an instrument of music into the worship services is because he preferred it, and for no other reason. There is no passage that authorizes it, no indication that the early New Testament churches ever employed it. Personal preferences have never been equal to authority. "It doesn't say not to," you say? Don't you think that same argument was likely used by Nadab and Abihu (Leviticus 10)? And look at what it got for them. And don't you think the Corinthians used that same argument when they desecrated the Lord's supper in I Corinthians 11? If personal preference is tantamount to authority than every man is himself an authority and nobody is wrong about anything. Substitution won't get it, folks.

Some substitute tradition for authority. The Catholic church holds firmly to the notion that tradition is as binding as the written word of God, even if it does not plumb with that revealed

word ([Matthew 15:3-6](#)). Such a notion is not only unscriptural, but unreasonable. If tradition is on a par with the word of God, then contradiction and confusion are approved by God. How could it be? Furthermore, if such be so, then truth is relative to whatever has happened, not to an understandable, functional body of revealed truth ([John 8:32](#)). Jesus said, "I am the way the truth, and the life: no man cometh to the Father but by me" ([John 14:6](#)). How hard is that to understand?

Some substitute the observance of certain acts of worship for faithfulness. We Christians are certainly not immune to substitutionalism. Some of us seemingly have the notion that attendance at the services constitutes faithfulness—that singing, praying, observing the Lord's supper and giving of their means is what faithfulness is all about. When that's done, he's done. By these actions he seems to think that he is faithful. While it is certainly true that consistent attendance and participation at the services of the local church are required in the life of the faithful Christian, there are other private acts that are necessary, as well—personal prayer ([I Thessalonians 5:17](#)), recommending the word for the salvation of sinners ([II Timothy 2:2](#)), and many other personal responsibilities ([Galatians](#)

[6:9-10](#)) are a necessary part of the life of the God-fearing Christian. Letting the light of truth shine in one's private life is necessary, but attendance on the Lord's day is only a part of its effulgence.

It behooves each of use to take note of his own personal progress, his own point of focus, his own responsibilities. Let us come to know what is required of God and make no plans for any sort or kind of substitutions and personal preferences, but fortify our intentions and elongate our spiritual inclinations so as to secure that heavenly abode for which we all long.

Pasadena, TX
10/16/16

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Mary Burns' New Address

Mary Burns' last Sunday was this past week. She has moved to Waxahachie to be closer to family. Her contact info is:

122 Old Bridge Road
Waxahachie, TX 75165
903-305-9547

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Sunday Evening Time Change

Beginning on December 4, our Sunday evening worship service will begin at 5:00 pm.

Area Gospel Meetings

The West Side church of Christ in Fort Worth will host a meeting with **Jeremiah Cox** November 5-10.

Lesson topics and times are available on the flyer in the foyer.

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Our Gospel Meeting

We will host a meeting with **Don Truex** November 13-16.

Let's make preparation to attend each service and invite someone else to join us. Cards are available in the flyer to pass out.

A meal list is on the bulletin board with afternoon and evening times available.

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NEWS (continued from back page)

- Continue to remember **James and June Johnson, Willie Don Davis, Ron Traugher, Judy Hinson, Vivian Stroman, William White, Catherine Moss, Wade Miller, David Chapman, Kris Ferguson Jr., Relda Marshall, Pat Brown, Charles Kyle, Judy Hinson, Deborah Brown, Tammy Willeford.**

- Remember our **Shut-ins: Lloyd Clark, Maurine Lee, Lelda Thompson.**