

NEWS

Wanda Sikes has been moved to Pleasant Springs Nursing Home on North Edwards for therapy, Room 165—**Yvonne White** fell last weekend and injured herself and she and William were not able to be in or services on Sunday but they were back with us Wednesday night—**Frank White** has received his temporary prosthesis, and he will continue his therapy for the next few months to teach him all about it—**Judy Hinson** is due another chemo treatment soon, but she recently said she has had a good week—**Kelly Carrington** (continued on page 3)

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SERVICES:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:45 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 5:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Class 10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

PREACHERS:

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ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

March 3, 2019

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture:

Sunday Evening

PRAYERS

Sun. AM— (Opening)

— (Closing)

PM— (Opening)

— (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—

P.M.—

(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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Our Weekend Meeting!

Dee Bowman and Russ Bowman (speakers)

(from Pasadena, TX)

(from Beaumont, TX)

Friday Through Sunday (March 1—3, 2019)

Times and Topics

Friday, March 1, 7:00 PM

“Resist The Devil” (Russ)

“Teach Me, Oh Lord” (Psalm 119:33-40) (Dee)

Saturday, March 2, 2:30 PM

“Ever Before Me” (Psalm 51) (Russ)

“Responsibilities To Myself” (Dee)

Sunday, March 3

9:45 AM — “The Gospel of Jesus Christ” (Dee)

10:30 AM — “The Right Road” (Dee)

2:30 PM — “What Is The Church of Christ?” (Dee)

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Learning the Wrong Lesson

By Drew Nelson

In the first chapter of Jeremiah, God called the weeping prophet to speak his message to a doomed people. God showed Jeremiah a boiling pot ready to be poured out on Jerusalem from the north (1:13). By Jeremiah 44, the boiling pot had been poured out: Jerusalem was in ruins, some of God’s people had been killed in the siege, many were exiled to Babylon, and a few poor stragglers (Jeremiah among them) were left behind in torn and tattered Judah. Perhaps now God’s people will finally repent of their sin and idolatry, having learned their lesson in the hardest way imaginable.

Through Jeremiah, God urged the stragglers to finally turn back to God, reminding them why their nation had been destroyed. “I persistently sent to you all my servants the prophets, saying, ‘Oh, do not do this abomination that I hate!’ But they did not listen or incline their ear, to turn from their evil and make no offerings to other gods. Therefore my wrath and my anger were poured out and kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, and they became a waste and a desolation, as at this day” (44:4-6). The clear message: “your spiritual adultery brought this on. Abandon the idols and serve God!”

But the peoples’ answer surely made the weeping prophet even sadder:

“We will not listen to you...” (44:16). This national disaster happened because of their idolatry. But the lesson they took from it was that they did not worship the idols enough! “Since we left off making offering to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have been consumed by the sword and by famine” (44:18). They pledged to renew their zeal to the goddess Ishtar, hoping that she would deliver them (44:19).

Here is an imbecilic example of learning the wrong lesson. God told them destruction was coming because of their idolatry, destruction came, and their take away was, “we were too lax in our idol worship.” Jeremiah responds to their faithless stupidity sarcastically: “Then confirm your vows and perform your vows!” (44:25). In other words, “get to worshipping Ishtar, because she is all you have left! You have made yourselves enemies of God!” “All of the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by famine, until there is an end of them” (44:27).

Can we still learn the wrong lesson by doubling down on idolatry instead of repenting of it? Consider the man who loves money. Financial disaster hits and instead of learning that earthly riches are fleeting, he concludes that he needs to

diversify his assets. What of the spouse caught in adultery, who instead of repenting thinks, “I need to take better measures so as not to get caught.” Don’t learn the wrong lesson of sin by doubling down on it.

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Are You Going to Heaven?

If you think you are on your way to heaven, how do you know that is where you are going? Do you feel that you are going to heaven? Or, do you have proof that you are going there? Would you like to have a written guarantee that you are on your way to heaven?

Jesus said, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*” (John 14:6). Some people of our time say, “I want Jesus, but I do not care about the teaching (doctrine).” However, a Jesus without his teaching (including commands and promises) is not the Jesus of the gospel, the New Testament. Jesus again says, “*Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven.*” (Matthew 7:21). When we sincerely believe and obey his word (teaching), we have a written guarantee from him that we are on our way to heaven.

—Leon Goff

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Our Weekend Meeting

Dee and Russ Bowman are the speakers in our Weekend Meeting starting next Fri-

day night through Sunday, **March 1 - 3, 2019**, Services Friday night, Saturday afternoon, Sunday Morning and afternoon.

We need to be making plans to attend every service, and doing whatever we can to make the meeting the best it can be. Dee and Russ will do their part, and they will do us good. Let’s pray for the meeting and invite others to attend.

There will be a **potluck at 12:00 on Saturday at The Landing, 1902 West Ferguson**. Everyone is invited. This will be followed by the **Saturday service at 2:30 PM**.

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Gospel Meeting

Tony Mauck is the speaker in a meeting at the Southside Church of Christ in **Jacksonville TX**, today through Wednesday, **February 24–27, 7:00** week-nights.

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NEWS (continued from back page) completed her four rounds of chemo treatments and rang the bell in Tyler Friday. Now she is contemplating possible further surgery—Remember **June Johnson, Randy Blackmon, Teresa Tate, Carlos Barnes, Bob Arnold, Frank White, William and Yvonne White, Jace Hockaday, Willie Don Davis, Judy Hinson, Betty Rust, Catherine Moss, Deborah Brown, and Tammy Willeford**—Remember our **Shut-ins: James Johnson, and Wanda Sikes**.