

## NEWS

**Dorothy Reynolds** had knee replacement surgery last Monday, came through the surgery fine, and she went home Thursday and will receive outpatient therapy—**Kenneth Amerson** has COPD and is having breathing problems. He saw his doctor Wednesday afternoon—**Judy Hinson** had two chemo treatments this past week, and she did not feel up to being in our service Wednesday night—**Kenny Ferguson** had biopsies on lymph nodes in his hip area, and is awaiting the results—**Charles and Carolyn Davis** were sick (continued on page 3)

### ELDERS:

**Bob Arnold** 563-2977  
**Leon Goff** 572-6809  
**Kendall Johnson** 717-0265

### 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** 5:00 PM

#### Wednesday

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

### PREACHERS:

**Drew Nelson** 254-541-3815  
**Leon Goff** 572-6809

### ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

**April 28, 2019**

#### Serving The Lord's Supper

##### Sunday Morning

Scripture: Duane McGough

**Jerry Wildman** **Kenneth Amerson**  
**Jessie Carillo** **Carlos Garcia**

##### Sunday Evening

**Jerry Wildman** **Kenneth Amerson**  
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### PRAYERS

Sun. AM—**Jimmy Lewis (Opening)**

—**Bobby Burns (Closing)**

PM—**Ken Johnson (Opening)**

—**Luke Arnold (Closing)**  
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—**Ken Ferguson**

P.M.—**Pat Marshall**

(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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You're Invited To

## Our Gospel Meeting

**Kris Emerson, Speaker**

(from Lindale, TX)

**April 28 — March 3, 2019**

(Sunday through Friday)

### Service Times:

**Sunday: 9:45 am — Bible Classes**

**10:30 am — Worship**

**5:00 pm — Evening Worship**

**Monday — Friday: 7:30 pm**

**Tuesday — Thursday: 10:00 am**

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# The One True Church

By L.A. Stauffer

An expression that is anathema among Protestants today is “the one true church.” In the universal or general sense they agree that there is only one true church, and that its members are known only to God who adds them to his family. In this sense they accept the Biblical teaching that “*there is one body*” (**Eph 4:4**). And to this we agree. But few, if any, believe there is “one true church” that is identifiable on earth.

Even many of our brethren have abandoned the idea of “restoring” the first-century church on earth. They scoff at the idea of studying the scriptures, identifying the church’s nature and character, and establishing it in every city throughout the world. They have given up on “restoring” the ancient order of things and are speaking of “updating” the church to meet twentieth century needs.

To them, talk about getting back to the first-century church and its practices is arrogant and they often arrogantly respond: “which one”—Corinth and its factional, immoral character; Ephesus and its departure from love and its first works; or Thessalonica and its controversial views of the second coming? Their rationale is that churches at the beginning had problems and practiced error and God accepted them. By this they rationalize error today and plead for the acceptance of all churches. And, of course, that’s where the premise of their plea leads.

The ultimate conclusion and foundation of their view is that no man can study the Bible and determine truth—therefore all men are doomed to accept error. What they ignore is that the teaching of what was later written in scripture was considered the standard of righteousness and these churches were all condemned and urged to correct these errors. And what they further ignore is that God not only condemned churches who practiced error, but He also threatened to remove the lampstand of any church that refused to repent (**see Rev 2:5**).

Jesus and the apostles again and again stressed the importance of truth: that the truth shall make man free; that one is sanctified by truth; that those who pervert truth will be accursed; that anyone who goes beyond truth is cut off from God; and that people who love not the truth and believe a lie will be condemned (**see John 8:31-32; John 17:17; Gal 1:6-9; 1 John 9; 2 Thess 2:11-12**). If Bible students cannot determine truth from error, then all are condemned to eternal damnation.

There is, for example, a way of worship that is in “*spirit and truth*” and there is a way of worship that is based on the doctrines of men and is vain (**see John 4:24 and Matt 15:1-9**). Since the word of God is truth and the scriptures are the basis of righteousness, one must as the Bereans, search the scriptures daily to see what is true. Those that do will learn that

brethren in the first century spoke to one another in hymns and spiritual songs, assembled on the first day of the week to observe the Lord’s Supper, gave into a treasury as they were prospered, continued steadfastly in prayer, and taught and edified one another by the teaching of God’s word (**see Eph 5:19; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 11:23-26; 1 Cor 16:1-2; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor 14**). Is there anyone who would affirm that any of these practices are not based on truth?

We learned these practices from the scripture and we can learn also from scripture what the “work” of the church is, how churches were “organized,” “how believers became members,” what “name” they exalted and honored, and what “purity” and “holiness” demanded of them.

What God taught and approved of in these matters is what we are devoted to and if we practice them we will be identified with the practices of the “one true church” that Jesus built through the work and preaching of the apostles. This we are committed to and invite all men to join us in these practices.

## Our Gospel Meeting

Is just one week away, April 28 through May 3rd, for our spring meeting of 2019. Kris Emerson, from Lindale, TX, will be our speaker. There will be the regular times on Sunday, then week-night services at 7:30 pm, and weekday morning services Tuesday, Wednesday

and Thursday at 10:00 am. Let’s be working and praying for this meeting.

## The Meal List

For Kris Emerson is on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you wish to have Kris for a meal or take him out during the meeting, write your name on the list in the time you would like to have him.

NEWS (continued from back page)

Wednesday Night and not in our service—Cindy Gibbs was not able to be with us Wednesday night—Nova Montgomery has missed a few services recently because of shingles—Mrs. Stout, Charlynn Harrel’s mother, has been in the local hospital this past week trying to determine what is causing her seizures—Virginia Mathews, Nedra Jordan’s aunt, recently passed away in Nacogdoches. We express our sincere sympathy to Nedra and her loved ones—Thomas Stewart, Belinda Coffman’s uncle, passed away in Carthage, TX. We express our sincere sympathy to Belinda and her loved ones—Kelly Carrington got an encouraging report at M.D. Anderson last week. The tumors had grown very little, and surgery is planned for May 13th—Remember June Johnson, Randy Blackmon, Teresa Tate, Bob Arnold, Frank White, William and Yvonne White, Willie Don Davis, Judy Hinson, Catherine Moss, Deborah Brown, and Duane McGough’s father—Remember our Shut-ins: Carlos Barnes, James Johnson, Betty Rust and Wanda Sikes.