

NEWS

Duane McGough's mother fell in her back yard in Borger, TX. She fell in the evening and spent the night in the yard, but she is reported to be doing reasonably well—**Donna Carson's son, Kris**, had back surgery this past Thursday in Sherman, TX. It went well and it was day surgery—**Courtney Marshall** had her jaw reconstruction surgery last Tuesday in Dallas. It was a 7 and 1/2 hours surgery, but she came through it fine and she will probably go home tomorrow—**Gene White** is having his cancer surgery July 9 at M.D. Anderson in (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:

June 30, 2019

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Alec Capel

Matt Harrel Dale Rockett
Jesse Carillo Carlos Garcia

Sunday Evening

Matt Harrel Dale Rockett

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Ken Johnson (Opening)
—Jerry Wildman (Closing)
PM—Luke Arnold (Opening)
—Randy Blackmon (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—Leon Goff
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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Strength We Draw From Brethren

By Jim McDonald

“For this cause I also, when I could no longer forbear, sent that I might know your faith, lest by any means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor should be in vain. But when Timothy came even now unto us from you, and brought us glad tidings of your faith and love, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, longing to see us, even as we also long to see you; for this cause brethren, we were comforted over you in all our distress and afflictions through your faith, for now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord” (1 Thess. 3:5-8).

Paul's concern for the Thessalonians is evident in this letter, dispatching a letter back to them almost immediately after Timothy's arrival from them. Timothy's arrival in Corinth where Paul was is recorded in Acts 18:5 and (as the salutation of this epistle shows) Silas also arrived with Timothy. Paul's concern for the brethren was that the “tempter had tempted” them. Paul knew well that Satan never ceases his attacks on us and that he had tempted the Thessalonians - that is what he does. Paul's concern was that the Thessalonians had yielded to Satan's attacks. But, thanks be to God, they had resisted; they still stood and had not lessened in their faith and love and always remembered Paul with good thoughts.

When one experiences trials and temptation and is alone, his fears and concerns seem to magnify, Elijah had gained a mighty victory over idol worshipers in his contest with the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 18:19-40). But, threats from Jezebel caused him to flee and when God asked him what he was doing where he was, he poured out all his fears: he was alone and the idol worshipers sought his life. Well, he wasn't alone - there

were 7000 men who had no “bowed the knee to Baal,” although he felt he was (1 Kings 19:18), and he still had work to do!

Christians can be a real source of comfort to their brethren and the good news Timothy brought him caused Paul to say, “Now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.” We should never forget what strength and comfort we can offer discouraged Christians, and even though Paul was strong, courageous, and resolute to the point of ultimately suffering martyrdom, he was strengthened by the comforting presence of beloved brethren. Timothy brought comfort to him in Thessalonica. Titus was the source of comfort later while Paul waited anxiously for him for news from Corinth (Acts 20; 2 Cor. 2:12-14), and when he had spent two years in prison in Caesarea, had experienced the near fatal shipwreck on his Voyage to Rome (Acts 27), and then wearily made his way to Rome to an uncertain verdict of what fate lay before him, his spirits must have been low indeed! How they were lifted when Roman brethren heard of his approaching their city and sent two different companies of brethren to welcome the apostle to their city - how welcome those welcoming groups were to him. Here is the way Luke expressed his reaction to the sight of them: “whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage” (Acts 28:9).

Let us never forget that the knowledge that God has not forsaken us is often expressed through caring brethren who

come to comfort and render assistance to us in our need. Surely as we have been comforted by faithful brethren, let us never fail to in turn comfort our brethren when they are sad and lonely. Jesus said, “By this shall all men know ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” (Jn. 13:15). But, our concern and care for our fellow-brethren are worthless unless those thoughts are expressed! The wise man said it well: “Better is open rebuke than love that is hidden” (Pro. 27:5).

Possessions

By Dennis Abernathy

Let’s think a little about this timely question: “*Do our possessions possess us?*” Contrary to what some people think, the Bible does not condemn material possessions. On the contrary, the Scriptures confirm the fact that money and material possessions can be used for good purposes. For example, Ephesians 4:28 says, “*Let him that stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give to him who has need.*”

So, you see, the Bible does not disparage money—if it is lawfully gained and properly used. However, the Scriptures do warn us against being possessed by our possessions. In other words, it is not wrong to have money, but it is wrong to let your money have you! It is wrong to let money become more important in our lives than it should be.

One reason we should be careful about such things is because, as Jesus said in Matthew 6:21, “*where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*” My friend, don’t ever forget that serving God is much more important than our bank account. Please remember that righteousness is more important than industry’s best retirement plan. Remember, our treatment of money i.e. how we make it or how we spend it, is the most decisive test of our character. Most of all, realize that “*one’s life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses*” (Lk. 12:15). To forget these truths is to take a giant step toward being possessed by our possessions. Think on these things.

Do You Need A Faith-Lift?

Doctors make a nice living doing cosmetic surgery, otherwise known as “*face-lift.*” In most cases, the procedure succeeds in making the face look younger and more attractive. But, while cosmetic surgery can do wonders for the outer man and one’s social life, it does nothing for the inner man and one’s relationship with God.

What is really needed is a “*faith-lift.*” This simple procedure can remove the scars of sin from your inner man (See Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:8; Rom. 3:24-26). To have your face redone can be very expensive, but to have a “*faith-lift,*” even the poorest person can afford. Why not become a new man by faith (Col. 3:9; Eph. 2:8)? Such occurs when one becomes a

“*child of God by faith*” by being “*baptized into Christ*” thereby “*putting on Christ*” (Gal. 3:26-27). By becoming a child of God by faith, you become a new man and you will look just fine to God. Have you had a “*faith-lift?*” Think on these things.

—Dennis Abernathy

Monthly Ladies Class

Will meet next Thursday, June 27, at 5:30 PM at the home of Alma Goff, 200 CR 3220, Mt. Pleasant, TX. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.

Pictures To Be Taken

Today and following Sundays Derinda Lambert will be taking pictures of all members. That can be done either Sunday mornings or evenings. All old pictures will be taken off of the board. We need a new picture of all members.

NEWS (continued from back page)
Houston—**Shawna Waldrep** has been having health issues with Strep and asthma—Remember **Kenny Ferguson, Marion Shurtleff, June Johnson, Randy Blackmon, Teresa Tate, 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.**