

## NEWS

**Carla Chapman** was sick last Sunday and Wednesday and was not able to be in our services—**Pat Farish** had a stroke last weekend, was taken to the hospital in Waxahachie and now is in rehabilitation—**Melinda Jordan**, Terry's sister-in-law, was entered last Sunday into ETMC in Tyler, and Terry helped his brother see after her. They are waiting for evaluation—**Randy Blackmon** continues to have respiratory problems and was not in our services last week—**Karen Franklin** was sick last Sunday and not in our service—Gene White will have cancer surgery at M.D. Anderson in Houston Tuesday (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:

July 14, 2019

#### Serving The Lord's Supper

##### Sunday Morning

Scripture: Matt Harrel

**Shea Bilbo** Paul Coffman  
**Bobby Burns** Stuart Proctor

##### Sunday Evening

**Shea Bilbo** Paul Coffman  
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### PRAYERS

**Sun. AM—Jerry Wildman (Opening)**  
 —Willie Don Davis (Closing)  
**PM—Paul Relph Opening)**  
 —Richard Tapparo (Closing)  
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A.M.—Ken Johnson**  
**P.M.—Andrew 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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## Mama

By Bill Brittenham

His name was George Morrision, although most called him "Gome." He worked for the county trying to keep our dirt roads drivable. Before I knew him, he and his wife, Lena, lived in Pennsylvania where he had worked in the coal mines. Lena developed asthma and the doctors told them to move to a drier climate. So, in 1943 they headed west. They camped along the roadside and changed and repaired many flat tires and finally arrived in my home town.

Lena was a faithful Christian all her life while she and Gome raised 5 boys. Perhaps coming from Pennsylvania Dutch country, (or maybe just from her large family), she was a marvelous cook. But regardless of what was going on at home, Lena was always at services and loved to talk about the Bible.

I was told that sometime after they had moved to Arizona, Gome would attend services with Lena. During a gospel meeting, Gome "heard" the preacher say that his mother was going to hell. And that did it for Gome. As far as I know, he never set foot in a church building with Lena after that. Now I am certain that the preacher didn't look Gome in the eye and declare that his mother was destined for eternal destruction. But as Gome listened to the words of the sermon and knowing that his mother had not obeyed the necessary commandments of God for eternal salvation, Gome came to the conclusion that the preacher was condemning his mother to hell.

Being a little less personally involved than Gome, you and I can see the error of his conclusion. (Please consider all 3 of these points closely).

1. Each of us is responsible to God for our own life and what we do. No preacher, teacher, brother or sister has the right or power to save or condemn another. If we show from God's Bible what He requires and a person realizes that they or their loved ones fall short of His teachings, we are not personally convicting them of sin. **Rev. 20:12** *And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing*

before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, **according to their deeds.** (Also 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 22:12; Ecc. 12:14; Matt. 16:27)

2. Jesus understood that others, besides Gome, were going to have this same problem. In Matt. 10:37 He says, “*He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.*” In several other instances, Jesus taught His disciples that some would have great difficulty choosing service to him over loyalty to family. (Matt. 19:19, 29; Mark 10:29; Luke 12:53; 14:26)

3. But a much more powerful and personal lesson is seen in Jesus’ teaching about the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31. (PLEASE take time to carefully read the passage, especially vss 27-28).

**Luke 16: 19-31** “*Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day. 20 “And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, 21 and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man’s table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores. 22 “Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. 23 “In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in tor-*

*ment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 “And he cried out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.’ 25 “But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 “And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.’ 27 “And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father’s house— 28 for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not come to this place of torment.’ 29 “But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ 30 “But he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent’ 31 “But he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’”*

Look again carefully at vss. 27-28 and understand what the rich man is saying. He has already passed from this life and is in a place of torment awaiting the judgment and God’s condemnation to eternal hell. He looks back at his loved ones still alive and pleads that something be done to save themselves and not follow him to this horrible place. He loved them and desperately wanted them spared his fate.

I am certain Gome loved his mother

and it grieved him greatly that she had never obeyed God’s commandments that would allow her to receive an eternal reward. But if she had been able to talk to Gome from beyond the grave, her pleading message to her son, like the rich man, would have been, “**DO NOT COME TO THIS PLACE!**” She loved her son and would want better for him.

So please consider this. If you have a loved one, mother, wife or whomever, who has passed from this life, listen to their message of love to you. If they were faithful and obedient to God, they would say, “**FOLLOW ME!** And even if they failed to follow God’s Bible, their cry of love to you would be, “Repent and be baptized and save yourself from this torment!”

*(P.S. While Lena remained faithful until her death, as far as I know, only one of their sons served the Lord. While each of us is responsible for our own actions, a father’s influence on his children can override a mother’s. Gome failed to listen to God’s word from the preacher. He never heard the pleas of his mother from beyond the grave. And the message he gave his sons probably impacted their eternity as well).*

### **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.

### **Carlos Barnes Passes Away**

Brother Barnes passed away this

past Thursday evening in the Pleasant Springs Nursing Center. He was a faithful Christian for many years, and also preached the gospel for many years. Some time after his wife died, Carla and Paul moved him from his home in Alabama to Mt. Pleasant, and it has been a joy to have him with us the last few years. He was an encouragement to us, and we loved him and loved having him with us. There will be a memorial service here at Southside this afternoon at 2:00, and he will have a funeral and burial service in Alabama next week. We express our sincere sympathy to Carla and Paul, David, his son, and to all of his loved ones.

===== **NEWS** (continued from back page)

**Duane McGough’s mother** is reported to being doing better from her fall—**Lisa Clements**, Meredith Bilbo’s mother, is receiving rehab in a nursing facility and making improvement—**Judy Hinson** had a virus and was not in the service Wednesday night—**Linda Martin** fell at home Thursday morning and broke her hip. She had surgery Friday morning at the local hospital and she came through the surgery very well—Remember **Shawna Waldrep, 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.**