

## NEWS

**Michele Williams**, Vicki Brownlee's daughter, passed away a week ago Friday, as a result of heart problems. Her funeral service was conducted this past Friday afternoon at the building here at Southside. We extend our sincere sympathy to Vickie, Samantha and the entire family—**Elaine Conradt's aunt** passed away in Sulphur Springs and her funeral was Friday in Sulphur Springs. We express our sympathy to Elaine and all her loved ones—**Alma Carrillo** was having some heart problems and was taken to the local hospital (continued on page 3)

### ELDERS:

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**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:

**August 4, 2019**

#### Serving The Lord's Supper

##### Sunday Morning

Scripture: Paul Relph

**Royce Gibbs**      **Luke Arnold**  
**Enoch Waldrep**   **Jerry Don Davis**

##### Sunday Evening

**Royce Gibbs**      **Luke Arnold**

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### PRAYERS

Sun. AM—**Kenneth Amerson (Opening)**

—**Willie Don Davis (Closing)**

PM—**R. Montgomery (Opening)**

—**Ricky Davis (Closing)**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—**Ken Ferguson**

P.M.—**Paul Chapman**

(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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## The Fight For Truth

By Robert F. Turner

When two brothers, presumed to be saints, have differences in understanding concerning some scriptural matter, their sainthood prescribes their conduct. They love each other, have nothing but good will toward one another — which means each wishes the other to have truth and profit from it. “Self” has been pushed into the background, if not eliminated (**Phil. 1:27—2:4**). They stand fast in one (or, the same) spirit (attitude), with one (the same) mind (desire) as they strive together (mutually helpful) for the faith of the gospel.

Honest now — is that the impression you get when two brethren meet on platform or printed page to discuss religious differences? How come a large percentage of readers or hearers get the impression each is out to **smear** the other, tack on an uncomplimentary “label,” and “finish” him? We frequently hear some paper is just promoting self with such “issues.”

We know that such charges can be more of the very tactics they criticize; can be efforts to stop any exposure of error; and we do not suggest that brethren should allow **false** charges to stop legitimate discussion. On the other hand, the presentation of gospel truth does not justify unethical and ungodly treatment of our opponents. When great segments of our audience — folk who agree with our conclusions — turn away in disgust from our tactics, we should at least realize we are not “coming across” as saints, primarily interested in truth.

Aye, here is the true test! Are we **teaching** truth, or are we using carnal pressures to build up a “party,” and keep the members in line? Do our pupils know which flag to follow, but do not know WHY? Do our tactics promote a fanaticism that cries “Communist,” “Calvinist,” or “Liberal” at

everyone who differs with us; or are we really interested in facts, and in constructive presentation of truth in love that “suffereth long and is kind” (1 Cor. 13:4-f). The “party and prejudice” route is the easy one — if you want that kind of members; but truth properly taught will free the recipient from sin, and make true brothers. WE MUST LEARN TO STAND UP FOR TRUTH WITHOUT KNEELING TO THE DEVIL!!

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**“Walk Like a Man!”**

*By Cleveland Reddinger*

For my birthday five years ago my mother-in-law, Barb Sutton, gave me a coffee mug which says on its side, “If things get better with age, then I’m approaching Magnificent!” If you knew Mom you’d recognize the double message intended. One of the benefits of being a bit older is that I can remember things that seem like ancient history to others, like the song by “The Four Seasons” entitled “Walk Like a Man!” It’s about a young man betrayed and slandered by an ex-girlfriend and his father counsels him that the world is not coming to an end and that he is to “walk like a man.” (With Dignity, Integrity and Strength of Character befitting 1 Kings 2:2). I heard the song recently and I wondered “Do kids today even know what it means to “Walk like a Man?” Or “Act like a Lady?” (With Grace and Poise befitting Mary, the Mother of Jesus, whom I can’t picture intimidated by anyone!) In today’s society how would they ever learn? We’ve got parents talking

about their six-months old and saying, “They’re showing signs of being ‘trans’. Really? “Trans” what, exactly, “Transmission?” And what, in the name of all that is decent and good, ever motivated you to interpret the behaviors of your six-months old to come to such a conclusion? It’s an absurdity!

God knew what He was doing in the Garden of Eden in **Genesis 2:18-25** when he created Adam and Eve. In **1:27** we are told He created them “male and female” and each in His image. From that point on He expected Adam to walk like a man and Eve to act like a lady and to teach their children to do likewise. It is still true today!

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**Love Is The Answer**

**Why would a mother** go through the pain and rigor of bearing a child who one day might reject her and break her heart? *Love is the answer.*

**Why would a father** work two jobs to support his family and put his kids through school, giving up his own hobbies and relaxation to do so? *Love is the answer.*

**Why would a child** obey his parents even though what they ask of him doesn’t seem at all to be something he is interested in doing for himself? *Love is the answer.*

**Why would a husband** forgive an unfaithful wife and reconcile with her, rather than immediately put her away in divorce?

*Love is the answer.*

**Why would Christians** risk their friendships with wayward brethren by calling attention to their unfaithfulness? *Love is the answer.*

**Why would preachers** teach lessons which make them objects of ridicule by many in the church? *Love is the answer.*

**Why would elders** go after the one sheep who is lost when ninety-nine are safe in the fold? *Love is the answer.*

**Why would Jesus** die on a Roman cross in humiliation and agony? *Love is the answer.* —Mark White

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**Paul Coffman Will Speak**

In part of our service Wednesday night and will be speaking about his mission work (preaching the gospel) in Uganda, one of the African countries. He is doing this to encourage individual contributions to help with that work. The elders will also be considering helping him from the church treasury. The remainder of our service will be singing and extending the invitation. We encourage all members to attend.

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**An Address Change**

**Willie Don and Linda Davis** have moved recently from the country into town. Their new address is **2305 Deanna Ave., Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455**, and Willie Don’s cell number is **903--204-0093**.

**Gospel Meetings**

**Jon Banning** is the speaker at the Belt Road church in **Texarkana, TX.**, next weekend, **August 2-4, 7:00** weeknights.

**Tyler Sams, Bruce Reeves, Shawn Chancellor and Shane Carrington** on **Evidences, July 28—31, Judson Rd, Longview, TX.**

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**One Baptism**

**Ayden Waldrep**, the oldest son of Enoch and Shawna, was baptized into Christ last Sunday morning. We rejoice with him and his family, and look forward to him faithfully serving the Lord for many years. It is encouraging to see young people interested in serving our Lord.

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**Pictures To Be Taken**

If you haven’t had your picture made for the picture board and directory, please do so as early as possible.

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**NEWS** (continued from back page) this past Wednesday—**Shawna Waldrep’s Grandmother** passed away Friday morning. Arrangements are pending. Our sympathy goes out to Shawna and family—**Linda Martin** went home from the local hospital and rehab Wednesday and she is doing better—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:** *James Johnson, Betty Rust and Wanda Sikes.*