

## NEWS

**Charles Davis** has been sick the past week and unable to be in our services—**June Johnson** continues to improve and gain strength following her recent time in the hospital—**Tonette Harrel** is being transferred from Tyler to UT Southwestern in Dallas next Thursday, February 13th. Let's pray that the doctors there will be able to diagnose her problem and successfully treat it—**Judy Hinson** continues to battle her cancer, and she no longer has a land line phone, and her cell phone number has changed to (903) 806-3714. **Belinda** (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:

**February 16, 2020**

#### Serving The Lord's Supper

##### Sunday Morning

Scripture: Alec Capel

**Shea Bilbo**      **Luke Arnold**  
**Bobby Burns**   **Jerry Don Davis**

##### Sunday Evening

**Shea Bilbo**      **Luke Arnold**

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### PRAYERS

**Sun. AM—Bob Arnold (Opening)**

—**Matt Harrel (Closing)**

**PM—Andrew Arnold Opening)**

—**Charles 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 Coming of Jesus

By Doy Moyer

It's not bad that people think about Jesus in December. We wish that people would think about Jesus the whole year around, but we will take what we get when it comes to opportunities. Regardless of conceptions, misconceptions, information, misinformation, and other ideas, as Jesus' name is uttered, Christians need to stand up and hold fast the word of life (Phil 2:16).

One of the terms associated with the December time-frame is "advent." It's not a bad term either. In fact, we sing about it when preparing for the Lord's Supper: "with the last advent we unite, until he comes." "Advent" comes from the Latin *adventus* and means "arrival" (used in the Latin Vulgate). It corresponds to the Greek *parousia*, which in our English versions is often translated as "coming." Other terms (e.g., *erchomai*) may also be translated as "come." The idea of the "advent" or "coming" of Jesus is biblical, whatever else may be associated with it outside the scriptural context. Because it is a biblical idea, we need not shy away from it. In fact, we need to be teaching the truth about it, particularly while people are thinking about it.

The "coming" of Jesus can be spoken of in different ways. For example, there was a "coming of the Son of Man" upon Jerusalem in judgment (Matt 24:27,29). When God brought judgment upon a city or a nation, it was a time of visitation or coming from God. Jesus warned the church at Ephesus that if they did not repent, "I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place" (Rev. 2:5). He also promised the church at Pergamum that if they did not repent, He would come to them

soon and make war “with the sword of my mouth” (Rev 2:16). This is not how we want Jesus coming to us in time.

For our purposes, let’s simplify the concept of the coming of Jesus Christ and think about it in three more primary ways:

**1. He Came in the Flesh.** The birth of Jesus into this world is a coming of our Lord in order to accomplish salvation. His name would be “Jesus,” for He would save the people from their sins, and “Immanuel,” for God is with us (Matt. 1:21-23). When Jesus was brought to the temple after His birth, Simeon had been waiting. The Holy Spirit had told him that he would not see death until he had seen “the Lord’s Christ.” When He took Jesus up in His arms, He praised God “for my eyes have seen your salvation” (Luke 1:30). Jesus, God manifested in the flesh, has come into the world for salvation (John 1:14). As Zechariah, filled with the Holy Spirit said, “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David” (Luke 1:68-69). This looked past John to Jesus Himself, for whom John would be the forerunner.

**2. He Abides with us Now.** When we enter into that redeemed relationship with God, there is a sense in which He visits or comes to us. We, of course, are to “come to him,” also (1 Pet. 2:5). James promises, “Draw near to God, and he will

draw near to you” (Jas 4:8). The term used here has that sense of coming, approaching, or being at hand. God draws near to us, abides with us and in us, as we trust in Him. This is God’s presence among us. “Abide in Me, and I in you,” Jesus told His disciples (John 15:4). We have God’s promise that He will never leave or forsake us (Heb 13:5). So must we not forsake Him.

**3. He’s Coming Again.** Scripture tells us, “it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of man, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him” (Heb. 9:27-28). Jesus is coming again. After the resurrection and at the ascension, angels promised the disciples, “This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11). This is the time of the final resurrection in which all will hear His voice and come forth, “those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment” (John 5:28-29). This visitation will be for all, good and bad, and for final judgment (2 Cor 5:10). Such a day has been appointed and proof given through the resurrection of Jesus (Acts 17:30-31).

Jesus came in the flesh; He will come again. In the meantime, He is with us, abiding with us and drawing near as

we draw near to Him. Let us ever be mindful of the presence of our Lord in our lives. “And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming” (1 John 2:28).

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### When Is One Pardoned?

*By Dennis Abernathy*

Pardon in the New Testament means “*To remove the guilt resulting from wrongdoing.*” Thus, when one is pardoned he is forgiven of sin or wrongdoing. Isaiah 55:7, says: “*Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.*” At what point is one pardoned by God?

For example, candidates for baptism are often asked: “*Do you believe that God, for Christ’s sake, has pardoned your sins?*” According to such teaching, one is pardoned BEFORE he is baptized. But according to the Bible one is baptized IN ORDER TO BE PARDONED, FORGIVEN, OR SAVED! (*See Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:20-21*). Do you see the difference? Many say: “*We baptize saved or pardoned people.*” But the Bible says, “*Lost people are baptized in order to be saved or pardoned.*” As is often the case, many get things backward to what the Bible actually teaches. Accept God’s pardon and be baptized “*for the forgiveness of sins*” today. Think on the things. —preachab@suddenlink.net

## Singing and Gospel Meeting

Next Saturday night, February 15, at 7:00, there will be a **Singing** at the Southside Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs.

**Tyler Sams** will be the speaker in the **Gospel Meeting**, Sunday through Wednesday, **February 16—19**, at the Southside church in Sulphur Springs, **7:00 weeknights**.

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### Our Weekend Meeting!

**Adam Pogue and Zach Redmon** are the speakers, **March 6-8, 2020, here at the Southside Church of Christ.** **Adam** preaches for the Southside Church of Christ in Jacksonville, TX, and **Zach** preaches for the Church of Christ in Saratoga, AR.

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**NEWS** (continued from back page)

**Garcia** was sick last Sunday and not in our services—**Kenneth Amerson** continues to have breathing problem. He had to leave the service early last Sunday morning, and he was not with us Wednesday night—Remember **Kenneth Amerson, Enoch Waldrep’s brother, Kenny Ferguson, Marion Shurtleff, June Johnson, Randy Blackmon, Teresa Tate, Frank White, William and Yvonne White, Laverne McCurdy, Willie Don Davis, Judy Hinson, Catherine Moss, Deborah Brown**—Remember our **Shut-ins: James Johnson, Betty Rust and Wanda Sikes.**