

NEWS

Rance Hockaday was moved from ICU to a trauma room on Wednesday, and he was brought home Thursday. He is still in much pain and has a long recovery ahead—**Judy Hinson** was in our service Wednesday, and it was good to see her—**Pat Marshall** was not feeling well Wednesday night and was not in our service—**Tonette Harrel** saw a doctor at UT Southwestern Thursday and was sent back to see a Rheumatologist in Tyler—**Paul Coffman** had the flu last weekend but was back with us Wednesday—**Terry Jordan** sees a heart specialist Thursday in Sheveport—**June Johnson** is (continued 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:

February 23, 2020

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Dale Rockett

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

Sunday Evening

Shea Bilbo **Luke Arnold**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Jerry Wildman (Opening)
—Kenneth Amerson (Closing)
PM—Leon Goff (Opening)
—Paul Coffman (Closing)

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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Reach Out and Touch Someone

By Dee Bowman

It may well be that the besetting sin of modern day discipleship is its failure to procreate itself. Speed has been so aggrandized in our society that it has become necessary that whatever we do we must do in a hurry. We seem to be possessed with a determination to succeed more than to be spiritually inclined and equip ourselves for eternity, so we tend to put off things that don't pertain to our quests. One of those things is reaching out and touching someone.

I have a theory. It may not be right, or it may be a bit simplistic, but it's worth considering anyway. I don't think anybody will go the heaven by himself: he will go with someone or take someone with him.

Discipleship does not depend on some kind of human machinery for its procreation. It depends on the disciples themselves. "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (**II Tim. 2:2**). That process is so simple. But where is it being used? How sad, because it works. If every person in the congregation here decided to convert just one soul to Christ in the coming year, and if there are 300 in our congregation, the church would be 600 in twelve month's time. Will that not work? The problem is not that the plan won't work; the problem is we won't work the plan.

What is necessary to get the business of making known the gospel to those who come under your influence? I suggest just four.

Concern. When Jesus saw the multitudes, "he was moved with

compassion” (**Matt. 9:36**). We emphasize his feeling of “compassion,” but fail to consider that the compassion *moved* Him. It took Him from unconcern to concern, from indifference to distress. It is that movement of compassion that caused Him to die for the sins of the world. “God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son” is a statement of His concern for the lost souls of men. The gospel is the power to save (**Rom. 1:16**) and that power is retarded only to the extent that it is not used. How about you? Are you actually concerned for the lost souls around you? Are you actually *moved* by what you see? If you are not, why not? I hardly see how one can call himself a Christian and not be moved by the number of lost souls he sees every day.

Boldness. One of the Devil’s most effective tools in retarding efforts to convert people is diffidence, a lack of confidence. It takes courage to try and teach someone. You run a kind of risk. You are apt to fail a lot of the time, and knowing that makes it more difficult to make the effort. But make the effort we must. Jesus failed. In fact, he failed most of the time. But some will come, some will be interested, and even if you just snatch one soul from the fires of Hell you have done well. “Be not weary in your well doing,” said Paul (**Gal. 6:10**), “for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not.” If we would just keep that in mind our mission would be an easier one, our work more diligent, our successes more often.

A willingness to be inconvenienced. We are wedded to convenience in this society. We don’t want anyone or anything to invade our comfort zone. That proclivity to be comfortable has thwarted many an effort at converting someone to Christ. We make flimsy excuses, give faulty “reasons” why we can’t make arrangements to teach someone. It gets in the way of our plans. What that says, most of the time, is that our plans are out of order, our priorities ill arranged. You have to want to convert someone before you will do it.

Faith. We don’t have enough confidence in the gospel. Is it or is it not *power* of God to salvation? If it is, then why don’t we treat it as such? If you suddenly came across the cure for cancer, would you let anybody know about it? Would you treat it nonchalantly? Certainly not! You would want everybody to be delivered from the malady. You hold in your hand the power to save men from a malady much greater and more dangerous than cancer. You have the gospel; it can save men from their sin. How can you put much confidence in it to save your own soul if you don’t have confidence enough in it to recommend it for the salvation of the souls of others?

It’s time we got busy about evangelism. It’s time we got to the business of making the gospel work in the places where we live and work every day. How long has it been since *you* talked with someone about his soul? Well, that’s too long. —*Southside in Pasadena online.*

Worship Weariness

By Dennis Abernathy

Malachi said Israel was weary, bored, and tired of worship. (*Mal. 1:13*). It was too demanding and had become a grievous chore, rather than an exalted privilege; a burden instead of a blessing.

Fast forward to today. Many want shorter sermons, with less Scripture and more wit; less identification and exposure of sin, and smooth speech with less doctrinal content. People don’t want to be reminded of their sins. Call for modesty, faithfulness, and godly living are held in disdain. Social drinking is justified, sexual immorality is becoming the norm, and gambling is becoming epidemic. Entertainment has become our religion, and religion our entertainment! Many avoid Bible classes and worship services to do other things they desire. Instead of “*seeking first the kingdom of God*” (*Matt. 6:33*), such is way down the priority list.

The prophet Isaiah echoed the same theme in Isaiah forty-three. In verse 22, God said: “*But you have not called upon Me... and you have been weary of Me, O Israel.*” Sadly, many of God’s people today have become weary of God’s ways and of the exertion and effort necessary to serve Him. But, the sad thing about “*worship weariness*” is, it wearies God. In verse 24, God said: “*But you have burdened Me with your sins, you have wearied Me with your iniquities.*”

The Psalmist said: “*I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the*

Lord” (*Ps. 122:1*). How much better off we would be today, if our attitude toward worship and service to God, was the attitude expressed in this psalm. Worship should not be a weariness or burden, but a joy, and an attitude of gladness for the opportunity to worship God, the Creator of the world. Think on these things.

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Gospel Meeting

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

Our Weekend Meeting!

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

NEWS (continued from back page) still having problems with her blood pressure—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.*