

NEWS

Terry Jordan saw a doctor in Shreveport Thursday who told him he needed a heart valve replacement, and he was sent to a surgeon in Shreveport Friday—**Tonette Harrel** saw a Rheumatologist in Tyler Thursday and she is scheduled to have treatment for a certain type of arthritis—**Rance Hockaday** is still improving from the injuries he received in the recent accident. He saw his surgeon in Tyler Thursday. He is able to be up and moving around in the house some—**Bob Arnold** received more treatment for his cancer and he did not feel (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:

March 1, 2020

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Ron Traughber

Andrew Arnold Alec Capel
Jessie Carrillo Carlos Garcia

Sunday Evening

Andrew Arnold Alec Capel

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Pat Marshall (Opening)

—Kenneth Amerson (Closing)

PM—Bob Arnold (Opening)

—Charles Davis (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—Duane McGough

P.M.—Matt Harrel

(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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We Cordially Invite You to Our

Weekend Gospel Meeting

Friday through Sunday, March 6 - 8, 2020

Adam Pogue and Zach Redmon
Speakers

Friday.....7:00 p.m.

Saturday.....7:00 p.m.

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

2:30 p.m.

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The Plow is Manual, Not Automatic

By Warren Berkley

“But Jesus said to him, ‘No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God,’ (Luke 9:62).

What if your life was somehow submitted to the Lord on paper? After looking over the report, He stamps on the top sheet: “Unfit!” Imagine the disappointment and shame. You have been rejected and you cannot transfer the guilt, deny the content of your life or make any appeal.

In this verse the Lord is telling us that an absence of commitment will cause Him to declare us unfit. The advantage we have is, we can read this now and change the content of the final report. So long as we are alive there is opportunity to put our hands back on the plow and look straight ahead, living daily as a citizen in the Lord’s kingdom.

What we do or neglect that is visible and tangible shows to the Lord and others, our commitment.

Attendance is a commitment issue. People want preachers and elders to become like truant officers. The problem is not an isolated matter. Reading Heb. 10:25 over and over and over will not suddenly solve the problem — because the issue is not ignorance; it is lack of com-

mitment. Ask the 18 who regularly come to Laurel Heights Sunday evening services why they come back on Sunday evening. The answer will show they are committed! Absence is a symptom. The root cause has always been commitment. [I understand legitimate reasons. Most non-attendees cannot claim they can’t be there for some legitimate reason. Commitment gets people out.]

Giving is a commitment issue. Giving, all through the New Testament, is an expression of the content of one’s heart. Those who give grudgingly, sparingly or merely out of necessity, are in trouble with God. And it is not an issue of pocket. It is directly related to commitment. “He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver,” (2 Corinthians 9:6-7). See in this passage where good giving originates: purpose of heart.

Evangelism is a commitment issue. I’ve never heard any Christian argue that we don’t need to talk to people about the Lord or tell them what the Bible says. You don’t hear that because the New Testament is so clear about God’s people being the ones who are charged to preach the gospel. Many of the first Christians “did

not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ,” (Acts 5:42). They were committed. If we are indifferent, uninvolved and negligent about evangelism, our problem is commitment. We may have touched the plow, but we haven’t stayed on the job.

Responding to the spiritual needs of your brethren is a commitment issue. If you have read Galatians 5:13, “serve one another,” but you just don’t do that, the issue at hand is not your ability to digest what the text says. The problem is not that there are no brethren to serve. You cannot claim you have nothing to give. Dismiss all the excuses and understand the core issue: Commitment of heart to the Lord.

This list could be continued. Whatever the command, the activity, the participation — behind everything God asks us to do and everything provided for our spiritual welfare, there is this basic: Commitment. If you don’t have that right, open your eyes, open your Bible, renew your commitment. That plow the Lord spoke of has no automatic setting or remote control.

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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**, two 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.

These weekend meetings have been conducted since the mid 1980s. They have been very encouraging and instructive. We have emphasized through the years that the lessons have been especially designed for the younger generations, but it is obvious that the studies are beneficial to all generations.

Be sure to read the previous article in this bulletin by Brother Berkley on the subject of commitment. All of us who are members of Southside need to be committed to do all we can to attend and support this weekend of Bible teaching. Let’s encourage people of all ages, and especially the younger folks, to come and benefit and be encouraged by these lessons from the Word of God. What could be more important to any of us than to be a part of this opportunity to hear what God says to us?

—Leon Goff

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NEWS (continued from back page)

up to being in our services last Sunday, but he was back with us Wednesday night—**Shea and Meredith Bilbo** were sick last Sunday and not able to be in our services—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.*