

NEWS

Terry Jordan is scheduled to have heart valve replacement surgery this coming Monday at the LSU Medical Center in Shreveport. He will be in the hospital a few days following the surgery—**Kenneth Amerson** had cataract surgery on one eye last Monday and will have surgery on the other eye this Monday—**Tonette Harrel** has been moved back to Pittsburg and will possibly be living with Matt and Charlyn. She has been diagnosed with Reactive Arthritis and with treatment it will take months for her to recover—**Nova** (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 15, 2020

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Jerry Wildman

Andrew Arnold **Alec Capel**
Jessie Carrillo **Carlos Garcia**

Sunday Evening

Andrew Arnold **Alec Capel**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—**Jimmy Lewis (Opening)**

—**Paul Relph (Closing)**

PM—**Dale Rockett (Opening)**

—**William White (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 Welcome You to Our

Weekend Gospel Meeting

Friday through Sunday, March 6 - 8, 2020

Adam Pogue and Zach Redmon

Speakers

Friday 7:00 p.m.... "A New Birth" - 1 Pet. 1:1-9 (Adam)

"The Heart of Discipleship" (Zach)

Saturday 7:00 p.m. "A New Life" - 1 Pet. 1:13 - 2:10 (Adam)

"The Distraction From Discipleship" (Zach)

Sunday 9:45 a.m... "A New Purpose" - 1 Pet. 2 (Adam)

10:30 a.m... "The Answer of Discipleship" (Zach)

2:30 p.m.... "A New Confidence" - 1 Pet. 4:7-5:11 (Adam)

"The Obligation of Discipleship" (Zach)

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Two Men React To Teaching On Morals

(By Bill Hall)

Two men listen to lessons on practical Christian living, but their attitudes differ greatly.

The **first man** views all such teaching as arbitrary “church” rules. Warnings concerning dancing, mixed swimming, general immodesty, divorce for every cause, drinking, etc., are looked upon as “Church of Christ” standards, traditions being sustained by the old-timers of the church who are out of touch with more up-to-date thinking on morals.

The **second man** is brought to understand that all such teaching is an outgrowth of genuine respect for the Bible; that warnings concerning the evils mentioned above are based on such Scriptures as Matthew 5:27-28; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Timothy 2:9; Matthew 19:9; and Romans 13:12-14; that they, therefore, are not arbitrary “church” rules, but are indeed a true picture of God’s will for His people.

The **first man** hates this teaching. Of course he does! Doesn’t he have just as much moral perception as another? Why should he allow some other man to decide what’s right or what’s wrong for him? He’ll do what he pleases. Nobody will bind his thinking on him.

The **second man**, recognizing that the standards under consideration are God’s and not man’s, gladly complies. Jesus Christ is his Lord and King. He will live whatever life His Lord wants him to live. He will make every sacrifice his Lord wants him to make. His

conformity grows out of a desire to please God, not man.

The **first man** may take the form of a teenager rebelling against parental authority; or the form of a man “raised in the church,” whose church loyalty is beginning to wane; or the form of a new convert who is having difficulty defining modesty, decency, and lasciviousness in practical terms. The fault may lie within the person himself. He may be wanting to break away from all restrictions, thus refusing to view objectively Bible principles behind the teaching he is rejecting. Or the fault in some cases may lie in those who teach. They may be guilty of “establishing” their points along these lines through pulpit beating and foot stamping, rather than through sound reasoning from the Scriptures; of unconsciously seeking for “church” loyalty rather than loyalty to the Lord. Either way, we are concerned for our first man’s soul, for he is wrong in his thinking.

Let no one misunderstand. We strongly oppose every evil mentioned above. But the truth is — no man is obligated to bow to anything **we** teach because **we** teach it; but on the other hand, he is obligated to live by every principle that is truly established upon the word of God. It is the duty of every teacher, then, to warn of these evils, but on the basis of God’s authority. It is the duty of every hearer to consider them in light of Scripture. Greater God-consciousness — on the part of both teacher and hearer — is the need.

Undeserved Credibility

(By Greg Gwin)

The flow of information is more efficient today than ever in history. Those who write - on any given subject - can have their thoughts and opinions disseminated far and wide with a simple key stroke on a computer. While it was once a difficult challenge to get a book published, it is now relatively easy to ‘self publish’ all sorts of literature. And the Internet has made it even easier to get a message out to the masses. Start a blog page, get a handful of people to ‘like’ and ‘share’ your posts on social media, and suddenly your views are spread exponentially to the world.

Sadly, there are some folks who give instant credibility to anything written in a book or entered on a blog. The very fact that someone has his/her writings ‘published’ - in one form or another - has a way of convincing certain others that he/she is an expert, and the views expressed are surely right. No where is this more problematic than in the religious realm.

The problem of course, becomes fully exposed when the blogger’s latest rant differs with the sound doctrine being preached in a local church. Never mind that the brother in the pulpit has studied God’s Word diligently for a lifetime. His understanding of the Scriptures is quickly discarded in favor of the currently popular Internet author. After all, the preacher has no ‘letters’ or degrees. He is old fashioned and out of touch. It is wrongly assumed that he is just reciting the ‘old party line’ and that he has never seriously searched things out for himself. The blog poster, on the other hand, is praised for ‘thinking outside the box’ and for challenging long held traditions.

This disturbing trend is being observed in

many congregations. Brethren are being “tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine” (Eph. 4:14). They are “unlearned and unstable” and the Scriptures are being perverted “unto their own destruction” (2 Pet. 3:16).

While the stream of information is at an all time high, don’t forget that it is still our job to “try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” (1 John 4:1) Think!

Potluck This Sunday

Following our morning service, and it will be back at the community room of Pilgrim Bank. Everyone, including visitors, are invited to join us. This is a meal provided by individuals who wish to participate, for our enjoyment.

NEWS (continued from back page)

Montgomery was sick Wednesday night with an upper respiratory infection and was not in our service—**Shirley Duncan’s** thyroid nodules were not malignant, but they will have to be removed—**Willie Don Davis** has been having health problems recently and was not in our service last Sunday—**June Johnson** has not been feeling well and has not been in our services the last couple of weeks, but was back with us Wednesday night—Continue to pray for all of these—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.*