

NEWS

Vickie Brownlee has tested positive for Covid 19, but she says she is over it now. I don't think we have to be concerned about her exposing us at church because the last time she was at church was June 14. We should be well past the incubation period—**Terry Jordan** was dismissed from the Rehabilitation in Longview and is at home now recovering from his heart valve surgery—**Peggy Bellamy** has had Strep and was not able to be in our service last Sunday—**Wanda Sikes** has been put on hospice. She just had her 94th birthday July 6—**Richard Taparo and Shirley Duncan** have been (continued on 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

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ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

July 19, 2020

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture:

Sunday Evening

PRAYERS

Sun. AM— (Opening)

— (Closing)

PM— (Opening)

— (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—

P.M.—

(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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Raising Cain

By Dan Richardson

Jude, a servant of Christ, wrote by inspiration to admonish Christians to “contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3). The need for this is apparent by the warning in the next verse: “For there are certain men crept in privily, even they who were of old written of beforehand unto this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ” (vs. 4). In further description, Jude said, “Woe unto them! For they went in the way of Cain...” (vs. 11). They had raised (resurrected) Cain by imitating his spirit and behavior. From Genesis 4, consider what this involved.

He Dishonored His Name (v 1). At his birth his mother praised and thanked God for blessing them with a son: “I have gotten a man with the help of Jehovah.” Based upon this fact, she gave him the name Cain, which means “to get.” Every mention of his name would be a reminder of God's goodness and blessing to that family. But Cain disgraced his name with behavior that disregarded God's help and guidance. Solomon said, “A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches...(Proverbs 22:2; cf. Ecclesiastes 7:1).

He Rebelled Against God (v 2-7). “And in the process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto Jehovah” (3). In a time when many laud any and every religious effort of man, the text says that with respect to Cain's offering, God “had not respect” (5). But why? The epistle to the Hebrews states, “By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he had witness borne to him that he was righteous” (Hebrews 11:4). Abel's re-

response “by faith” necessarily implies that God gave commandment regarding which offering would please Him. Saving faith is never separated from God’s word, but is always in response to it (Romans 10:17).

Furthermore, for Cain’s sacrifice to be displeasing to God, it is equally implied that God communicated His will to Cain, as he did to Abel. They both heard God’s word and understood it. This is apparent from God’s statement to Cain: “If thou doest well, shall it (his countenance, DR) not be lifted up? And if thou doest not well, sin coucheth at the door: and unto thee shall be its desire, but do thou rule over it” (7). Cain was guilty of rebellion - he chose to be guided by his way over God’s! Perhaps it was Cain’s pride in his labors and earthly accomplishments, for he was a tiller of the ground (2). Or, perhaps it was jealousy that his brother could sacrifice from his flocks but he couldn’t of his produce. Or, maybe it was just a matter of convenience with Cain; his fruits from the ground were handy and he wasn’t willing to put forth the effort to acquire the necessary animal. Why he did it is really not that important, because there is never a justifiable reason for disobeying God (cf. 1 Samuel 15:22; Hebrews 3:16-19).

He Murdered His Brother (v 8). Two factors are mentioned in scripture that contributed to Cain taking his brother’s life. First, he allowed himself to be overcome with wrath (Genesis 4:5). “But let every man be swift to hear, slow

to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God” (James 1:19-20). Second, he was envious of Abel’s good sacrifice: “Because his works were evil, and his brother’s righteous” (1 John 3:12).

Characteristic of those who refused to have God in their knowledge (having instead had a “reprobate mind”), it is said they were “full of envy, murder... etc.” (Romans 1:28-29). While many of us may be assured in our minds that we would never murder our brother, consider these words of the inspired apostle John: “Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him” (1 John 3:15). John’s reference to Cain (v. 12) is made in the context of our need to have a heart for brotherly love. This point is, before Cain actually committed the outward act of murder, he was already one in heart. And, it’s the heart God observes and calls us to focus on (1 Samuel 16:7; Proverbs 4:23).

Let us be careful that we don’t “raise Cain” by our attitudes and actions.
—Search, March 2019

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When You Are An Adult

Most kids can’t wait to grow up! They are looking forward to being older. Maybe they are wanting to get old enough to stay up late at night, or to drive a car. I don’t think I’ve ever heard a child say they were looking forward to getting older

so they could get a job and pay taxes! No one really wants to pay bills or work hard so they can pay more taxes, but a Christian joyfully meets his responsibilities, even to the government (Romans 13:6-7).

When you grow up, the most important thing you need to be is a Christian. Are you planning to serve God when you become an adult? Only you can make that decision for yourself. Your preacher may hope you will see the importance of serving God, but he can’t do it for you. Your parents may pray for you and teach you what is right, but you have to obey God for yourself. This means it is your own fault if you disobey God. You cannot blame anyone else for a decision only you can make. That’s the hard part about being an adult.

If you are thinking about being grown, don’t forget about God! You will have many privileges you do not have as a child. God does not want you to forget Him when you are grown (Eccl. 12:1-2). He wants you to follow Him both now and when you are on your own, as an adult.

—Mark White, *Cyfair news & Notes*

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Paul Coffman and His Evangelism Trip to Kenya and Uganda

The elders of Southside have made a commitment to him for funds from the church, and other churches are being given an opportunity to help. Some have already helped.

He is also asking for individual contribu-

tions because there are works and expenses that come up in these trips that do not classify as works of the church, but are worthy and necessary things to be done. Each of us as members of Southside are being given the opportunity to be a part of this. We don’t want anyone to feel forced to give, but if you desire to have a part in this it will be appreciated. And any amount that you are comfortable with will be appreciated. And what any of us gives will together be of much help in Paul’s work of preaching the gospel and establishing congregations.

Paul’s plans are to leave August 3rd and he will be gone through most of September as well. If you have questions, ask Paul. He will be happy to answer.

Paul’s flights have now opened up for him to leave for Kenya and Uganda on August 3rd. If you plan to help him you need to do that soon. Also, he would like for someone to take him to the airport.

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NEWS (continued from back page)
exposed to the virus and are quarantined—Remember **Charles Davis, Rance Hockaday, Kenneth Amerson, Enoch Waldrep’s brother, 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**—Remember our **Shut-ins: James Johnson, Betty Rust and Wanda Sikes.**