

## NEWS

**Koralee Ruth** and **Krosslynn Ryann Arnold** were born last Sunday night, August 16, to Kristen and Andrew. They didn't know until birth that they were girls. We congratulate Kristen, Andrew, Madelyn, Preston and Kaanan along with the grandparents and other loved ones—**Lavelle Lovell**, Mike's dad, fell, resulting in bleeding on the brain. He was taken to Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. His brain bleed was not any bigger on Thursday Morning. They will probably keep him a few days before he is sent back to the hospital in—(continued on page 3)

### ELDERS

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936-577-4819

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**Ricky Davis** 572-9428  
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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:

**Drew Nelson** 254-541-3815  
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### ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

**August 30, 2020**

**Serving The Lord's Supper**

**Sunday Morning**

Scripture:

**Sunday Evening**

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### PRAYERS

Sun. AM— (Opening)

— (Closing)

PM— (Opening)

— (Closing)

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—

P.M.—

(call Pat Marshall if unable to serve)

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**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 to 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 at 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 in 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.

## **Report From Paul Coffman and his Work in Kenya**

“The preachers clinic covered sermon preparation for textual, topical, expository, and also dealt with hermeneutics and the dangers of false teachers. I gave a test that I am pleased that all passed. We have had special classes for non-Christians. Many preachers accompany me to learn how to handle Q & A sessions. Also we secured 6 cell phones to allow continued communication and training on WhatsApp. On Sunday we had an invite following another baptism. During this time we ate and studied with a neighbor, he was invited and was 81, and as we studied he asked for a Bible. He read every scripture, at the end he said “I believe because the Bible says what you say.” He asked for another day of study, and this will be one of 2 today. On Monday we traveled to Olmoran Kenya some 55 kilometers away, the issue was 30 of the road was so rough I felt like salt in a salt shaker. But the trip was well worth it. A brother came to Christ when he met Joseph. His father paid for him to go to a funeral of family. From a death he heard the Words of life eternal and obeyed. He had gathered family and friends to hear the Word of God. Following the study 8 more were converted to Christ, and another new congregation begun. Tuesday we went to Kiwanja church of Christ and preached the Word, also did Q & A. 3 obeyed the Gospel there. At this point nearing half way on our journey I am very happy to not only find all 6 congregations still around but

increasing in size and Spiritual growth. We have seen the crops growing good but harvest is in October so we have aided many Christian with food assistance. When I return September 7th I will again make a plea for food aid, this has been a desperate time. The results to this point, 5p Bibles have been bought and given, plus song books, 2 congregations begun this journey and as of today 22 more souls have obeyed the Gospel of Our Lord. I am humbled the Lord allows me to serve Him in this way. While Uganda was closed, local preachers are working there and sent from funds to aid about 200 plus families with food and seeds. The planting season has begun. My prayers while here is the worries I have as my wife begins school to worry of Covid-19 is upon my mind I pray God will care and protect all and we will rely upon our Lord for our health and strength.”

—May God bless, brother Paul, servant of Christ

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**News (continued from back page)**

Mt. Pleasant—Remember **Charles Davis, Rance Hockaday, Kenneth Amerson, Kenny Ferguson, June Johnson, Randy Blackmon, Teresa Tate, Betty Rust, Frank White, William and Yvonne White, Willie Don Davis, Judy Hinson, Catherine Moss, Deborah Brown**—Remember our **Shut-ins: James Johnson, Betty Rust, and Marion Shurtleff.**