

NEWS

Pat Brown has been having allergy problems and was not in our services last Sunday, but she was back with us Wednesday night—**Randy Harshbarger** has been moved to another Rehab facility in Tyler for a couple of weeks where he will receive more intense therapy. He is making progress and gaining confidence—**Ronald and Yolanda Stringer** both had the Covid 19 and he missed 3 Sundays preaching. But they are past all of that now and doing well—**Peggy Bellamy** is doing much better—**Leon Everett Chapman** was born to Kayla and Jacob in Nashville, TN. Congratulations to them and grandparents Derinda and Roger Lambert, and great grandparents Leon and Alma Goff. He weighed in a 10 lbs and 3 oz. (continued on page 3)

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936-577-4819

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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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APPOINTMENTS FOR:

April 25, 2021

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)

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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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What Christian Women Should Do (By Mark White)

*E*very congregation with which I have ever been associated has a fine number of devout women in its membership. Women are a vital part of the church. Their talents and expertise must be put to good use for the good of the church. Their faith and good works are acceptable to the praise and glory of God almighty.

Scripture declares that women are equal to men before God as far as salvation is concerned (**Gal. 3:28**). Neither sex has advantage over the other when it comes to faithful obedience which makes one a child of God. Both males and females have equal access to God as their Father. Women have just as much responsibility to worship and serve God as men. But their roles are different, and we must respect the God-appointed differences.

Men have been given responsibility for leading the church of Christ. New Testament examples, commands, and inferences all point to the fact that males are to be the elders, deacons, and preachers in the church of God (**1 Tim. 3; Titus 1**). Yet, male leadership does not detract from the importance and indispensability of women in a local church. Young or old, all women have a vital role to play.

What would the Bible say a woman should do in the kingdom of God? There are many scriptural things a woman contributes —

- She can labor in the Gospel by teaching other women who need to become Christians (**Phil. 4:3**).

- She can teach other women and children who need to be edified or evangelized (**Titus 1:3-5**). In fact, she can do these things better than most men could ever do them.
- She can provide hospitality for Christians and non-Christians, like Lydia (**Acts 16:15**). Men are not naturally as adept or skilled in this area.
- She can lead others to seek the Lord by her meek, kind, and exemplary life (**1 Pet. 3:1-6**). Just where would many men have been spiritually unless their wives influenced them for good?
- She can encourage and help a Gospel preacher in his work like Priscilla did for Apollos (**Acts 18:26**). Many women aided the Lord in His work (**Matt. 27:55-56**). Most preachers have relied heavily on sisters in Christ for assistance, advice, and aid.
- She can “*diligently follow every good work*” (**1 Tim. 5:10**) by bringing up children, caring for the sick, cooking meals for shut-ins, or providing transportation for the poor. These are essential functions, which, if undone, cause families, churches, and society to unravel.
- She can be a godly homemaker and mother, which is her distinct calling in life (**1 Tim. 5:14**). A homemaker is a noble work. A mother is far more than

a biological role. Raising a child to love the Lord is no small work (**2 Tim. 1:5**). Just ask Eunice and Lois!

- She can pray fervently like Mary, the mother of Jesus and the other women who were disciples (**Acts 1:14**). Fervent praying from our sisters may have done more good than public prayers offered by men.

Perhaps you can add to this scriptural list of “women’s work.” It is amazing how much work New Testament women were assigned by the Holy Spirit. Modern women have more to do than they can get done in the service of Christ, if only they would see how vital they are to the work of the church. Men who either ignore the contributions of women or who act as if they are second-class should repent of their sin against our sisters.

Every congregation owes a great debt to our godly sisters who faithfully shoulder their spiritual responsibilities. Just where would any congregation be without the sacrificial spirit of women throughout their history? We salute our beloved women who model Christ before us and who do so much to make the church such a pleasant and complete family of God. —*Midweek Messenger 4/14/21*

One Places Membership

Dona Elliot, a daughter of Ron and Deloris Traughber, has expressed a desire to be accepted as a member of Southside. We are pleased about that, and we welcome her into our spiritual family here at Southside. She has been attending our services for some time. If you have not met her as yet, please introduce yourself to her. Her address is 308 Julia, Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455, and telephone number is 1-903-241-1082.

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Our Spring Gospel Meeting

Mark White will be the speaker in our Gospel Meeting, **May 2nd through May 5th**, weeknight services at 7:00. And we will have weekday morning services Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:00.

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Paul Coffman’s Report From Kenya

Jesus spoke about when salt has lost its flavor. In Kesese, Uganda I was drawn to preachers who would walk many kilometers to preach the Word. They receive help, school classrooms, church buildings, food, seed funds but sadly some who worked hard were drawn away by self gain. For projects were to please the Lord but instead they gain from them. An American came and sadly taught them how to hate. He decided in review of me having met me about 15 minutes. Listening to gossip and rumors that I had not repented properly, guess to his standards. Ezekiel says in 18:20-22 not to bring forgiven sins. They often say repent but when asked for what? They say traditions or based on gossip, rumors & jealousy. In 2 Corinthians 13:1-3 the apostle Paul wrote to

have 2 or 3 witnesses. This helps to stop false accusations. It is wise to remember to remove the beam from our eye before we deal with a splinter. After 8 years of work in Kasese, Uganda I leave happily for the Christians and those who show the love of Christ. Not all are bad by any ways, Jesus said we would know Christians if the love one another. My prayer is while I move into other areas God will remove the love of money in some of the preachers’ hearts and return to our Lord and serve Him with all their hearts. Stop the gossip, rumors, complaining, murmuring and jealousy for these are all sins in God’s eyes and established as sin in God’s Word. Remember draw near to Him and He will draw near you. I draw comfort in the many friends I know in Kenya, Ghana, and even Uganda but Jesus opens doors and at times one may have to dust off their feet when they choose projects, profit and other gain. I write this in sadness but love and encourage you to return to the love of preaching the Word. Let Jesus rule in our lives not man. One very specific area of correction needed when a man can influence a congregation to think they have a Biblical right to speak for all congregations you have become wrong. The Bible teaches each congregation is separate yet bound to what the Bible teaches and not what man thinks. —Paul

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NEWS (continued from back page)
——Remember **Dale Rockett, Bob Arnold, Ricky Davis, Charles Davis, Rance Hockaday, Kennneth and Beverly Amerson, Kenny Ferguson, June Johnson, Randy Blackmon, Teresa Tate, Betty Rust, Frank White, William and Yvonne White, Willie Don Davis, Judy Hinson, and Catherine Moss**——Remember our **Shut-ins: James Johnson, Betty Rust, and Marion Shurtleff**.