

NEWS

Relda Marshall was diagnosed with a tumor on her pancreas. She and Pat are in Houston at MD Anderson Cancer Center getting it biopsied. They are meeting with the doctors to determine the best course of action for her—**Boots Walker** was admitted into the local hospital last week with pneumonia—**Lelda Thompson** was also put into the local hospital because of pneumonia. She was able to return home on Thursday—**Dortha Marshall**, Pat Marshall's mother, passed away last Sunday. Her funeral was the following Tuesday. Let's keep the Marshall family in our prayers—(continued on p. 3)

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SERVICES:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:45 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies class 10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

PREACHERS:

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ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

February 19, 2012

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: **Willie Don Davis**
Andrew Arnold **Luke Arnold**
Bobby Burns **Tom Davis**

Sunday Evening

Andrew Arnold **Luke Arnold**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Ron Burns (Opening)
—**Buford Guthrie (Closing)**
PM—Thomas Hockaday (Opening)
—**Paul Chapman (Closing)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—Ken Ferguson
P.M.—Ken Johnson

(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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The Bible Is Relevant

By Heath Rogers

Relevancy is important. It has to do with making sure we are spending our time, attention and energy with something worthwhile. When discussing the relevancy of the Bible, it would question whether or not the Bible has any bearing upon our lives today. Some people would say that it does not. While acknowledging its historical and religious significance, the prominent opinion seems to be that the Bible is an outdated book. It may have served a purpose for previous generations, but times have changed. Some question how a book as old as the Bible can have any serious application to our lives today.

Is the Bible relevant? Does this ancient book have any practical application to our lives today? Does it satisfy our needs as individuals and as a society? Or do we need something else? I believe a consideration of the following points will help to answer these questions and prove that the Bible is relevant today.

1. God Has Not Changed. "For I am the Lord, I do not change" (Malachi 3:6; see also Hebrews 13:8). A lot of time has passed since the Bible was written, but that does not mean God has changed. How do we know this? A lot of time passed while the Bible was being written (about 1,600 years), yet God is the same Person at the end of the Bible that He is at the beginning. Time has a way of changing man, but God exists outside of time, it does not have any affect upon Him. God has not grown any wiser through the centuries. He has not become tolerant of things that used to anger

Him. God is the same Person for us today that He is in the Bible.

2. God's Word Has Not

Changed. *"Forever, O Lord, your word is settled in heaven"* (Psalm 119:89). God's standards of right and wrong have always existed, and will always exist, the way that they are found in the Bible. There is no need to update, change or revise these revealed standards. Some have the idea that because society now accepts things like living together, adultery, no-fault divorce, homosexuality, etc., that God now accepts them. This simply is not true. God's thoughts and ways are not subject to our approval (Isaiah 55:8-9). It is a dangerous thing to be presumptuous about God.

3. The Needs of Society Have Not

Changed. Society changes all the time, but the needs of society are still the same. People are still people, and have the same basic needs. Some may be surprised to find that the Bible both addresses and offers solutions to problems that we are dealing with today. Crime and punishment (Ecclesiastes 8:14), the role of civil government (Romans 13:1-6), welfare abuse (2 Thessalonians 3:10), prejudice (Acts 10:34; Matthew 22:35-40), teen pregnancy (1 Corinthians 6:18; Hebrews 13:4), drug and alcohol abuse (Galatians 5:19-21), family problems (Colossians 3:18-21), divorce (Malachi 2:16; Matthew 5:32), homosexuality and same-sex marriages

(Romans 1:26-27; Matthew 19:4-5) and terrorism (Matthew 7:12) are all addressed in the Bible.

4. The Needs of Mankind Have Not

Changed. The Bible offers answers to the most basic and fundamental questions that mankind has struggled with – Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going? The apostle Paul answered all three of these questions in a sermon recorded in Acts 17. Where did I come from? *"God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands"* (v. 24). Why am I here? *"So that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us"* (v. 27).

Where am I going? *"Because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead"* (v. 31).

In addition to philosophical needs, man also has spiritual needs. Many people have serious problems dealing with guilt, depression, doubt, despair, hopelessness, and fear. Bookshelves and magazine racks are filled with material written in hopes of identifying and solving these problems. TV and radio programs offer pop-psychology and the latest self-help fads. However, the Bible is the one book which

positively identifies the real problem with which man struggles: *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23). It is also the only book that offers the real solution to this problem: *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 6:23). It answers the most important question of all – "What must I do to be saved?"

The Bible is not an outdated relic of centuries past. It is not a book of ancient history or myths. It is not a charm to ward off evil. Neither is it a file cabinet for newspaper clippings, announcements, pictures, flowers, or other mementos from the past. It is the living Word of God. It offers the answers to our most important questions while providing the standards and guidance we need as individuals and as a society. The Bible not only shows us how to have the best life here on earth, it is the only book which can prepare us for eternal life.

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Welcome!

We are happy to have Tyler Sams from Longview and Jay Taylor from Nacogdoches with us this weekend! We appreciate Tyler and Jay coming and preaching the gospel for us during our gospel meeting effort. Please remember that our evening service will be at **2:30** this afternoon!

Potluck

Some of the members will be meeting together at the Preifert hangar for a potluck dinner immediately following this morning's service. Anyone is welcome to come and be with us. This is not a work of the church, but provides the members and opportunity to spend some time together.

Dishes in Foyer

Please remember to pick up your dishes in the foyer if you haven't already. There are still a few there from the funeral of Dortha Marshall.

Gospel Meeting

The Bossier church of Christ in Bossier City, LA is having a gospel meeting Feb. 12-17. John Lasater from Carthage, TX will be preaching at 7:30 each evening.

NEWS (cont. from back page)

Alicia Hancock has been sick with a kidney infection and was not able to be in services last week—**Buford Guthrie** has been having problems with his back. He has not been able move around very well and had to miss services last week—Continue to pray for **Pat Brown, Tammy Willeford**, and **Deborah Brown-Reed** as they have ongoing health problems — **Remember our Shut-ins:** *Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Irma May, Lelda Thompson and Joan Tosh.*