

NEWS

Relda Marshall had a feeding tube inserted last Monday. She is scheduled to go to the Rotary House, a recovery home next to the hospital, today. She will probably come home sometime next week—**Naomi Copeland** is still recovering from her surgery at home. She got her stitches out last Monday and is healing—**Wanda Sikes** is in room 501 in therapy at the hospital but plans to go home on Tuesday—Let's remember **Pat Brown, Deborah Brown** and **Tammy Willeford** as they have ongoing health issues—**Remember** our **Shut-ins:** *Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Irma May, Lelda Thompson, Joan Tosh, & Ruby Bell.*

ELDERS:

Bob Arnold 572-1219
Leon Goff 572-6809
Kendall Johnson 572-9306

DEACONS:

Ron Burns 577-9978
Ricky Davis 572-9428
Ken Ferguson 572-4135
Pat Marshall 572-9347

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:

Ronald Stringer 717-8603
Leon Goff 572-6809

ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

April 22, 2012

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Austin Fulmer
Phil Brown Ron Burns
Kevin Kanaley Dalva Allen

Sunday Evening

Phil Brown Ron Burns

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Ron Traugher (Opening)
—James Williams (Closing)
PM—Ricky Davis (Opening)
—Charles Davis (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—Ken Ferguson
P.M.—Ken Johnson

(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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Our Gospel Meeting is Coming Up!

Robert Harkrider, from Orlando, FL

April 22-27, 2012

Lesson Titles

Sunday-9:45 AM:	A Sin Often Overlooked
Sunday-10:30 AM:	Why Believe the Bible Is From God?
Sunday-6:00 PM:	When Our Sincerity Is Tested
Monday-7:30 PM:	When Grace Will Not Cover Our Sins
Tuesday-7:30 PM:	One Thing the Lost Will Not Do
Wednesday-7:30 PM:	The Most Difficult Command From God
Thursday-7:30 PM:	Are Churches of Christ Tradition-Bound?
Friday-7:30 PM:	Who Would Do Like Isaiah?

Mornings at 10:00

Tuesday:	Why Christians Have Peace Even In Time of War
Wednesday:	They Loved Not Their Lives Unto Death
Thursday:	The Battle of Armageddon and 1,000 Year Reign

The Bread Of Life

Ken Weliever

I recently read about an internet company that advertised a “hugable, washable, and talking” Jesus doll that recites “actual Scripture verses to introduce children of all ages to the wisdom of the Bible.” for \$15.95. Its sayings include, “I have an exciting plan for your life,” and “Your life matters so much to Me.” No matter that these exact sayings aren’t in the Bible, but who wouldn’t want to follow a Jesus like this?

Yet, Jesus’ words were not always easy or popular. He didn’t satisfy the demands of his followers and certainly not their selfish expectations.

Jesus said in John 6:35 *“I am the bread of life; he that comes to me shall never hunger; and he that believes on me shall never thirst.”* Then later he affirmed, *“I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world”* (6:51). This claim didn’t sound warm and cuddly to the Jews. In fact, it was offensive and confusing.

Russell Spray used a simple acrostic to suggest how Jesus was the “Bread of life.”

Living Bread

Inviting Bread

Filling Bread

Enduring Bread

These four concepts are worthy of our thought and meditation.

Jesus nourishes those who partake of Him. The day prior to this claim he had fed the 5,000. The people returned seeking another miracle. However their focus was blurred, their priorities were out-of-order, and their understanding was inaccurate. Thaxter Dickey, in God so Loved: Studies in the Gospel of John, correctly observed, “(Jesus) implied that people feed on husks while God has provided them a feast composed not only of good things but of things that are good for them.”

He nurtures the longing of the heart. Deep inside our souls long for more. More than physical food. More than personal satisfaction. More than material success. The heart is restless.

Fretful. Uneasy. Jesus is the inviting bread of life, that appeals to the heart’s deepest yearning.

He satisfies our spiritual hunger.

There is within us a holy hunger. A craving of the soul that only be satisfied by what the Lord offers. The Psalmist opined, *“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good”* (Ps. 34:8). Jesus, the spiritual bread of life, will fill and fulfill us. He will satisfy the soul’s craving for a bread that the world cannot provide.

He sustains us eternally. In this life we eat bread and find ourselves hungry again. The bread is eaten and consumed. Or else it spoils. Jesus, the everlasting bread of life, offers substance that keeps us filled. It’s never depleted. And it cannot decay.

Today as we worship in our respective local fellowships, we remember Jesus. Worship Jesus. And “eat” of the bread of life. Today when you partake of the unleavened bread, remember that he is the bread of life. The staff of life. And the source and hope of our eternal life.

-via thepreachersword.com

Gospel Meetings

*The Grand Saline church of Christ in

Grand Saline, TX will be having a meeting April 19-22 at 7:30 each evening. Gordon Grammer will be preaching for them. Also, on Saturday at 6:00 PM, Tim Stevens will be leading singing there.

*The Franklin Dr. church of Christ in Texarkana, AR is having a meeting April 15-18 at 7:00 PM. Max Dawson will be speaking each evening.

*The Southside church of Christ in Sulphur Springs will have a singing at 7:00 PM on Friday, April 20th.

Members to Remember

Several of our members are now in nursing facilities in town. We need to remember them in our prayers and visit them as we can:

Lelda Thompson-Pleasant Springs, #114
Joan Tosh-Pleasant Springs, #144
Ruby Bell-The Villas, #306

Our Gospel Meeting

*Please remember to plan to attend our meeting every service that you can.

*There will be a potluck at the Priefert Hangar following the Sunday morning service. This is not a work of the church but is for us as individuals.

*There is a meal list posted on the bulletin board in the foyer for anyone who would like to have Brother Harkrider for a meal during the meeting week.