

## NEWS

**Relda Marshall** is now in the Rotary House, the recovery home connected to MD Anderson. She is attempting to eat a little more than she has been, but has been nauseated. She has had some tests run to see if cancer is still present, but the doctors have not found any. She hopes to come home to Mt. Pleasant sometime this week. She still faces several months of chemo and has a long road ahead—**Wanda Sikes** has come home from the hospital and is continuing therapy there. She has good days and not so good days, but overall she is doing well—**RJ Stevens** went back to the hospital to have his feeding tube reinstalled. (cont. p. 3)

### ELDERS:

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**Leon Goff** 572-6809  
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**Ricky Davis** 572-9428  
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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:

**Ronald Stringer** 717-8603  
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### ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

**April 29, 2012**

#### Serving The Lord's Supper

##### Sunday Morning

Scripture: Paul Chapman  
**Phil Brown** Ron Burns  
**Kevin Kanaley** Dalva Allen

##### Sunday Evening

**Phil Brown** Ron Burns  
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### PRAYERS

Sun. AM—**Robby Gipson** (Opening)  
—**Buford Guthrie** (Closing)  
PM—**Bob Arnold** (Opening)  
—**Luke Arnold** (Closing)  
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### 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.

# Southside Church of Christ

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## Our Gospel Meeting Starts Today!

**Robert Harkrider, from Orlando, FL**

**April 22-27, 2012**

### Lesson Titles

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

### Mornings at 10:00

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

# A Culture of No Consequences

David Hartsell

In the beginning, The Lord blessed man with a paradise garden to keep, trim, and enjoy. Only one prohibition was mentioned. Adam and Eve were not to eat of the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil” (Gen.2:17). If they ate they would lose their place in garden and forfeit their right to the “tree of life.” They would lose their lives and their special relationship with The Lord. This was the consequence. Sadly, they ate of the prohibited tree and paid the consequences.

Have you noticed the singular lack of consequences in almost every system of American culture? God’s plan of behavior management for children (the rod of discipline Pro. 22:15) has been set aside by parents and schools. Athletes, stars and politicians are seen to break laws with impunity. Bad manners and rudeness are tolerated if one is popular or famous. Coaches throw chairs, athletes sling helmets, and parents attack other parents, all clear violations of team rules and rules of appropriate behavior. Yet, rarely are those actions held to account. Proverbs 19:19 tells us the truth: “A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty; if you rescue him, you will have to do it again”. Priests and teachers have abused children without penalty. Presidents lie, congressmen take money, etc.

Human beings require structure and discipline. Fortunately for us, our Creator planned for our growth and happiness by holding us accountable. God is

honest with us: sin brings death. The Word clarifies His expectations and holds us accountable. God is predictable, consistent, and fair. And aren’t we thankful for that! The beauty queen and best player have the same consequence and reward as the rest of us. Moses, God’s chosen leader, was held accountable for disobedience (Number 20). Samson, a judge chosen by God, maintained supernatural strength as long as he followed God’s directions. However, God allowed Samson to suffer the consequences of foolish behavior: the Philistines cut his hair, blinded and imprisoned him. Ultimately Samson gained victory over himself and over his enemies; God did not abandon Samson but answered his prayer.

Obedience begins with the fear of consequences. God’s people cannot thrive if they accept the culture of no consequences. Churches grow numerically but not spiritually. Many are suffering from the lack of discipline among their members. Fornication, bar-hopping, gossip, and bitterness find their way into churches. Behavior that is plainly un-Christian is ignored while the “positive” is accentuated. By overlooking sin the consequences of sin are not seen or felt. Paul rebuked the Corinthian church for this (1 Cor.5:1-5). They accepted an adulterer as a faithful brother. Paul told them to deliver him to Satan – to let him know where he was spiritually. They were not even to eat with him. How cruel! No! This Is God’s way of

Not all consequences are bad. In fact, the disciplining of the Corinthian adulterer caused him to repent and return to Christ. Paul urged the brethren to reaffirm their love to him (2 Cor.2:3-9). The renewal of Christian fellowship was crucial in helping this brother remain faithful. It remains the same today. We can not live without consequences. Some believe because God does not punish sin immediately He will not punish it at all. “Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil” (Ecc.8:11). This is a serious mistake. In this life we might evade many bad consequences. However, in judgment all will be made right.

Everyone will stand before God to be judged based on the things we have done of earth (2 Cor.5:10). Don’t buy into the idea of a culture with no consequences for there is no such place in existence.

-via Teachingtruth.org

## Welcome!

We are grateful to have Brother Robert Harkrider with us this week from Orlando, FL! We appreciate his willingness to come and preach the gospel to us throughout the week. We hope that all of us will make an effort to be at each one of these services so that we can study God’s word and encourage one another. Everyone will benefit from these lessons and we all need to take advantage of this opportunity.

## Gospel Meetings

\*The Rice Rd. church of Christ in Tyler is having a gospel meeting April 29-May 2. Jerry King from Allen, TX will be there. They will meet at 7 PM each evening.

\*The Reel Rd. church of Christ in Longview will have a series of lessons entitled *Creation Evidences* presented by David Bonner from Dumas. They will be meeting April 27-29. There will be two lessons on Saturday, one at 7:00 PM and one at 8:00 PM.

## Pot Luck

Immediately following our Sunday morning service, some of the members of Southside will be meeting together at the Priefert Hangar for a potluck dinner. Everyone is welcome! If you did not prepare any food, come anyway because there will be plenty. This is not a work of the congregation. It is simply individual Christians getting together outside of worship.

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While he was there, the doctors started running some tests, including swallowing tests which he passed. He began to talk some and complain about what they were doing to him. After 2 months of no changes, he started to show improvement—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.