

NEWS

Phil Brown had a heart cath done this past Friday in Tyler. He had 2 arteries 50% blocked and 1 40% blocked. No surgery is needed but will be treated with medication—**Buford Guthrie** is scheduled to have a heart cath on July 6. He did not do well in a stress test so they need to do the cath to see what the problem is—**Catherine Moss** was in the local hospital this past week in Room 208 with high blood pressure problems. This is believed to be in association with her pregnancy—**James Simpler**, Toni Davis' step father, passed away in Longview Thursday. Visitation was last night. No (continued on page 3)

ELDERS:
Bob Arnold 572-1219
Leon Goff 572-6809
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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:
July 8, 2012**

**Serving The Lord's Supper
Sunday Morning**

Scripture: Pat Marshall
Thomas Hockaday Ron Burns
Charles Davis Bobby Burns

Sunday Evening
Thomas Hockaday Ron Burns

PRAYERS
Sun. AM—Willie Don Davis (Opening)
—Phil Brown (Closing)
PM—Paul Chapman (Opening)
—Ricky Davis (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS
A.M.—Leon Goff
P.M.—Ken Johnson
(notify 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 High Priesthood of Christ

By J.D. Tant

The High Priest was Israel's most honored position, and great care was taken with his consecration. The blood of the offering was applied to the person. In part the ordination is cited in Exodus 29:20-21:

You shall slaughter the ram, and take some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear and on the lobes of his sons' right ears and on the thumbs of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet, and sprinkle the rest of the blood around on the altar. Then you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments...; so he and his garments shall be consecrated...

The significance of this action should not escape us. The whole person and career of the priest were thus brought under power of the blood. He had a blood-stained ear that he might hear and obey the divine injunctions, that he might understand the word of Jehovah and interpret it to the people. His will was brought into subjection to the will of His Lord that he might be a faithful minister in things pertaining to God. He had a blood-stained hand that he might correctly execute the services of the sanctuary and the duties of his great office. He also had a blood-stained foot that he might walk blameless in the statutes of the Lord, and tread the courts of the Lord's house as the obedient servant of the Most High. Sacrificial blood, the blood of atonement, is here, as everywhere else, the foundation in all our relations with God.

There was an Old Testament priest who bore a resemblance to Christ—Melchizedek, a somewhat mysterious character, who suddenly appears on the scene and then just as suddenly disappears. As Abraham returned from rescuing Lot, he was met by Melchizedek.

And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; And Blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.' He gave him a tenth of all (Genesis 14:18-20).

The lesser pays homage to the greater, thus the implication is that Melchizedek was of a higher order than Abraham. Christ's priesthood is likened to that of Melchizedek. "The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, 'You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek'" (Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:6; 5:10; 6:20).

The point is that the Aaronic priesthood descended from Abraham, and thus the Aaronic priesthood was a lesser priesthood than that of Melchizedek/Christ. Christ's eternal priesthood is in a figure also similar to Melchizedek's in that so far as the record shows, Melchizedek is eternal, in that we have no record of his birth or death. Obviously, we know he was a mortal being, but in a figure he was

without beginning or end.

The priests of Israel were but dim shadows of the one Great High Priest of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. Without drawing out at length the parallelism between the type and the antitype, we may sum up in a few brief sentences the perfection found in the priestly character of Christ: (1) Christ as Priest is appointed of God (Hebrews 5:5). (2) He is consecrated with an oath (Hebrews 7:20-22). (3) He is sinless (Hebrews 7:26). (4) His priesthood is unchangeable (Hebrews 7:23-24). (5) His offering of a blood sacrifice is perfect and final (Hebrews 9:25-28; 10:12). (6) His intercession is all-prevailing (Hebrews 7:25). (7) As God and man in one Person He is a perfect Mediator (Hebrews 1:1-14; 2:1-18). (8) As the Old Covenant was dedicated with blood (Exodus 24:8; Hebrews 9:18), Christ inaugurated the New and Better Covenant with his own blood (Luke 22:20; Hebrews 13:20).

For 2,000 years Christians have come together every first day of the week to celebrate our High Priest, and reflect upon the suffering he endured that he might attain this high office when he was crucified on the cross. His perfection and the completeness of his sacrifice is seen in the contrast between the priests of the Old Testament and the priesthood of Christ.

"By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Every priest stands

daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:10-12).

We note that the Aaronic priests could, in a sense, never sit down, for they had to continually offer sacrifices, day after day, week after week, year after year. But when Christ made the ultimate sacrifice, he "sat down," for his work was done. Let us remember this with thanksgiving when we partake of the Lord's Supper.

—Meditate on These Things

Johnny Stringer to Preach

If my memory is correct Brother Johnny Stringer, Ronald's Dad, is scheduled to preach for us this morning. We are happy to have him and Ronald's mother with us today. Also Ronald, Alecia and Paley are scheduled to be back with us today. They have been on vacation.

"AT THE CROSS"

Marc Hinds, who preaches in Texarkana, Arkansas had an article in his bulletin called "I am a worm" based on words from the sweet singer of Israel in Psalm 22:6. David said, "But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people."

Marc mentioned the song by Isaac

Watts titled "At the cross." In which he uses the expression "Such a one as I." Marc said, "Why the change?" He indicated he liked the original better than the new version and in that I acquiesce.

After all, in God's sight we are but a bag of worms and as Isaiah said in Isa. 64:6 our righteousness is known as "filthy rags!"

The doxology of "At the cross" still thrills my soul when we sing "Alas and did my savior bleed and did my sovereign die; would he devote that sacred head for SUCH A WORM AS I?"

—Ward Hogland, *The Voice*

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NEWS (continued from back page) funeral service. We extend our sincere sympathy to Toni and all the family—**Kenneth Amerson** continues to make progress but did not feel up to being in our service Wednesday night—**Alicia Hancock** had a procedure done on her back on Wednesday and came home the same day. She did have some numbness in her legs for a while following the surgery—**Relda Marshall** had another chemo treatment on Thursday of this past week. She has been having some nausea problems and did not feel like being in our service Wednesday night—**Betty Mitchell** is feeling some better some days but was not with us again Wednesday night—**June Johnson** is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery in Tyler tomorrow—Remember our **Shut-ins:** Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Irma May, Lelda Thompson and Joan Tosh.