

NEWS

Christine Davis has a cracked vertebrae in her back and is still suffering with leg swelling. She has changed doctors to try to get some relief from her pain—Paul Chapman’s mother, **Mary Helen Foster**, fell and fractured her hip and her elbow. She had surgery on her elbow and is still recovering from her injuries—**Ricky Harris** had surgery on Thursday to remove some teeth in preparation for upper dentures that he will get in the future. He made it through the surgery fine and is doing well—Let’s remember **Relda Marshall** as she undergoes her chemotherapy treatments 3 times a month— (cont. 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:

Ronald Stringer 717-8603
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ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

August 5, 2012

Serving The Lord’s Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: **Leon Goff**

Ken Ferguson **Pat Marshall**
Tom Davis **Richard Tapparo**

Sunday Evening

Ken Ferguson **Pat Marshall**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—**Zach Willeford** (Opening)

—**Phil Brown** (Closing)

PM—**Austin Fulmer** (Opening)

—**Charles Davis** (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—**Bob Arnold**

P.M.—**Paul Chapman**

(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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The Importance of Thoughts

By *Bill Crews*

If you are concerned about your character, your conduct, your life and your destiny, then be concerned about your thoughts. “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life” (Prov. 4:23). The heart is the mind, and the mind is the center of thoughts. “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he” (Prov. 23:7). A man may not be what he appears to be, but he is what he thinks.

What goes into your mind, then, is extremely important. Be careful about the interests you acquire, the tastes you cultivate, the desires you develop. They shape what goes into your mind. The conversations you listen to, the scenes you observe, the movies you view, the TV programs you tune into, the newspapers, magazines and books you read, the songs by which you are entertained, the jokes you laugh at, the things you are taught all have a part in feeding information into your mind.

You evaluate and monitor all that you hear and see. Your standard for evaluation and your conscience are vital and play their roles. You may seek out or receive what is vulgar or distorted, or you may reject and refuse it. You may pursue and embrace what is wholesome and true, or you may have no interest in it and neglect it. Be cautious, particular and selective about what goes into your mind. If you allow garbage to go in, then garbage will come out in the form of words and deeds.

What goes on in your mind is also extremely important. Be careful about your thoughts, meditations, desires, ambitions, daydreams and fantasies. You determine what

goes on in your mind. You are the master of it because you have control over it. It is your own little secret world -- except that God knows all about it, and will one day bring it to light when you have to answer for it in the judgment (Eccl. 12:14; Acts 17:30-31; Rom. 2:16; 2 Cor. 5:10). And sooner or later it will find expression in your life and make itself known.

We cannot be like God without thinking the thoughts of God. We cannot know the thoughts of God apart from the revelation of the things of God in the word of God (1 Cor. 2:11-13). We cannot have the thoughts of God in our hearts apart from reverent study of and meditation upon the word of God, coupled with a sincere desire to do the will of God (Jn. 7:17).

-via *The Auburn Beacon*

The Devil's Inoculation

By *Dee Bowman*

I was watching a ball game the other night. Between innings a commercial came on in which a man was asked by his wife, "Do I look fat in this dress." He replied, "Yes, you do." The answer had a catastrophic effect. She bawled—and I don't mean she cried—she balled, everywhere they went. Then they reversed the idea, having him answer when she asked if she looked fat in the dress, "Honey, you look fantastic."

The "wise" conclusion he reached contained a line that graphically depicts

how far we have descended in our moral judgments. The tag line on the commercial said, and I quote it verbatim, "A man knows that peace is more important than the truth." How sad. How utterly sad!

The world sneaks up on you. It never invites you into the slime pits of sin, it merely gives you little shots of carnality so that you are soon inoculated against spiritual things and give little notice to them. And it all happens almost without your knowing it. It would be interesting to know just how many people were actually horrified by the tag line on that commercial. Far too few, I suspect.

And I know what you're thinking—"it can't happen to me, I won't be influenced by such thinking." That's another tool of the devil. "Therefore let him that thinketh he stands, take heed lest he fall" (I Corinthians 10:12). He knows how to make slight deviations from the truth attractive, or in this case, so un-noticeable that after a time you come to tolerate them almost without thinking. He builds up a kind of carnal immunity.

Television and the internet are wonderful when they are used with discretion. But when they become the main entity in our lives they can have a devastating effect. We need some moderation, people. How long since you actually turned the television off because you were turned off by the television? We can't afford to let these media conveniences dominate our

thinking or we are apt to be led away—almost without knowing it.

Truth is not elastic. You can't just move it around to fit whatever you want it to fit. You have to manage your thinking in a strict adherence to what is right and make your decisions accordingly.

"Buy the truth and sell it not" (Proverbs 23:23). There is no simpler way to put it. Truth has high value. It's worth the keeping. In fact, without it there can be no real peace. The peace that really matters comes from using truth to make wise choices, no matter how difficult, not choosing as the commercial says "peace is more important than truth." That is not so!

Paul speaks of the devil's deceit, bound in "all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them a strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (II Thessalonians 2:10-12).

That, my friends, is an apt description of the television commercial we just described. And do you know what's really sad? It works. Far too often, it works.

Sadly, there are dozens of other commercials like the one we just described. And our fragmented thinking, produced by our taking in only little sketches of worldliness and carnality at a time, can cause us to eventually find truth to be little more than a mere suggestion, certainly not any sort of restriction.

What bothers me most is how this kind of "smallism thinking" is affecting our young people. If we are not careful, we will allow them to believe that what they see on television and what they see on Facebook, and what they text (sometimes without the least bit of moral restraint) is normal, just the way life is, and that we needn't worry about it. And it may be the way life is today—but we don't have to let them be vaccinated with small shots of it so that they either ignore it, or just look the other way.

-via *Anderson bulletin*

New Members!

We are pleased to announce that **Charles** and **Dorthy Kyle** have placed membership with us! We are thankful to have them and want them to feel welcome. Their contact information is: 2201 Bob-O-Link Ave.; Mt. Pleasant 75455; (903) 577-7855.

NEWS (cont. from back page)

Let's also continually remember **Catherine Moss** as she is expecting and is on mandatory bed rest—**Remember** our **Shut-ins: Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Irma May, Lelda Thompson, & Joan Tosh.**