

## NEWS

**Zachary John Moss** arrived in this world around 1:00 PM Thursday at the local hospital. Congratulations to Jeremy and Catherine (parents), to William and Yvonne White (grandparents), and to Brantley (brother) and all of the family—**Sebastian Brown**, grandson to Phil and Pat Brown was born last Monday. Congratulations to them, the parents and the entire family—**Buford Guthrie** had his procedure Wednesday in preparation for the treatment that will be given next Thursday for his cancer, and he has been given the OK for the procedure—**Elvira Harris and Ricky** traveled to (continued on page 3)

### 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:

**September 9, 2012**

#### Serving The Lord's Supper

##### Sunday Morning

Scripture: Bob Arnold

**Luke Arnold**                      **Andrew Arnold**  
**Kevin Kanaley**                **Austin Fulmer**

##### Sunday Evening

**Luke Arnold**                      **Andrew Arnold**  
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### PRAYERS

**Sun. AM—Ron Burns (Opening)**  
—Ron Traugher (Closing)  
**PM—James Johnson (Opening)**  
—Ricky Davis (Closing)  
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A.M.—Ken Ferguson**  
**P.M.—Leon Goff**

(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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## One Generation

By Ward Hogland

In the days of *Joshua the son of Nun* the people served the Lord faithfully but Judges 2:10 says, "When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the works he had done for Israel." There is an old cliché which says, "**The church is only one generation away from apostasy and a nation is only two generations away from anarchy.**"

They tell me that a generation occurs every thirty years. By the grace of God I have lived through two generations. With sad eyes I have observed the demise not only of the church of the living God but my beloved country. First, in the days of my youth, when I began to preach the church was the fastest growing religious body on earth. It had no **sponsoring church**. It did not support **human organizations out of its treasury**. It had no **gymnasiums or social halls**. It had no **instruments of music in the worship services**. The proliferation of the gospel was through the church and not human organizations. Puppet shows and theatrical productions were not heard of in the church of the Lord. Preachers were dauntless in the proclamation of the gospel and the victory was able to shine from darkness and despair!

In just two generations all the above innovations have come into the church. It is divided into at least four groups all claiming to serve the Lord and the numbers are dwindling. I was told the church needed all the above to grow like the denominations. **As you look back was that really so?**

Two generations ago my country was a good country, Divorce was looked down on. Women dressed modestly. A couple was not allowed to live together without marriage. We did not abort a million babies a year. Homosexuality was not tolerated. The flag was respected. God was honored in schools, court rooms and public places. Prayers were heard everywhere and the dignity of marriage between a man and woman was honored as the law of the land. **Now all of this has changed in just two generations and look where we are headed!**

Yes, a generation arose who did not know the Lord nor the works which he has done for them.

—*The Voice*, Boonville, MS

### Is the Younger Generation Wiser?

On Sunday's commentary page of the Kansas City Star, Mary Sanchez has a column entitled "In time, view on same-sex marriage will shift." In the article she weighs in on the recent controversy caused by Chick-fil-A CEO, Dan Cathy, regarding traditional marriage. But the thrust of her observations centers around the reaction, attitude and values of college age young people. She closes her article by saying "But it's a younger, wiser generation that will lead." My question is where will they lead us?

She says "today's college students

will push this debate where it needs to go — packed up as a relic from a less enlightened era." Really? So, the entire Western World has been wrong about marriage for centuries? The Christian value system of one man for one woman is a relic? The words of Jesus have now been relegated to a "less enlightened era?"

"Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female?' So then they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." (Matt. 19:4-6).

Yes, according to Sanchez, "Younger generations tend to think the views of Cathy are head-scratchingly irrelevant." She says, "The quaking tomes portraying Sodom and Gomorrah don't play well with them. They know better by personal experience." She also writes that today's youth think it is unfair that gay people can't marry just because of some people's religious views!

The entire article is representative of the attitude and values of many Americans today. It is the product of several decades of humanistic philosophy. We have been sold the notion that there is no standard of right and wrong. Values are determined by each individual. I can decide what's right for me and you decide what's right for you. People "know better by personal experience" instead of divine revelation.

Values are relative. We are told there are "no absolutes." Which of course, kinda sounds like an absolute! Truth is not regarded as absolute. Certainly not moral or religious truth. It changes with the times. It's in a state of flux. What our culture does value is tolerance. Of course, as we've seen in the Chick-fil-A outcry, tolerance is something of a one way street. Those who believe in same-sex marriage won't tolerate those who don't!

All of this results from a secularized culture that says, "God is unnecessary." We've removed Him from public life-schools, government, media and in some cases even churches! The Bible describes the consequence of secularism in Romans 1:18-32. And the picture isn't very pretty. But it is summed up in this attitude: "Although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools..."

So where will the younger generation lead us? It depends on their values.

I've been blessed to work with some really fine Christian young people through the years. Good. Godly. Virtuous. Young people who love God, and care about others and are not ashamed of the gospel. They speak the Truth. And do so in love.

Yes, it will be a younger generation that will lead. Will they be wiser? It depends on the wisdom they embrace. The

wisdom of this world is humanistic, sensual and based on subjective experience. The wisdom that comes from above is Godly, spiritual and based on objective Truth.

And by the way, if the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah could speak from their Hadean realm, they might offer some more sobering advice for today's youth! —Ken Weliever, via *Good News*

### Ladies Classes

The weekly class will begin at 10:00 AM this Wednesday here at the building!

The Monthly class will meet at 6:00 PM next Thursday at Jennifer Arnold's house.

**NEWS** (continued from back page)

Georgia to be with her sister during the time of the death and burial of her sister's husband. We express our sincere sympathy to Elvira and all her loved ones—**Shirley Bell**, Alma and Leon's sister-in-law, has been in St. Michael's Hospital in Texarkana with pneumonia this past week—**Irma May** had a virus last week and Peggy was taking care of her and she and Bettye were not in our service Wednesday night—**George Walker**, Dinah Arnold's brother, recently had a stroke and has been in the Sulphur Springs Hospital for several days—Also continue to remember **Relda Marshall** and **Paul Chapman's mother**—Remember our **Shut-ins**: *Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Irma May, Lelda Thompson* and *Joan Tosh*.