

## NEWS

**Bettye Mitchell** fell at home Wednesday night and broke her hip, had surgery by installing three screws and the doctors says if she heals reasonable quickly what he did should work very well—**Ron Traugher** is to have a heart cath at Baylor in Dallas tomorrow. Pray that they will be able to take care of any problem without surgery—**Paley Stringer** was sick early last week and Alecia was sick Wednesday night and was not in the service—**Debbie Johnson** was sick last week and was not in our services last Sunday, but she was back Wednesday night—Remember our **Shut-ins**: Clayton Bellamy (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 23, 2012**

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

Scripture: Thomas Hockaday

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

#### Sunday Evening

**Luke Arnold**                      **Andrew Arnold**

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### PRAYERS

**Sun. AM—Pat Marshall (Opening)**  
—Buford Guthrie (Closing)

**PM—Paul Chapman (Opening)**  
—Bob Arnold (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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## When Jesus Comes

By Shane Carrington

He is coming again. He promised! And He always keeps His promises. That day will be both glorious and tragic, depending on whether or not we are honoring Him when He returns. Consider some things about when Jesus comes.

### He Will Come in His Glory

*“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first”* (1Thess. 4:16). He will come *“to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed”* (2 Thess. 1:10). This appearance will not be like His death. The glorious One will come in glory! And we will stand in awe!

### It will Be A Surprise

Unlike what many people believe, when Jesus comes again there will be no indicators. Read 1 Thess. 5:1-11, noting this phrase: *“the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night”* (v. 2). A thief comes without immediate indicators, and so will Jesus. The way we “watch” is not by selling all our possessions and moving to a mountain top or looking at current events. We “watch” by living the right kind of lives. If people would put half as much effort into godly living as they do into trying to determine when He will return, they would be prepared regardless of when He comes.

Preparedness alleviates shock. May we all prepare for that day by living for Him every day of our lives.

### He Will Bring Doom To The Lost

Of the ungodly scripture says, *“For when they say, ‘Peace and safety!’ then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape”* (1 Thess. 5:3). Persecutors will be among those who meet their doom (read 2 Thess. 1:3-10). Note verse 9: *“These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.”*

There will be no escaping that day, judgment, or eternity in hell (read 2 Pet. 3:1-11 and Matt. 25:41-46). Jesus said, *“Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels...these shall go away into everlasting punishment”* (Matt. 25:41b,46a). Let’s make sure we are not in that number. Obeying God alleviates guilt and dread, but rejecting His will brings eternal regret, pain and sorrow.

### He Will Bring Victory For The Saved

When Jesus comes He will bring victory to Christians both deceased and living. At His coming the dead in Christ rise first (read 1 Thess. 4:13-18). For faithful disciples death is only a temporary setback leading to glory. At that time liv-

ing Christians will ascend to immortality. *“Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them (the newly risen dead in Christ, sc) in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we (the newly risen dead in Christ and living Christians, sc) shall always be with the Lord”* (1 Thess. 4:17). What a glorious day that will be!

Paul described the end for both living and dead disciples in 1 Cor. 15:50-58. In this world we often consider death the ultimate defeat, but scripture says, *“O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?...thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”* (1 Cor. 15:55,57). Because of Him, death’s sting and the grave’s victory are temporary. Through His resurrection, Jesus crushed death and brought us eternal hope.

When Jesus comes He will bring vindication for the righteous, regardless how we were treated in this ungodly world (1 Thess. 1:6-10). The saved will be with the Lord forever, comforted with the presence of the Lord and the victory He provides (read 1 Thess. 4:16-18).

### He Will Bring “The End”

The coming of Jesus will mark the end of this world (2 Pet. 3:3-12). Note these phrases from this great text:

*“but the heavens and the earth which are*

*now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men”* (v. 7)

*“the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and works that are in it will be burned up”* (v. 10)

*“all these things will be dissolved”* (v. 11)

*“the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat”* (v. 12)

We should put no trust in this world, because it will not last.

When Jesus comes He will end our earthly lives.

When Jesus comes He will bring an end to our opportunities to honor Him in this life. *“It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment”* (Heb. 9:27).

When Jesus comes He will bring an end to our opportunities to be saved and/or change (read Matt. 25:31-34,41, 46). May we avail ourselves of what time we have remaining in this world by serving Him with all our might.

### Preparing for when Jesus comes

We prepare for “the end” by becoming Christians, for Jesus said, *“He*

*who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned”* (Mark 16:16). We also prepare for the end by living faithfully for our Lord (read 1 Thess. 5:4-11). Or as recorded in Revelation 2:10: *“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”* Jesus promised this, so we should believe Him.

### Conclusion

Are you ready for the Lord to come? Will that day be wonderfully glorious for you...or devastatingly tragic? Are you sure? Let’s leave no room for question or guesswork; let’s begin preparing today!

—Southside Sulphur Spring Bulletin.

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### Our Fall Gospel Meeting

**Dee Bowman** will be the speaker in our meeting **October 21-24**. This will be a Sunday through Wednesday meeting. Let’s make our plans to be present, work in every way we can for the meeting and pray for a successful meeting.

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### Singing Tonight at the Burns

Remember the singing tonight following the evening service at Ron’s and Mary’s house.

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**NEWS** (continued from back page)  
*Loyd Clark, Irma May, Lelda Thompson and Joan Tosh.*