

NEWS

Bettye Mitchell continues in room 433 in the local hospital. She is recovering from her broken hip and is slowly improving—**Ron Traughber** underwent successful heart bypass surgery last Thursday. He had three bypasses and if everything goes well, he will return home from Baylor hospital on Monday—**Mary Helen Foster** had a stent put in her kidney last week. Paul and Carla made the trip to be with her and were not with us on Wednesday—**Vicki Brownlee** was sick at home last Sunday and not able to be with us—**Alecia Stringer** was sick at home (cont. on p. 3)

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Leon Goff 572-6809
Kendall Johnson 572-9306

DEACONS:
Ron Burns 577-9978
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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
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**ASSIGNMENTS FOR:
October 7, 2012**

Serving The Lord's Supper
Sunday Morning
Scripture: Zach Willeford
Kendall Johnson Willie Don Davis
Bobby Burns Colton Fulmer
Sunday Evening
Kendall Johnson Willie Don Davis

PRAYERS
Sun. AM—Charles Kyle (Opening)
—Charles Davis (Closing)
PM—Ron Burns (Opening)
—James Johnson (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS
A.M.—Bob Arnold
P.M.—Paul Chapman
(call 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 Bible: Dare We Leave It?

By Dee Bowman

It is amazing how much of religion in general has left the Bible. Catholicism bears little resemblance to the Bible anymore, nor does Denominationalism. In fact, some of the congregations who wear the name “Church of Christ” are quickly abdicating biblical principles in preference for what the people want instead of what the Bible says.

Is it because the Bible is no longer relevant? Is it out-dated, no longer relevant? Have we reached a point in time where there is no longer a need for scriptural precedent for what we do. Have we become so “mature” that we no longer need the “thou-shalts” and the “thou-shalt-nots” so prominently displayed in the Bible? And is our “new hermeneutic” better than the original hermeneutic which called for direct command, approved apostolic example, or necessary inference?

Is it possible that we have reached the stage in modern religion where we have bought into the Old Roman philosophy that says Vox Populi, Vox Dei, “the voice of the people is the voice of God”?

It's scary to note where we're headed.

Why the Bible? Well, first of all, because it works. People have not changed. Technology has changed, Communication has changed, Medicine has changed, Transportation has changed, but man has not changed. Not one wit! He still has the same

ole problem with sin—too much pride, too much lust, too much acquiescence to the moods and fancies of the day, too much “whatever” when it comes to defining morals. In the midst of it all, God’s word is “profitable for doctrine,” what we are to believe about who we are, where we came from and where we’re going, “for re-proof,” to point out our imperfections, “for correction” to get us back on course again, and for “instruction in righteousness” so as to keep us going straight even in the midst of all sorts of pressures to get us off course. It is sufficient for all our needs; it thoroughly furnishes a man “to every good work.” **(Read II Timothy 3:16-17)**

But it only works if we use it. And to use it we must become familiar with its information, its warnings, its promises of peace and hope. And so we are admonished to “study to show thyself approved unto God.” There must be a conscious effort to make the word of God a consistent part of our lives; and that requires a diligent concern for all that it says—not just part of it—but all of it. And it won’t provide what God wanted when He gave it if it’s up on a shelf somewhere gathering dust, pressing funeral flowers, wedding invitations, and other such memorabilia. **(Read II Timothy 2:15)**

The Bible identifies sin. It shows us the need for a Savior. It shows us the Savior. How dare we neglect it? **(Read Jeremiah 10:23; Isaiah 55:8-9)**

“It is appointed to man once to die and after this the judgment.” “Let us hear the conclusion to the whole matter: fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.” The Bible sets forth the truth about man’s destiny. It answers the question “if a man die shall he live again?” It speaks to the condition of man at his death as being the most important consideration of his life. “Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess unto God.” How can we possibly neglect to consider—and that most carefully—these and many other references to man’s destiny? And how can we dare be so pompous as to change or alter what the Maker of the Universe says? **(Read Hebrews 9:27; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Romans 14:11)**

Finally, the Bible brings heaven into focus. Hope comes alive for those who subscribe to the Bible. The resurrection becomes a manner not of if, but when to the serious Bible student. **(Read I Corinthians 15:55-f; Philippians 3:20-21; II Thessalonians 1:7-12)**

So, do you want to take a chance on changing what God has said? Not me, sir! **(Read II John 9)**

-via *The Auburn Beacon*

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Once upon a time there were some elders looking for teachers for young people, children and preschoolers for the new Sunday School year.

And some adults said, “I don’t want to leave the sweet fellowship and study in my adult class” but the drug pusher on the street said, “Not even the threat of jail will keep me from working with your children.”

And some adults said, “We have to be out of town too often on the weekend” but the porno book dealer said, “We’re willing to stay in town weekends, too, to accommodate your children”.

And some adults said, “I’m unsuited, unable to work with children or preschoolers” but the movie producer said, “We’ll study, survey, spend millions to produce whatever turns kids on.”

And some adults said, “I could never give the time required to plan and go to teacher’s meetings” but the pusher, the porno book dealer, and the movie producer said, “We’ll stay open whatever the hours are necessary every day to win the minds of the kids.” So . . . the adults stayed in their classes and enjoyed the sweet fellowship and absorbed the good Bible study, and could go out of town often on weekends, and were available to do whatever was good to do in place of teacher’s meetings.

And when Sunday came, the children came to their classes and no one was there except the elders going from one room to another trying to assure them that someone would surely come to teach them. But no one ever came,- and the young children and preschoolers soon quit coming because they had gone to listen to others who did care about the things they did and what went into their minds.

-via *Pulpit Helps*

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Bible Classes

We need Bible class teachers. Grades 1-4 still do not have teachers. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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Our Gospel Meeting

Let’s all start making plans now to attend our upcoming gospel meeting. Dee Bowman will be here Sunday-Wednesday, October 21-24. We need to clear our schedules, invite our neighbors, and make every effort to attend each service.

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NEWS (cont. from back page)

on Wednesday and was not able to attend services—**Kenny Ferguson** was out sick two Wednesday’s ago, out of town Sunday, but back with us this past Wednesday—**Relda Marshall** completed her chemotherapy treatments. She will be going back to MD Anderson for quarterly check-ups—**Remember** our **Shut-ins:** *Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Irma May, Lelda Thompson, & Joan Tosh.*