

NEWS

Beverly Amerson had her neck surgery Thursday in Tyler at Mother Francis Hospital. The doctor was very pleased with the success of the surgery. She came home from the hospital Friday afternoon—William White is making progress with the pain in his back and leg. And he received four more shots this past Friday—Pat and Relda Marshall have been in Washington DC visiting Brooke and family. Relda received a good report recently—Joan Tosh was in our service last Sunday morning along with the Davises. It was a joy to have them. Joan has been a shut-in for some time (continued on page 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:
July 7, 2013

Serving The Lord’s Supper
Sunday Morning
Scripture: Andrew Arnold
Kenneth Amerson Phil Brown
Colton Fulmer Austin Fulmer

Sunday Evening
Kenneth Amerson Phil Brown

PRAYERS
Sun. AM—Zach Willeford (Opening)
—Ricky Davis (Closing)
PM—Tom Davis (Opening)
—William White (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS
A.M.—Bob Arnold
P.M.—Ken Ferguson
(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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Ten Suggestions For a Good Family

By Dee Bowman

Few things rival the joy of having a good family. Having a good wife. Having a loving husband. Rearing faithful children. What a pleasure it is!

I was just thinking awhile back about what might be some things necessary for having a good family. Here are ten suggestions.

1. Involve God in your marriage. God ordained the husband and wife relationship. It was intended to be a joyous one, one with mutual love and devotion. Far too many marriages don’t involve God. It seems to me that husbands and wives are too busy with mundane things today. They don’t have any time to be together, much less be together with God. Husbands and wives don’t pray together. They don’t laugh together. They don’t have private talks about good stuff. If you haven’t involved God in your marriage, you’re missing one of the supreme joys of life. (Read Genesis 1:26-28)

2. Involve God in rearing your children. Children need to be taught early on that God is supreme in the home, that He will be considered first in all matters. When that is the case, there will be instructions about honesty, about being kind, about helping others, as well as a host of other things having to do with holiness and piety. Children get close to God when they see that their parents are close to God. When they see no godliness, they are not likely to have much themselves. (Read Ephesians 6:4)

3. Keep good communication. Most of the problems in marriages

are in some way connected to poor communications. Husbands don't keep wives informed or wives don't let the husbands know what they're doing and why, and that causes problems. Misunderstandings are nearly always caused by a failure to communicate. Marriages need closeness. Communications brings it about. Stay in touch with your spouse. Keep an open line with your children. (Read Proverbs 1:7-9)

4. Do things together. It bothers me that I see homes so fragmented in today's society. The wife works, and keeps the house, the husband works, but plays golf when he is off. There's no time for family-togetherness. The children are often so involved in some kind of outside activity that they have little time for family affairs. Nobody has time to sit and just enjoy pleasant family conversation. Being together makes happy homes. After all, you can't really get to know one another when you spend no time together. (Read Eccl. 9:9).

5. Eat together. I made this section by itself because it deserves special consideration. Families need to plan a time for at least one meal together each day. Meals shared promote good humor, good conversation, an opportunity to speak of moral and spiritual needs. Eating together is one of the purest forms of fellowship, and one of the best promoters of family happiness. (Read Ecclesiastes 3:12-13)

6. Encourage one another. There is great benefit in encouraging one another, no matter the project or endeavor. For instance, a youngster who is naturally rather timid, can be brought out of that timidity-at least somewhat-by a little encouragement. A child who is a bit too extroverted can be helped to control that tendency by some well-placed encouragement. And teaching children to encourage one another, to encourage their parents, cements a marriage and makes it strong (Read Gal. 6:1-4)

7. Make family worship part of your schedule. We schedule everything else. Why can't we just put down a time and say, "This is for family worship?" Children get a good start with such activities. Teenagers keep spiritual focus from such. And the parents get closer to God when there is a time set aside for spiritual matters. Hold hands when you pray. Hold hands when you sing together (Read Matthew 5:1-12)

8. Learn the joy of saying, "I love you." It makes marriages happier. It makes kids feel important. It makes for a better home on every front. It brings the family together. It makes hard times easier to bear. It's just God's way of having a good home. A home with lots of love in it is a happy home. (Read 1 Cor. 13)

9. Find good family friends. As a general rule, people tend to find those who share their convictions and aspirations.

Good family friends adorn homes. They bring special admirations, feelings of mutual trust, and extra-family kindness to the home and family. Being together with family friends broadens love and makes the family feel blessed. (Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-20)

10. Take out the trash. Every family has stuff that doesn't belong. These things have to be handled. And if they are not handled properly the trash builds up and eventually causes a big stink. Even little pieces of rubbish have to be taken out early or there is a problem later when it becomes part of a whole lot of junk that builds up. Fathers should take control to see that evil talk, gossip of various sorts, and other wish-wash don't get a foothold or become common in the family. Mothers should discourage any kind of dirty language, no matter if it's acceptable in other places. Trash does not fit a good family. (Read James 3:6-12)

Just An Ordinary Member
Just an ordinary member of the church I heard her say, But you'd always find her present, even on a rainy day.
She had a warm handclasp for the stranger in the aisle. And a friend who was in trouble found sunshine in her smile.
When the sermon helped her she told the preacher so, and when she needed help she let the elders know.
She always gave so freely and tried to do her share, in all the ordinary

tasks for which some have no care.
Her talents were not many but her love for God was true, her prayers were not in public, but she prayed for me and you.
An "ordinary member" did you say? I think I would say, She was "extraordinary," in a humble sort of way.
—Unknown, via *Think of These Things*,
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GOSPEL MEETING!
Mark Mayberry is the speaker at the church in **Cooper, TX, June 30 — July 3, 7:00** weeknights.
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One Places Membership
Alec Capel recently placed membership with us at Southside. We welcome him into our spiritual family here at Southside. His address is 116 White St. Apt B, Mt. Pleasant. Telephone 903-380-9898.
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Vacation Bible School
Thanks to Jennifer Arnold, teachers and all who assisted, we had a very successful and enjoyable VBS! Look forward to next year!
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NEWS (continued from back page)
—Remember **Relda Marshall, Maurine Lee, Pat Brown, Dorothy Kyle, Deborah Brown Reed, Tammy Willeford, Shirley Ferguson and Ronald Stringer**—Remember our **Shut-ins: Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Dee Ellis, Maurine Lee, Irma May, Lelda Thompson and Joan Tosh.**