

## NEWS

**Sybil Brownlee**, Doyle's mother, passed away last Tuesday morning at ETMC in Tyler. Her visitation was Friday night and the funeral was yesterday afternoon. Both were at the Mt. Sylvia Baptist Church. We express our sincere sympathy to Doyle and all of his loved ones—**Phil and Pat Brown** were both sick recently but both were back in our services this past week—**Jeremy Moss** has been diagnosed with Bells Palsy—**Randy Blackmon** was still in Mother Francis in Tyler at the time of this writing (Friday), and when (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

### PREACHER:

**Leon Goff** 572-6809

### ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

**January 19, 2014**

#### Serving The Lord's Supper

##### Sunday Morning

Scripture: Charles Kyle

**Zach Willeford**      **Bob Arnold**  
**Colton Fulmer**      **Stephen Hall**

##### Sunday Evening

**Zach Willeford**      **Bob Arnold**

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### PRAYERS

**Sun. AM—**Buford Guthrie (Opening)  
—Richard Tapparo (Closing)

**PM—**Charles Davis (Opening)  
—James Johnson (Closing)

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A.M.—**Ken Ferguson  
**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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# 11th Annual Singing

**Next Friday, January 17, 2014**

**7:30 PM**

*Tim Stevens, Dane Shepard, Todd Dennis*

Song Directors

**Now at our new building at 1220 E. Ferguson Road**

At the

# Southside Church of Christ

1220 E. Ferguson Rd.

Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455

(Corner of Ferguson Rd. (Hwy 49) at Alexander St)

# How to Get More From Bible Study

By Mark White

How do I get more out of my Bible study? Many people ask this very question. It comes from a sincere desire to read and understand the Bible — just as God intended — for God did not give us an unintelligible book. He knows we can understand His word, and He gave us that word to comprehend. However, the Bible is a book which must be “*rightly divided*” as Paul wrote to Timothy (2 Tim. 2:15). One must study the Bible in order to properly discern its teachings. Timothy was commanded to study and read the Scriptures (1 Tim. 4:13). The fact that he was commanded to do so means that it was possible for his study to be productive and useful. As Christians, Peter exhorts us to add knowledge to our faith (2 Pet. 1:5). If we achieve this knowledge, it will come through study of God’s word. No one will be miraculously endowed with scriptural knowledge in our generation.

If Bible study is to be profitable to us, we must make the proper approach to Scripture. Bible reading is different than reading the newspaper or a novel. Following some of these guidelines for effective Bible reading and study will help you get more out of the time you spend with the Word of God.

**Read with reverence.** The Bible

is “*inspired*” of God. It did not originate with man. 2 Pet. 1:21 says that the Holy Spirit “*moved*” the men who wrote the Scriptures.

**Read with a sense of need.** Realize that you need God’s instruction and that He will provide it through His word. Man is incapable of directing his own steps (Jer. 10:23).

**Think while you are reading.** How often have you read words but did not comprehend because you were not thinking about what you were reading? The Bible deserves meditation — deliberate thinking. Don’t imagine that just reading the words of the Bible will help you. The upright man of Psalm 1:2 *meditated* on the law of God.

**Don’t “read something into” the Bible.** Let the Bible speak for itself. So many people make the mistake of reading the Bible with their minds already made up concerning what it has to say. We must not decide what we want to believe and then go to the Bible to try and prove it. The Scriptures are profitable for doctrine (teaching) according to 2 Tim. 3:16. Allow the Scriptures to formulate your beliefs.

**Determine to apply what you are**

**reading.** If you love God’s truth, you must be governed by it. If you read the Scriptures but fail to do what you read, do not be surprised if soon your Scripture reading stops altogether. We must not only listen to the Scriptures, we must also obey them (Jas. 1:22). The Scriptures are not designed to be ignored.

Why not give these suggestions a try and see if your personal Bible study doesn’t improve?

—*Family News and Notes*, Cyfair Church of Christ, Cypress, TX

## We Are Just Clay Pots Full of Treasure

A clay pot is a fragile, inexpensive container for a plant. The ubiquitous terra cotta pot is nothing special, in and of itself. But what is planted in the pot could be rare and very beautiful, even valuable. Only then does the clay pot increase in value.

2 Cor. 4:5-7 explains that the apostles were “*earthen vessels*” in which the treasure of the knowledge of Jesus Christ was placed. Paul wrote, “*we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake.*” If that was true for an apostle of Christ, chosen by God, surely the rest of us are clay pots, too.

Would you store your most valu-

able treasure in a clay pot? Would you offer expensive caviar to guests on a paper plate? The world is confounded by the gospel because God chose to use earthenware to serve the delicacy of Christ to starving people!

—Mark White, Cyfair Church of Christ

## 11th Annual Singing

We look forward to a new experience with our annual Friday Night Singing—the first singing in our new building. We anticipate another packed auditorium and some great congregational singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. For anyone reading this who may not know where our new building is, it is one mile east of the intersection of Hwy 271 and Hwy 49 (also Ferguson Rd.), on Hwy 49 (Ferguson Rd.) toward Daingerfield. Let’s have another night of enjoyable worship of God in song.

**NEWS** (continued from back page)

he is released he will probably be brought to Mt. Pleasant to be in a rehab facility—**Andrew Arnold** was sick Sunday—Remember **Relda Marshall, Michele Williams, Maurine Lee, Pat Brown, Dorothy Kyle, Charles Kyle, Deborah Brown, Tammy Willeford, Shirley Ferguson, and Ronald Stringer**—Remember our **Shut-ins: Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Maurine Lee, Irma May, Lelda Thompson.**