

NEWS

Elizabeth Terry, Beverly Amerson's sister, was released from the hospital last Tuesday and went to stay with a friend. She recently had back surgery. She is doing well except that she has been having headaches due to the medication she was given—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.*

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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

PREACHER:

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ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

February 16, 2014

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Willie Don Davis

Thomas Hockaday Ron Burns
Kevin Kanaley Randy Blackmon

Sunday Evening

Thomas Hockaday Randy Blackmon

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Andrew Arnold (Opening)

—Zach Willeford (Closing)

PM—Luke Arnold (Opening)

—Colton Fulmer (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—Bob Arnold

P.M.—Kendall Johnson

(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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How To Enjoy The Services

By Dee Bowman

There is no logical reason for not enjoying the worship services. They should be a source of comfort to us, as well as a strong influence on our lives. Good worship services should provide hope, strengthen ties, broaden influences, settle disturbed minds, and bring consolation to the disconsolate. I was just thinking recently about some ways I might implement that would make the worship services more meaningful to me, and thus more helpful. Maybe they might help you, too.

PREPARE EARLY. Far too few of us are ready to worship when it's time. We get here right on time (or, in some cases, a few minutes late), then it takes 12-15 minutes to settle down and begin to appreciate what is being said and done. Good worship begins on Saturday, not Sunday. I believe I will be a better, more dedicated worshiper, if I pray about the coming Sunday worship on Saturday night.

REST A LITTLE. Any kind of meditation—and worship is inseparably connected to meditation—takes a clear mind, one that is not cluttered with the pressures of daily duties and chores. It is appropriate to good worship to be still for awhile as a prerequisite to the actual worship. "Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still," the Psalmist said, (4:4). "Be still and know that I am God," he said (46:10).

BE SYMPATHETIC. We are all mortal and we all make mis-

takes. Those who are doing the announcements make mistakes. Those who lead the songs do. Those who preach certainly do. Be sympathetic instead of critical as they try their best to lead us in our worship. Instead of allowing mistakes to lead us away, let them lead us near to Him. "Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditations," David said (Psalm 5:1). Notice how he said give ear to my words and meditations. Those who make the mistakes are likely doing the best they can. And with God, that's enough (Matt. 25:14-30).

LEARN TO LISTEN. One of the best tools Satan employs is causing people not to hear. What is the song saying? What was the sentiment of the prayer? What were the major points of the sermon? The devil doesn't cause you to rebel against the worship services, he just destroys its effectiveness by putting stumbling blocks in the way of your hearing. It is no accident that the first parable Jesus told had to do with hearing (Luke 8, see particularly vs. 8), for it is the key to acceptable worship. When the wise man told us to be careful how we go to the house of God (Eccles. 5:1), he said, "be more ready to hear than to offer the sacrifice of fools."

TAKE PART. God never said pray well, He said pray. He never said sing well, He said sing. We should take care to remember that God doesn't need anything. Nothing we can do can add to what He already is. But He does want

something. He wants your heart. "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your heart," said Peter (1 Pet. 3:15). And worship is the true way to express to Him the filial feelings of your heart, to give Him the special place He so richly deserves. Sing as if you sang well. Pray as if you were a true orator. Meditate in quiet appreciation as if it were your last time to do so. When these things are implemented, worship will be a blessing to you and a sacrifice to God.

BE A SPONGE. Soak it up, ever last bit of it, every tasty morsel. If you truly participate and if you really listen, if you resolve to get involved and truly worship Him, you will find an inexpressible bliss and a "peace that passeth comprehension" (Phil. 4:7). Being interested is not a happenstance; you decide to do it. Being concerned is an intellectual enterprise, not just something that happens. Decide to be filled. Attend with a view toward getting the most out of the services and you will.

LOOK UP, NOT OUT. Far too many people are concerned about who is present, what they are wearing, what they think. That's looking out. Far too many people forget to look up. If you can learn to look up you will be impressed with what you see. If you want a true perspective of how small you are, look up at the sky. If you want to see clearly the dwelling place of God, look up at the heavens. They speak a message of power and grandeur. They speak a message of

regalness and splendid attributes and a truly benevolent Nature. They speak the message of God (Psalm 24). Together they speak the right language, the most effective tongue, the most important words ever uttered, for they declare the God of our salvation and the power of His deliverance (Psalm 19:1-3; 7-11).

Worship is one of the great privileges of man. Let us do so today with reverence and piety.

—via *Think on These Things*
1/19/14

About Human Suffering

When it comes to human suffering, I have more questions than answers, I have learned, however, that I don't have to have the answers. Instead, I must trust the One who does.

One verse says it all. Hebrews 2:13: "I will put my trust in Him." That's it. When things happen that I cannot comprehend - "I will put my trust in Him." When the news reports leave me shaking my head and grieving in my heart, - "I will put my trust in Him." When the "Why?" question is haunting through the night - "I will put my trust in Him."

I think about Job. A lot. Through all of his suffering, Job learned two essential lessons: (1) God is in control even when we aren't. (2) God gave him tremendous power - the power to choose his re-

sponse to what he didn't understand. Job had no idea how his faith-response would impact lives for generations to come.

Job—his life, his faith, and his decisions relating to suffering mattered to God. So do yours.

"I will put my trust in Him..."

—Wilson Adams, *Southside Bulletin*, Sulphur Springs, TX 11/24/13.

Monthly Ladies Class

The Ladies Class that has been meeting on Monday nights once a month is being moved to the **first Thursday of each month beginning March 6**. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend. This class will continue to meet in homes.

Weekend Meeting!

Is scheduled for **March 7-9. Todd Banning and Marshall Reid** will be the speakers. It is not too early to make our plans to attend and to pray for this event. This meeting is scheduled later than usual to avoid conflicts with other events and because of the speakers schedules.

Speakers Today

Kendall Johnson will be speaking this morning and **Clark Dugger** will be with us again this evening.