

NEWS

Clayton Bellamy continues in the local hospital taking therapy. He is in Room 429—**Judy Hinson** continues her recovery following colon cancer surgery. She was still in the Harris Hospital as of Friday, but she was trying to make arrangements to be released and go to her brother's (Doug's) home—**James and June Johnson** were not in the service Wednesday night due to James losing his balance and taking a fall—**Kenneth Amer-son** also was not in our service Wednesday night due to having high blood pressure and did not feel well. (continued on page 3)

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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:

Jared Rogers 682-300-3602
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ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

April 6, 2014

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: **Bob Arnold**

Ken Ferguson **Pat Marshall**
Ricky Davis **Kevin Kanaley**

Sunday Evening

Ken Ferguson **Pat Marshall**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—**Zach Willeford (Opening)**

—**Buford Guthrie (Closing)**

PM—**Phil Brown (Opening)**

—**William White (Closing)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—**Leon Goff**

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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Pride and Prejudice

By John Hines

Prejudice is alive and well in the world, unfortunately. The one place it should be banished would be the church. But even here, some times it rears its head. It will probably always be a problem, because there will always be people that look different. Blue eyes, brown eyes, green eyes, blond hair, brown hair, black hair, tall, short, narrow, and wide (please no jokes on this writer's behalf), we're all different. Yet when it comes to skin color and ethnicity, for some reason, people think that matters!

Perhaps one of the earlier cases of prejudice might be found in Numbers 12:21 "Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married..." Did the fact that she looked different play a part in their gripe? Possibly. In the end who would be punished? It would be Aaron and Miriam, not Moses.

In the New Testament, we see prejudices as well. In John 4 at Jacob's well, we have the Samaritan woman saying "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman? For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans" (vs. 9). The Jews, for the most part, despised the Samaritans. They looked at them and referred to them as dogs, and not just dogs, but mongrels, half-breeds. Jesus showed no such prejudice.

All through the New Testament, you see scripture showing the true nature of God and how He has made us and treats us. "He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth" (Acts 17:26). Paul, a Jew, but not from Israel, but rather Tarsus, was speaking to the Gentiles in Athens. What he is trying to get them to see is that God treats

us all the same, and expects the same from all of us, namely, that all should repent.

The Church is the place of the greatest equality. “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise” (Gal. 3:28-29). Heaven will not be segregated. What it shows is God’s nature. “And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear” (1 Peter 1:17). Prejudice = Partiality. We judge and we will be judged, not by appearance, but by our works (John 7:24).

One last prejudice might be the prejudice against sinners. “This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner” (Luke 7:39). Indeed she was. And so were we. Enemies. The Son died for His enemies. He came to save, not to destroy, leaving us an example of how we should treat all, not just some.

Let Us Disappoint

John Hines

It is nice to be sought after, isn’t it? No, not always! “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). The Lord

wants you, but He is not the only one. The devil wants you too.

Remember in dealing with the Corinthians, Paul admonishes them “Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.” That is the problem anymore. The wolf in sheep’s clothing, the adversary disguised as the angel of light, the perverter of scripture, many times we just swallow it whole, not realizing we are being swallowed whole. We cannot be ignorant of His devices!

Neither the devil nor his workers have horns, tails, and pitchforks. They are much more subtle, and the sad thing is, many times the devil’s workers, don’t even realize whose pulling their strings. That is why we have to be vigilant and sober, walking circumspectly (observant) through this deceptive world.

Caring can give way to being a busybody. Hard work can lead to discontentment. “I can’t’s” can easily be disguised as “I won’t’s.” We have to be honest with ourselves as we examine ourselves comparing ourselves with the perfect law of liberty.

We can be the Lord’s helpers, or the devil’s helpers. The Lord and the devil both invite us to a feast. What is in question, though, is what will be eaten?

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Monthly Ladies Class

Will meet next Thursday, April 3, at 6:00 PM at Pat Brown’s house. All ladies are invited and encouraged to be present. They will be studying Esther.

Singing

At the **Franklin Dr. church in Texarkana**, next **Friday night, April 4, 7:00. Dane Shepard, Tim Stevens, Glenn Tomblin and Anthony Parsons** will be the song leaders.

Gospel Meetings

Jacob Hudgins is the speaker in a meeting at the **Reel Rd., church in Longview**, starting today and going through Friday night, **March 30 — April 4, 7:00 weeknights.**

Lance Bowman will be the speaker in the meeting at **Franklin Dr. in Texarkana, AR**, starting next Sunday, **April 6** and going through Wednesday, **April 9, 7:00 weeknights.**

Tony Mauck will be the speaker in the meeting at **Campbell Rd. in Garland, April 6—9, 7:00 weeknights. Tim Stevens** will lead the singing.

Ronald and Johnny Stringer will be the speakers in **our meeting, April 27 — 30.** Let’s be making our preparations to be present and invite as many as we have

the opportunity to attend.

One Places Membership

Derinda Bradshaw has moved to Mt. Pleasant recently and desires to be a member of our spiritual family here at Southside. Her address is 200 CR 3220, Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455, and Phone numbers are 903-572-6809 (home) and 972-765-9968 (cell). We welcome Derinda into our fellowship.

Directory Update

Alec and Emilee Capel have moved and their new address is **879 CR 1745, Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455.**

NEWS (continued from back page)
Howard Shelby will have a procedure done on his brain tumor this coming Wednesday in Tyler **Melita Rivers** has been in North Carolina for some time with her daughter and family. She is feeling much better and plans to be home soon—Remember **Relda Marshall, Michele Williams, Maurine Lee, Pat Brown, Dorothy Kyle, Deborah Brown, Tammy Willeford, Shirley Ferguson, Howard Shelby, and Ronald Stringer**—Remember our **Shut-ins: Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Maurine Lee, Irma May, Lelda Thompson.**