

NEWS

Judy Hinson continues recovery from her cancer surgery. Her progress has been slow and gradual. At last word she was possibly coming home yesterday—**Shirley Duncan's daughter, Donette**, recently had surgery in Dallas and she is at home recovering and Shirley has been taking care of her—**Bob Arnold** went through the procedures in Tyler Friday to see what has caused his jaundice problem. He has cancer of the pancreas. He has an appointment with a surgeon in Dallas this coming Wednesday and his surgery will possibly (continued on page 3)

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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

PREACHERS:

Jared Rogers 682-300-3602
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ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

April 27, 2014

Serving The Lord's Supper Sunday Morning

Scripture: Kendall Johnson

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

Sunday Evening

Ken Ferguson **Pat Marshall**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Bob Arnold (Opening)
—**Alec Capel (Closing)**

PM—Kenneth Amerson (Opening)
—**Colton Fulmer (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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Gospel Meeting

With Ronald & Johnny Stringer

April 27— 30, 2014

Sunday	9:45 a.m.The Word of Truth (Johnny)
	10:30 a.m.What It Means to Be Converted (Ronald)
	6:00 p.m.Press Toward the Mark (Johnny)
Monday	10:00 a.m.Seven Things the Lord Hates (Johnny)
	7:30 p.m.Being Transformed (Ronald)
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.Seven Things the Lord Hates (Ronald)
	7:30 p.m.Radical Change in Corinth (Johnny)
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.Seven Things the Lord Hates (Johnny)
	7:30 p.m.The Religion of the Samaritans (Ronald)

New location at the intersection
of Hwy 49 & Alexander Road,
(1220 East Ferguson Road)

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“Church” Obligations

Robert F. Turner

A lot of loose talk makes the rounds these days about a Christian having no obligation to the church. I can appreciate the need for teaching prior obligation to the Lord—to combat “party” allegiance taking precedence over our allegiance to Christ. This is a real danger; and there is evidence that some are more concerned about being “faithful to the church” than they are about being faithful to the Lord. If those who depreciate church obligations have this in mind they should make this clear—joining hands with the many faithful preachers who have pounded on this through the years.

But some have apparently gotten “carried away” in their zeal—or oratory—and have ignored the essence of congregational activities. A local church is a “team” composed of fellow-Christians who have covenanted together to work and worship as a unit. The fact that a local church can hear and speak (Matt. 18:17) pay wages (2 Cor. 11:8) discipline (1 Cor. 5:4-5) have servants (Rom. 16:1-2) messengers (Phil. 2:25) send as a unit (Phil. 4:15-16) receive as a unit (Acts 11:30) write letters (1 Cor. 16:3) are called a “flock” having shepherds (1 Pet. 5:2-f) and many other “unit” characteristics testify to the team or collective status. It will take more than ambiguous ravings to remove these facts.

Team work does not remove individual responsibility. In fact it adds individual responsibilities—to meet one’s obligations that grow out of such associations. If I join hands with several other Christians to support a gospel preacher in some needy field, I have (1) my original obligation to teach the truth (as an individual) PLUS (2) my share in the collective endeavor. I will be judged as an individual—on the basis of how well I met *both* of these obligations.

If some tend to ignore their individual responsibilities, under the false assumption that the “team” will do all the work, this is error. *But it doesn’t invalidate God’s plan for collective action—the local church.*

The overseers of a local church have the right to expect each member to carry his share of the load. This imposes obligations with respect to assembling, assisting with the teaching program, finances, supporting the gospel meetings with enthusiasm—in fact, it can be summed up by saying, *being a good team-mate.*

Of course this is an obligation to the Lord! Such team work is ordained by the Lord, and when done in keeping with his plan constitutes service to the Lord. But the “team” relation imposes obliga-

tions that would not exist in its absence; and THAT is what I mean by obligations to the church.

—Plain Talk, Vol. 3, no. 9, pg. 4,
via Good News, 2/16/2014

OUR GOSPEL MEETING

Begins one week from today, April 27 and continues through Wednesday, April 30. **Ronald and Johnny Stringer** will be the speakers. They will be speaking at the regular times on Sunday and then at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM Monday through Wednesday. Be sure to read the article by Brother Turner on the opposite page. Will you be a part of the “team” (a “team-mate”) during our meeting?

Reasons for our Gospel Meeting

> To preach God’s Word as commanded by God. It is the “*incorruptible seed*” (Lk. 8:11; 1 Pet. 1:23) which creates saving faith in the heart of men and women.

> To call upon men to become Christians, and Christians only (Acts 11:26). There is no salvation in any name other than that of Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12) We want to share this salvation with others.

> To plead for unity among God’s true believers, just as Jesus prayed in John 17:21. Religious division is unacceptable to God and to us.

> To edify, or build up, the faith and determination of our own members. We’re to remain “*unspotted*” from the world (James 1:27), and we are to draw near to God (James 4:7-8). There is no better way to do this than to “*hide*” God’s Word in our heart (Ps. 119:11) as we hear it, meditate upon it, and apply it to our hearts and minds (Phil. 4:8). Fellowship (share) with one another in this.

—Roanridge church bulletin

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be that day, but most likely soon after Wednesday. We will know more about that the early part of this week. The doctor in Tyler was positive about the success of the surgery—**Bobby and Janie Burns** are grandparents again and **Marion Shurtleff** is great grandmother again. **Addison** was born a week ago Friday to **Jarrett and Amanda**. Congratulations to all of them—**Randy Blackmon** has learned that the wiring in the lower part of his sternum has come loose. He has been to his surgeon and was told that it is better just to leave it as it is—**James Johnson** was not in our services last Sunday due to weakness but he was back with us Wednesday night—Remember **Relda Marshall, Michele Williams, Maurine Lee, Pat Brown, Dorothy Kyle, Judy Hinson, Deborah Brown, Tammy Willeford, Shirley Ferguson, Howard Shelby, Ronald Stringer, and Boots Walker**—Remember our **Shut-ins: Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Maurine Lee, Irma May, and Lelda Thompson.**