

**NEWS**

**Bob Arnold** is scheduled to have surgery at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas Tuesday to remove the portion of his pancreas where the tumor is located. The doctor is encouraging with regard to his prognosis—**Judy Hinson** came home a week ago yesterday. She is weak but doing reasonably well. She went back to Ft. Worth to see her doctor and will be staying several days—**Collette Shumate** has requested prayers. She is having tests done tomorrow—**William White** is scheduled to have some procedures done to help with (continued on page 3)

**ELDERS:**  
**Bob Arnold** 563-2977  
**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

**PREACHERS:**  
**Jared Rogers** 682-300-3602  
**Leon Goff** 572-6809

**ASSIGNMENTS FOR:  
May 4, 2014**

**Serving The Lord's Supper**  
**Sunday Morning**  
Scripture: Colton Fulmer  
**Thomas Hockaday** Ron Burns  
**Bobby Burns** Richard Tapparo  
**Sunday Evening**  
**Thomas Hockaday** Ron Burns  
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**PRAYERS**  
**Sun. AM—Kendall Johnson (Opening)**  
—Tom Davis (Closing)  
**PM—Buford Guthrie (Opening)**  
—Randy Blackmon (Closing)  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**A.M.—Bob Arnold**  
**P.M.—Pat Marshall**  
  
(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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## Southside Church of Christ

# 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. ....The Religion of the Samaritans (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. ....Being Transformed (Ronald)

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

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# Feeling or Action?

Ronald Stringer

Have you had that special feeling that Christ has come into your heart? Have you experienced the Holy Spirit coming to you and leading you to Christ? If you haven't, there is no need for you to worry. I have never had any of those feelings either...yet I am still a Christian. "How can that be true?" you might ask. Well, the answer is quite simple. Christianity is much more than just a feeling or emotion that one might experience. Christianity takes faith in God and action on the part of the convert (James 2:24).

Sure, new converts will experience happiness, joy and perhaps even a few chill bumps when they are baptized. However, these feelings are not the Holy Spirit coming upon them and changing their souls. These are natural, human emotions that converts feel when they have obeyed the gospel. A bride is ecstatic and joyful on her wedding day because she is marrying the one that she loves. Therefore, she feels emotions such as light-headedness and chills. In a like manner, Christians are overjoyed because their sins have been forgiven and their citizenship is now in heaven (Philippians 3:20).

If we are not supposed to have a special feeling or emotion that prompts us to obey the gospel, then how will we know when we should? In the story of the

Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:27-38), the eunuch asked Philip a similar question: what hindered him from being baptized? While Philip was explaining the word of God to him, the eunuch saw water. After the eunuch confessed that he believed with all his heart that Jesus is the Son of God, Philip took him down into the water and baptized him.

How did this man from Ethiopia know when to become a Christian? Did he have a special feeling placed in his heart by God that convinced him to do so? The answer is obviously no! The eunuch heard the word of God, believed it, and obeyed it. This is exactly how we will know. If we understand what we are commanded to do, then we should act. We should not wait until we see a sign from heaven because that day will never come (1 Corinthians 13:10). The inspired word of God is now complete and that is all we need in order to believe and obey.

Have you been sitting and waiting for the Holy Spirit to sweep through your body and guide you to Christ? If you have, then I can tell you exactly when that will happen. The Holy Spirit will come into you when you pick up your Bible and study from God's word. In fact, Jesus promised the apostles that the Spirit will "guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

We, therefore, receive the Spirit through the apostles' writings.

Of course, the Spirit will not *literally* come into you, but His message will. The Holy Spirit's words will inspire you to believe to the point of obedience. If you have been waiting for a feeling, then stop waiting and act!

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## Homicide or Mother's Right to Choose

Johnny Stringer

How do we determine whether the killing of a baby is homicide or whether it is the mother's legitimate exercise of her right to choose? According to those who believe in the right to abortion, it all depends on the location of the victim. In their view, if the baby is within the mother's womb, the killing is perfectly acceptable, but if the baby has moved outside the womb, the killing is homicide.

How foolish! A child that has been born is the same human being that he was before he was born. He has simply moved from one location to another. No one has a right to kill that child regardless of his location.

But what about the mother's right to choose? All of us have the right to make certain choices. But there are choices we do not have the right to make. The mother has the right to choose which hospital she goes to for the birth, which doctor she uses, and how the child's room at home is decorated. But the mother does not have the right to choose whether or not to kill her baby.

But doesn't the woman have the right to do with her own body as she wishes? The problem is, *her* body is not the issue. It's not

her body, but the *baby's* body that she is seeking to kill. And she has no right to kill her baby's body regardless of its location.

But doesn't a baby have the right to be wanted? What if she doesn't want the child so that the child would be denied the benefit of a loving mother? If it is right to kill a child in the womb because it is unwanted, then it is right to kill that same child after the child's birth because the child is unwanted. If it is right to kill him in one location, it is right to kill him when he has moved to a different location. If the child is unwanted, arrangements can be made for him to be placed in the home of parents who will love him.

In fact, any argument that would justify killing the child before birth would also justify killing him after his birth. Such killing should not be permitted.

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## Monthly Ladies Class

Meets next Thursday night at 6:00 at Mary Burns' house. Amanda Willeford will be the teacher and Esther is the study.

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**NEWS** (continued from back page)  
back problems—**Shirley Duncan** was sick last week with an upper respiratory infection and was not in our services Sunday and Wednesday—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.**