

NEWS

Bob Arnold had his surgery last Tuesday at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas for cancer of the pancreas and came through the surgery fine. His surgeon had good news from his pathology results and his prognosis is good for the future—**Ron Burns** was struck in the face by a falling tree limb a week ago yesterday, was taken to the ER and transferred to Mother Francis in Tyler for exams and treatment. He suffered multiple facial fractures and a severely cut lip that took several stitches. He was sent home Saturday night and attended all (continued on page 3)

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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

PREACHERS:

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ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

May 11, 2014

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Paul Chapman

Thomas Hockaday **Ron Burns**
Bobby Burns **Richard Tapparo**

Sunday Evening

Thomas Hockaday **Ron Burns**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—**Willie Don Davis** (Opening)

—**Charles Davis** (Closing)

PM—**Alec Capel** (Opening)

—**Austin Fulmer** (Closing)

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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Tired of God

By Shane Carrington

Raking leaves...not my favorite thing. After about 30 bags worth, I get really weary. The body gets tired and aches. The mind wanders and gets ready for something else. Do you ever get tired like that? Weary, worn out, frustrated, and ready for a break?

Do you ever respond this way to people, needing time alone to recharge your battery? Or perhaps so frustrated with someone that you need to keep your distance when possible? Most of us have probably felt this way at one time or another.

Can you imagine anyone feeling tired of God? Scripture and experience show that some people are weary of Him. Many feel this way, though most would not express it like this.

“But you have not called upon Me, O Jacob; And you have been weary of Me, O Israel” (Isa. 43:22).

They were tired of God. They neither worshipped Him from the heart nor according to His instructions. Isaiah cites further evidence in the passage by discussing their unwillingness to sacrifice to the Lord. They owed God everything, yet they gave Him little.

Do you ever feel that way? Some do, and they express their weariness with God in some of the following ways.

Rejecting His Standard of Morality

Immorality prevails among many in our society. Immodest apparel, sexual immorality, filthy language, drugs/alcohol, lying, etc.. Scripture swells with lists of moral sins God rejects (Gal. 5:19-21; Prov. 6:16-19; Rom. 1:18-32; etc.). Yet some grow weary of hearing God's commands against these things. People like this either want to continue practicing their moral sins or they want to justify someone they love who practices them. But we must stand with God, changing our lives to conform to His holy will and helping others do the same.

Rejecting His Standard of Religious Practices.

We hear many things contrary to scripture these days. "It doesn't matter what you believe, as long as you are sincere." "Join the church of your choice." "Jesus is my copilot." People promoting these slogans have either never read the following carefully or they simply reject them.

"Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, 'If you abide in My word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free'" (John 8:31,32).

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one

God and Father of all..." (Eph. 4:4-6a).

We must hunger and thirst for righteousness by seeking His will in all things, including our religious practices. May we never grow weary of God's instructions for our worship and service to Him.

Refusing to Participate in Worship and Bible Study.

Some are weary of God, and you can see this in their lack of participation in Bible class and worship. Some people you can count on to be there, prepared, and to participate. Others you can rest assured will not be there, will not be prepared, and/or will not participate. Rather, we should be thrilled at the opportunity to gather around God's throne together to sing, pray, and study together. When we sing, let's sing out. When we pray, let's earnestly call upon our God. When we give, let's give with a loving heart. And when we study, let's meditate on God so intently that we can practically "see" heaven in its glory. We are blessed beyond measure. May we reflect that in our consistency in participating earnestly in worship and Bible study.

Refraining From Personal Prayer and Bible Study.

Our devotion to God, expressed in our assemblies as a church, is a small fraction of what it means to be Christians. Be-

ing a Christian is 24/7, not one to four hours per week. People who are grateful and full of love for the Lord read their Bibles at home. They hunger and thirst for time with their Creator and Savior in prayer as well. Some get tired of God, though. These consider Bible reading a burden and prayer important, but not important enough to give much time to. May we never grow tired of time with our Father in heaven; may we spend much time with Him in prayer and Bible study.

Tired of Family

One of God's great blessings is our spiritual family. As God's children, we are also brothers and sisters in Christ. And family takes care of family. They look out for each other. They see to each others needs. They love each other, and want to spend time together. Yet some are tired of their brothers and sisters in Christ. They grow especially frustrated when fellow disciples call them when they miss services. But we are God's family, so growing tired of Christians who love us is really growing tired of God. We need each other. God knows this, and that is why we have each other. May we appreciate this safety net God built into our lives, called our church family.

Conclusion

God is worthy of all our love and service. He created us and gives us every good thing we possess (James 1:17), from

our lives to the air we breathe to the gift of His Son. May we serve Him with passion and commitment. He is worthy! And we need Him completely!

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One Confession

Zach Willeford requested prayers to help him improve in how he comes across in his conversations with people. He does not want to be unkind to or mistreat people. We are thankful for Zach and his desire to please God and to have good relationships with family, friends and fellow Christians.

NEWS (continued from back page) the meeting services except for Sunday morning. Healing will take a while—**Judy Hinson** continues in her recovery from her cancer surgery. She has been back to Ft. Worth to see her doctor and to be with family—**Kristin Craig** was sick last Sunday and was not in our services, but she was in some of the meeting services—**William White** is going through some procedures to deal with blood pressure problems—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.**