

***It's Never Too Early***

- **Rice Road church of Christ** in Tyler will be holding a Gospel Meeting with Gary Henry from July 18-July 20.
- **Westside church of Christ** in Irving will be holding their Youth Lectures from August 1-August 3.
- **Lindale church of Christ** in Lindale will be holding a Gospel Meeting with Rickie Jenkins from August 3-August 8.
- **Our Gospel Meeting** with Bubba Garner will be held October 19-October 24. Make Your Plans to Attend.

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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:**  
**Jared Rogers** 717-3788  
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**ASSIGNMENTS FOR:  
 July 20, 2014**

**Serving The Lord's Supper  
 Sunday Morning**

**Scripture: Pat Marshall**

**Paul Chapman Zach Willeford**  
**Tom Davis Ricky Davis**

**Sunday Evening**

**Paul Chapman Zach Willeford**

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**PRAYERS**

**Sun. AM—Buford Guthrie (Opening)**  
 —Austin Fulmer (Closing)

**PM—Ken Ferguson (Opening)**  
 —James Johnson (Closing)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A.M.—Leon Goff**  
**P.M.—Kendall Johnson**

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**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.

# Southside Church of Christ

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## The "Other" Gospel

*By Dee Bowman*

We've been treated to gospel preaching this past week. We've seen how the gospel relates not just to our salvation, but to our everyday lives. We've noted, with joy and appreciation, how God has given us the solution to sin ([Romans 1:16-17](#)). And we've been shown how important it is to maintain the purity of His gospel by not adding anything to it or taking anything from it ([Galatians 1:6-9](#)). Furthermore, we have been impressed at how the gospel messages needs to be exposed to a lost and dying world ([Mark 16:15-16](#); [Acts 8:4](#)).

There is such a thing as a counterfeit gospel. It looks, even sounds very much like the real thing, but it is not real. This gospel is appealing because it demands very little and promises much. It is called The Social Gospel. While this gospel operates as a guide to religion, it actually sows seeds that make the religion of Christ a secular, materialistic thing. While, admittedly, the gospel of Jesus Christ will have an effect on men's social conditions, as well as his emotional being, it is in no way kin to the modern-day social gospel.

**The social gospel is subtle.** The devil does not have to coerce man into openly denying the saving power of the gospel, he can delude him into putting his confidence in what some televangelist or "big name" preacher says instead of the pure gospel. He can offer preaching as a "feel-good" kind of religion—one that says little or nothing about sin and its heinous sting ([Isaiah 59:1-2](#); [Romans 14: 11-12](#)). That kind of preaching is not gospel preaching!

**The social gospel is more carnal than spiritual.** It concerns itself with man's living conditions—things that are world-connected, and not eternity-connected. It's to change

society, the environment, and other such deficiencies as exist in the modern world. The gospel, on the other hand—while it certainly has an affirmative effect on society—is more concerned with the here-after than the here-and-now (I John 2:15-17). “Seeing that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of god, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements melt with a fervent heat”? (II Peter 3:11-12)

**The social gospel deals very little with sin and it’s consequences.** While it is true that the social gospel helps with society, it seldom speaks of man’s sin—that which blights a man’s character and disdains (Ezekiel 18:4). It teaches a kind of watered-down form of forgiveness, if it teaches about sin at all. Its sermons require little more than admitting to the existence of God and “accepting Christ as your personal Savior.” Little attention is paid to what either of them said about salvation (II Peter 2:18-19).

**The social gospel misleads men.** It does not tell him the whole story about who and what he is. To speak of his being lost in hell is negative and that makes men fell poorly, so it just doesn’t talk about it. It promises what the gospel does not. It implies that moral progress is achieved by the improvement of present living conditions. It has little to say about death and judgment. The true gospel warns about what a man sows in this life and how what is sown here has a bearing on his eternal being (Galatians 6:7-8). Paul warns that a carnally-minded life has devastating eternal consequences. Hear him carefully: “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh, but those that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace” (Romans 8:5-6). Furthermore, we are warned not to seek things here, but things there. “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above and not on things on the earth” (Col. 3:1-2). A social gospel is for the here and now; the gospel of Jesus Christ has as its goal the eternal reward for the faithful.

**The social gospel glorifies men, not God.** “If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen” (I Peter 4:11). That needs no commentary, does it? It says of itself all that need be said.

Whose gospel will you follow? God’s gospel or the social gospel invented and promulgated by men? Your eternal destiny will be affected by the choice you make.

—**Scriptures , 6/22/14**

## News

***“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. (Philippians 4:6)***

- **Joyce Williams** has been moved to rehab at the Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview. She is in room 2249.
- **Daxon Willeford** had a doctor’s appointment in Nacogdoches this past Friday.
- **Judy Hinson** and **Bob Arnold** are continuing their chemotherapy treatments.
- **Lenelle Latimer** had surgery on her ankle this past Friday in Tyler.
- **Randy Granau**, a former member here, has been diagnosed with ALS or Lou Gehrig’s Disease. He and his family currently live in Columbia, Missouri.
- **Mary Blakenship**, who has been attending with her husband Ken, has serious back problems which prevents her from attending.
- **Buford and June Guthrie** will be traveling to Duncanville every other week to attend to June’s mother who is struggling with dementia.

### Men’s Meeting

The elders have decided to have a men’s meeting to discuss the work of the congregation and to receive suggestions. It will be held on July 20, next Sunday, at 4:45 PM. All male members of the congregations are encouraged to attend.

### No Monthly Ladies Class in July

### New Phone Number

Jared and Stacy Rogers have a new home phone number: 903-717-3788

### New Address and Phone Number

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Winnsboro, TX 75494  
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## Sunday Sneak Peeks

### AM Sermon: Jared Rogers

Phony, liar, fraud, good teacher, nice man, carpenter, prophet, rabbi, Messiah, Christ, Son of God. These are all identities that have been ascribed to Jesus. As we begin a study on the life of Jesus, we will investigate what history, the world, and Jesus Himself show to be His true identity.

### PM Sermon: Leon Goff

It is no secret that Jesus faced a lot of opposition during His ministry. That opposition, though, testifies to His role as the Messiah. This evening we will study the relationship between Jesus and the Pharisees.