

## NEWS

Joyce Williams continues to do well following knee replacement surgery. She continues with Lisa and Mark and will start therapy in Atlanta tomorrow—**Lenelle Latimer** continues in therapy in Pleasant Springs Home and continues to do reasonably well—**Judy Hinson** and **Bob Arnold** are continuing their chemo treatments every other week and both seem to be doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances—**Doye Goodwin**, Leon Goff's first cousin, who lives in Greenville, TN, had the same surgery about the same (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** 717-3788  
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### ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

**August 3, 2014**

#### Serving The Lord's Supper

##### Sunday Morning

Scripture: Austin Fulmer

**Ken Ferguson**            **Andrew Arnold**  
**Ricky Davis**            **Richard Tapparo**

##### Sunday Evening

**Ken Ferguson**            **Andrew Arnold**  
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### PRAYERS

**Sun. AM—Zach Willeford (Opening)**  
—**Buford Guthrie (Closing)**

**PM—Phil Brown (Opening)**  
—**William White (Closing)**  
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A.M.—Paul Chapman**  
**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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## Why We Study The Old Testament

By Mark White

Some people see no value in Old Testament study for modern Christians. Perhaps they have concluded that because we live under the New Covenant, the Old Covenant is worthless information for us. Our denominational friends have picked up on our reluctance to study the Old Testament and have erroneously concluded that “people of the church of Christ don’t believe the Old Testament.” However, Paul told Timothy that “*all Scripture*” is useful for teaching, correction and instruction. Timothy’s mother and grandmother had taught him well from the Old testament (2 Tim. 3:15). Paul also wrote to the Romans to say, “*For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*” (15:4). This is the New Testament declaring the Old Testament worthy of our time and attention! What, then, are some things we may hope to gain from Old Testament study?

**We learn about the nature of the God we believe, serve, and preach.** No one really knows as much as he should about God’s character and nature unless he has perused these thirty-nine books. A greater reverence for God will result from the awesome portraits of the Almighty in the Old Law. We learn how God dealt with men and women in almost every imaginable situation.

**We see God’s love in the prophecies of Messiah, who would deliver man from sin.** Literally hundreds of these prophecies dot the pages of the Old Testament. Peter, in the New Testament, said concerning Jesus and His redemptive work — “*all the prophets from Samuel and those who follow,*

as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold these days.” (Acts 3:24). Who can read Isaiah 53 and not feel deep pangs of sorrow for the suffering servant? This prewritten story of Christ, composed centuries before His birth, is so astonishing in detail that it reads like an eyewitness account of His life and work! Predictive prophecies regarding Christ’s birth, life, work and death increase our appreciation for Jesus.

**We come to place greater value on the New Testament.** How would we know we are so blessed to “live under law to Christ” (1 Cor. 9:21) without knowing something about that “handwriting of ordinances” (Col. 2:14)? Jesus took this out of our way, nailing it to His cross. The change in the law resulted in a change of priesthood (Heb. 7:14). The Old Law makes us realize how privileged we are as Christians.

**Our New Testament studies become more understandable.** The Gospels mean more to us when we remember the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament. What would a study of Hebrews be without knowledge of Leviticus? The Revelation is made clearer by knowing Daniel, Ezekiel, and Zechariah.

The simple fact is, no part of Scripture should go unstudied. We must neglect **none** of God’s Word!

—Cyfair Church of Christ bulletin

## ***God Is On His Throne***

*Dee Bowman*

When your heart sinks from the weight of some seemingly insuperable difficulty, **God is on His throne.**

When tears blind your eyes and hurt blunts your hope, and you still must go on, **God is on His throne.**

When your friend ceases to walk with you and you seem helplessly alone, **God is on His throne.**

When your patience wears thin and you want desperately to release you disgust in one huge, inundating wave of anger, **God is on His throne.**

When your sins have piled up so high that you no longer know whether or not God hears, **God is on His throne.**

When you are tired, exhausted from trying hard, so tired you wonder if it’s all worth it, **God is on His throne.**

When you must go on in spite of scathing, imposing opposition, and when those you loved and who supposedly loved you don’t try to understand, **God is on His throne.**

When you feel hopelessly alone, when no one stands with you, and no one seems to care, and you feel the weight of sheer loneliness, **God is on His Throne.**

## **How To Get More Out Of Bible Study**

- **Read the Bible with reverence.** The Bible is inspired of God. It did not originate with man (2 Peter 1:21)
- **Read the Bible with a sense of need.** You need God’s instructions and He provides it through His word (Jer. 10:23).
- **Think while you read the Bible.** The Bible deserves meditation—deliberate thinking (Psalm 1:2).
- **Don’t “read something into” the Bible.** Allow the scriptures to formulate your beliefs.
- **Determine to apply what you read from the Bible.** We must not only read the scriptures, we must obey them (James 1:22).

—Mark White, via *Good News*

## **Gospel Meetings**

**Tony Mauck** will be the speaker in a meeting at the **Belt Rd., church in Texarkana**, Friday through Sunday **August 1—3, 7:00 PM** Friday and Saturday.

**Keith Lambert, Shane Millard, Brady Cook and Jared Rogers** will be the speakers at the Cooper church of

Christ, **July 27-30, 7:30 PM Monday and Tuesday. Jared will be speaking Wednesday at 7:00 PM.**

**Scott Finley** will be the speaker at the Hwy 79 church in Henderson, TX, **July 27—30, 7:00 PM** weeknights.

**Westside church in Irving lectures, August 1—3.**

**Rickie Jenkins** will be at the Hubbard St. church in Lindale August 3-8.

**Our meeting October 19-24, Bubba Garner speaker.**

## **Directory Information**

There is a new sheet ready for you to pick up on the table in the foyer. And will probably be more sheets in the near future when more pictures are taken.

**NEWS** (continued from back page) time Bob Arnold did. He was in a weakened condition, but is progressing in his treatment and recovery reasonably well. Prayers are requested—Remember **Relda Marshall, Michele Williams, Maurine Lee, Pat Brown, Dorothy Kyle, Deborah Brown, Tammy Willeford, Ronald Stringer, Boots Walker, Judy Hinson and Bob Arnold**—Remember our **Shut-ins:** *Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Shirley Ferguson, Maurine Lee, Irma May, and Lelda Thompson.*