

**NEWS**

- **Vivian Stroman's** son-in-law, **Gerald Winters**, underwent successful prostate cancer surgery this past week in Fort Worth. He is doing well
- Continue to remember **Bob Arnold** and **Judy Hinson** as they continue their chemotherapy treatments
- **Daxon Willeford** will be tested for Multiple Sclerosis and Chrones's Disease. Pray that the Willeford's receive a good report.
- **Amanda Willeford** was not feeling well this past Wednesday

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**Leon Goff** 572-6809  
**Kendall Johnson** 572-9306

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**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 10, 2014**

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

**Scripture: Kenneth Amerson**  
**Ken Ferguson**      **Andrew Arnold**  
**Ricky Davis**      **Richard Tapparo**

**Sunday Evening**  
**Ken Ferguson**      **Andrew Arnold**  
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**PRAYERS**

**Sun. AM—Kendall Johnson (Opening)**  
—James Johnson (Closing)  
**PM—Luke Arnold (Opening)**  
—Tom Davis (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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### The Lesson of John Brown

By Jared Rogers

John Brown is a really generic name. It sounds like a name I would use when going into Subway so I would not be bombarded with “Jared from Subway” jokes. Believe me, it is a curse. Nevertheless, John Brown was an American who was repulsed by the evils of slavery. He called it “the most barbarous...unjustifiable war” of one citizen against another. He also declared it a “violation of those eternal...truths set forth in our Declaration of Independence.”

John Brown decided to do something about slavery. However, he did not start a newspaper, write the president, or run for Congress. Sadly, he turned to violence. His solution to the slavery problem was to commit murder and start a slave revolt. He planned to occupy the United States arsenal at Harper’s Ferry and incite slaves to rise up in violent revenge. To sum up, his plan failed, he was arrested, and later executed.

While Brown hoped he would be part of the great movement to end slavery, his actions solidified and emboldened slave owners to protect themselves from another “John Brown”. Slaveholders were able to demonize those who wanted to end slavery as also promoting violence and revolution.

There is no short supply of evil in the world. Turn on the news, watch a movie, read a book, or simply go out in public and you will see evil taking place. The cursing against men and God, anger, hatred, explicit

dress and behavior, and murders are all on display. Sometimes the world is outraged and sometimes they do not even notice.

There is a temptation to turn our outrage into a violent tempest of demonizing speech and harsh treatment toward the sinful. It would feel good. It would be such a relief to let our frustrations out through the venomous speech of the self-righteous. But would we, like John Brown, only embolden the enemy?

We are at war. That is made abundantly clear in the New Testament. We are at war with the sinful desires of our flesh (1 Peter 3:21). We are at war with the devil (Ephesians 6:11). We are at war with the ways of darkness (2 Corinthians 6:14). But consider:

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”  
Romans 12:21

The temptation is to fight fire with fire. It encourages us to write scathing Facebook posts denouncing the actions of someone we know. It encourages us to ignore them when in their presence or look at them as if they crawled out of the mud. By acting in this manner, we will encourage their present course of action. We will give them an excuse to say that Christians are mean-spirited,

hypocrites, holier-than thou. We have taken the spotlight off of their actions and we turn in on ours.

The temptation is to strike evil with a taste of its own medicine, but that would not change them. It would change *us!* We would become like the evil we are fighting against. Paul’s warning in Romans 12 is a needed reminder for us about the dangers of responding to the sinful in anger and rage.

We instead need to provide an alternative way of life through Christ for people to see. They may not understand there is another way that is much better than the cycle they have been trapped in. Jesus tells us to shine a light into the world so that they will see God through our lifestyle (Matthew 5:14-16). We fail miserably when we create more darkness in a fight against the dark ways of the world.

Let’s be careful how we respond to sin and wickedness. Fight against it, yes, but fight in the ways of Christ, not man.

“*Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.*” Colossians 4:6

## Be Holy For I Am Holy

By: Ron Drumm

As in the Old Testament (Leviticus), so in the New Testament, children of God are to be holy people. God cares whether we are living godly lives. He went to great effort to separate the Israelites from the other nations so that they would belong to Him and be holy before Him (Leviticus 19:1,2; 20:26; I Peter 1:14-16).

Search your heart and consider that Jesus, the Son of God, died on the cross to set all believers apart from the world (I Peter 1:17-21). So, like Israel of old, let us offer holy sacrifices (Leviticus 21:6). *“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”* (Hebrews 12:15,16)

Throughout Leviticus we learn God’s clear expectation that His children would be holy. He sanctified them so that they would be holy (Leviticus 22:32). Today, we are sanctified through Jesus Christ to be holy people (I Peter 2:24; I John 2:1,2). Let’s take to heart God’s call, *“Be holy for I am holy.”* (Leviticus 11:44)

From *The Exhorter*  
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## Gospel Meetings

- **Rickie Jenkins** will be at the Hubbard Street church in Lindale August 3-8.
- A **Singing Night** will be held at the Campbell Road church of Christ on August 15.
- **Bubba Garner** will be here at Southside for a meeting on October 19-24

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## Directory Information

There are several new sheets ready for you to pick up on the table in the foyer. More sheets will be coming.

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**NEWS** (continued from back page)

- **Melita Rivers** has moved back into her home
- Continue to 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.*