

## NEWS

Paul and Carla Chapman were both sick last week. Paul was not in our services last Sunday and neither of them were here Wednesday night—Judy Hinson was in our service Wednesday night. It was good to see her feeling some better—Collette Shumate has been having some health problems and was not in our services last week—Joyce Williams continues staying with Lisa and Mark in Atlanta and they are planning to be with us in our services next Sunday—Bob Arnold continues to do well with his chemo treatments, but he (continued on page 3)

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Ken Ferguson 572-4135  
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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:

August 17, 2014

#### Serving The Lord's Supper

##### Sunday Morning

Scripture: Alec Capel

Ken Ferguson Andrew Arnold  
Ricky Davis Richard Tapparo

##### Sunday Evening

Ken Ferguson Andrew Arnold  
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### PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Ron Traugher (Opening)  
—Thomas Hockaday (Closing)  
PM—Willie Don Davis (Opening)  
—Colton Fulmer (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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## When God Is With Us

By Bill Hall

In our prayers, I am constantly hearing the expression, 'Be with this one,' and 'Be with that one.' What is meant by the expression? That question was addressed to this writer thirty years ago. He would like to think that the answer given in this article will be more enlightening than the feeble answer given then.

A consideration of the occasions when God said, "*I will be with you,*" should help in providing an answer.

**To Moses:** When Moses asked, "Who am I that I should go up to Pharaoh?" God replied, "I will certainly be **with you**" (Exodus 3:12).

**To Joshua:** "*As I was with Moses, so I will be with you*" (Joshua 1:5). God further assured Joshua that the crossing of the Jordan on the dry ground would show the people that "*as I was with Moses, so I will be with you*" (Joshua 3:7).

**To Gideon:** "*The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor*" (Judges 7:12).

**To David:** Saul said to David as he was leaving to face Goliath: "*Go, and the Lord be with you*" (1 Samuel 17:37). Two giants faced one another that day: one, a physical giant; the other, a spiritual giant. The difference in the battle was in the fact that God was **with** the spiritual giant and **was not with** the physical giant.

**To Jeremiah:** *“Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am **with** you to deliver you” (Jeremiah 1:8)*

Obviously, the expression, “I will be with you,” is assurance of success in whatever God wants to accomplish through that person whom He is **with**.

### Present Day Application

How can a man and his wife leave family and friends to go into some foreign field to preach the gospel? How can they go where custom and language are different and where living standards are far below what they have been accustomed to all their lives? The answer: *“And lo, I am **with** you always, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20).*

How can a Christian face death in peace, with confidence as he passes from this life into the realms that lie beyond? The answer: *“Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil; for Thou art **with** me” (Psalm 23:4).*

**“Be with me, Lord, no other gift or blessing,  
Thou couldst bestow could with this one compare;  
A constant sense of Thy abiding presence,  
Wher-e’er I am to feel that Thou are near.” - T.O. Chisolm**

### When God is Not with Us

If success is assured when God is with us, failure results when God is not with us. After the Israelites in their lack of faith refused to enter the promised land (**Numbers 14:1-4**), some had a change of heart and decided to go up after all. Moses warned them that they would not succeed, but would fall by the sword: *“Because you have turned away from the Lord, the Lord **will not be with you” (Numbers 14:43)**.* Their efforts indeed failed. One may appear to succeed for a while when the Lord is not with him, but eventually he will fail.

### Conditions to be Met

What must be true of one if God is to be with him? The answer is found in God’s statement to Jeroboam after promising him ten of the twelve tribes: *“Then it shall be, if you heed all that I command you, walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house” (1 Kings 11:38)*. Unfortunately, Jeroboam chose to follow his own ways rather than God’s and consequently his name ranks among the infamous.

When my loved ones are sick, or I am facing surgery, or am leaving for gospel meetings, or am in distress in any way, I want the prayers of that person whom

God is with. I do not care about his race, gender, or station in life. If God is with him, he is the one whose prayers will avail. That person is the richest of all persons. Let each ask himself, “Am I that person?”

“Go, and the Lord be with you.”

—Good News, 7/13/14

### Our Work at Southside

Jared, Stacy and Maisy have been with us eight weeks and there is a new excitement in the congregation. Jared is doing an excellent work in his preaching and teaching. We are having a number of visitors and we appreciate that very much.

In the Wednesday night class, Jared is teaching the book of Nehemiah. If you are not availing yourself of the opportunity to attend this class you are missing out on some very interesting, challenging and informative lessons.

With a talented young man who is dedicated to preaching and teaching God’s truth, let’s all as members work in unity together with sincere hearts to serve and please the Lord. As Aaron and Hur held up the arms of Moses (Exodus 17), let’s support and encourage one another as we glorify God, work to save our own souls and the souls of others. If we miss heaven we will have missed all that is really meaningful!

—Leon

### Gospel Meetings!

**Daryl Hymel, Randy Harshbarger and Bill Robinson** are the speakers at the Northside church in **Carthage, TX.**, this week, **August 10-15.**

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

### Singing Friday Night

**At Campbell Rd. in Garland, TX.,** next Friday night, August 15.

### Directory Information

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

**NEWS** (continued from back page) did not feel up to being in our service last Sunday morning—**Gerald Winters**, Vivian Stroman’s son-in-law, is reported to be doing well in his recovery from his recent surgery—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.*