

## NEWS

**Judy Hinson** had her exploratory surgery last Monday and her cancer had not spread. This means that she is go for the major surgery to remove the cancer and this is scheduled for Monday, September 22—**Bess Arnold**, Bob's mother, has been moved from the local hospital to the Pleasant Springs Nursing Home—**Bob Arnold** is scheduled for another Chemo treatment this coming Wednesday. He has been tolerating these treatments very well and has been able to attend all of our services—**Boots Walker** continues to be (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  
**Leon Goff** 572-6809

### ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

**September 14, 2014**

#### Serving The Lord's Supper

##### Sunday Morning

Scripture: Kendall Johnson

**Zach Willeford** Alec Capel  
**Colton Fulmer** Bobby Burns

##### Sunday Evening

**Zach Willeford** Alec Capel

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### PRAYERS

**Sun. AM—William White, (Opening)**  
—Randy Blackmon (Closing)  
**PM—Luke Arnold (Opening)**  
—Tom Davis (Closing)

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A.M.—Ken Ferguson**  
**P.M.—Kendall Johnson**

(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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## Doctrinal Purity Does Matter

By Bryan Gibson

A preacher recently posted the following to his Facebook page: "If the primary vision of your church is to achieve doctrinal purity and uniformity, it's time to reread the New Testament." I did as he asked, and here's what I found. Lest I be accused of any prejudicial statements, I'll just let God speak for Himself.

*"And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men"* (Matthew 15:9).

*"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine..."* (Acts 2:42).

*"Note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them"* (Romans 16:17).

*"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing..."* (1 Cor. 1:10).

*"But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed"* (Galatians 1:8).

*"Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God...that we should no longer be children tossed to and fro and carried about by every wind of doctrine"* (Ephesians 4:13).

*"Stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith"*

of the gospel” (Philippians 1:27).

“Remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine” (1 Timothy 1:3).

“If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed” (1 Timothy 4:6).

“Give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine...take heed to yourself and to the doctrine” (1 Timothy 4:13,16).

“If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing...” (1 Timothy 6:3).

“Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me...” (2 Timothy 1:13).

“Holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict” (Titus 1:9).

“Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth” (Titus 1:13-14).

“Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines” (Hebrews 13:9).

“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed” (John 8:31).

“Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the father” (1 John 2:24).

“Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son” (1 John 1:9).

“I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 1:3).

Concerning pure doctrine, then, God says to give attention to it; take heed to it; carefully follow it; strive together with other Christians for it; abide or continue in it; hold fast to it; contend for it; and deal decisively with those who don't. If it matters that much to God, then it should matter that much to us. Yes, doctrinal purity has aims beyond itself (e.g. 1 Timothy 1:5), but if we set aside doctrinal purity to fulfill those aims, we will fail miserably.

—Via Good News, 8/10/14

## Weekly Ladies Class

Begins on Wednesday, **September 24** at 10:00 AM. **Mary Burns** will be the teacher. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend these classes.

## Gospel Meeting

**Mark Russell** is the speaker in a meeting at the Franklin Drive church in **Texarkana, AR**, beginning today, September 7 and continuing through Wednesday evening, the 10th, 7:00 PM week-nights.

**Leon Goff** is speaking both services today at the Southside church in Greenville. Thanks to Paul Chapman for teaching the Romans class.

## Prayer Before Offering

It had been suggested to have a prayer previous to passing the plates. The elders have decided to leave this to the discretion of each man making the announcement about the offering. Each one is to feel free to offer a prayer or not offer one.

## 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. And if you need your picture taken to be

put on our picture board, please see Amanda Willeford.

## Words and Action

Harold Hancock

- > We must not only confess Jesus as Lord, we must obey Him (Luke 6:46).
- > A man may say he has faith, but faith without works is dead (James 2:18-26).
- > We must love in word and deed (1 John 3:28).

### Consider

- > To talk about doing something, but to delay it is procrastination.
- > To fail to do something for lack of passion is indifference (Revelation 3:15-22).
- > To tell others what is right and then not do it ourselves is hypocrisy (Mt. 23:3).
- > To be a doer of the Word and not just a hearer is wise; these shall be blessed (James 1:22-25).
- > To say that we will not obey God, but later have a change of heart and obey is repentance (Mt. 21:28-29).

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weakened by his cancer. Let's continue to remember him in our prayers—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, Lenelle Latimer, Maurine Lee, Irma May, and Lelda Thompson.