

NEWS

Charles Kyle has been diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocyte Leukemia, but it is treatable—**Paul Unger**, Lenelle Latimer’s Brother-in-Law and Relda Marshall’s uncle, passed away in Pittsburg this past week. We express our sincere sympathy—**Judy Hinson** continues suffering from the recent surgery she had. She also saw her doctor in Tyler Thursday—**Catherine Moss and sons Brantley and Zachary** have all had upper respiratory infections—**Wanda Sikes** was sick this past Sunday and Wednesday night—**Jared** (continued on page 3)

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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

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**ASSIGNMENTS FOR:
October 26, 2014**

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

Scripture: Ron Burns

Ken Ferguson Pat Marshall
Stephen Hall Richard Tapparo

Sunday Evening

Ken Ferguson Pat Marshall

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Alec Capel (Opening)
—Ron Traughber (Closing)
PM—Thomas Hockaday (Opening)
—Tom Davis (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—Paul Chapman
P.M.—Leon Goff

(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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We extend to you a cordial invitation to our

Gospel Meeting

Bubba Garner, speaker

(from Pasadena, TX)

October 19 — 24, 2014

Sunday 19th — 9:45 Bible Class — “How to Listen to a Sermon”
— 10:30 Worship — “Make Me a Servant”
— 6:00 Evening Service — “Love Believes All Things”
Monday — 7:30 PM — “The Deceitfulness of Riches”
Tuesday — 7:30 PM — “When Dreams Turn to Doubts”
Wednesday — 7:30 PM — “We Saw Thee Not, But We Believe”
Thursday — 7:30 PM — “The Devil Unveiled”
Friday — 7:30 PM — “There’s A Great Day Coming”
Tues., Wed., Thurs. — 10:00 AM — “Building Characters from Bible Characters”

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The Family Together

Bubba Garner (Southside Church, Pasadena online)

Family. There's something warm and inviting about the word. It floods the mind with thoughts of home and hearth, of fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles, grandma and grandpa. It conjures memories — memories of togetherness, of commonality, of all being in one place at the same time. It calls to mind picnics, ball games, holidays spent with loved ones. Family. It just says something special. And the thing it most especially says is "together."

Together. There is no such thing as family without together. No matter how the word is used – whether in regard to biology, or mathematics, linguistics, or physics - family always suggests something held together by a common bond.

The church is the family of God (Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 2:19). God is the Father, saints are His children. We are referred to as "sons of God" (Galatians 5:5-7).

There are things that bind families together - things like common goals, common interests, and even common struggles. The church is the same. All these things are both recommended and common in the family of God. Worship brings the family of God closer to the Father. Worship is filial (fatherly) devotion, an attitude of reverential respect, of love and high regard for the one who has given us life. When we direct our love toward our

common Father, we become stronger in both our devotion to Him and our devotion to one another. We are told to "worship Him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). While this may refer to the attitude we are to have when we worship Him, I believe there is more to it than that. I believe He means we should reach down to the very depth of who we are and accord to Him the most reverent feelings of that inner being. In the ultimate reality, worship is the adoring reverence of the creature for the Creator, and that means our most fundamental feelings of love and devotion must be extended to Him. When that is the case, it is axiomatic that we also come closer to one another.

Being together as a family brings us closer to the Father. He is the focal point of our assembling. When we sing together, we bring honor to His name. "I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also" (1 Corinthians 14:15) carries the same responsibility as the worship to which we earlier alluded - there must be a reaching down to the essence of who we are when we sing praises to Him. Colossians 3:16-17 begins with "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly," a sure indication of the need for the deepest respect we can muster before we even begin to sing praises to Him. Also, as we are told to teach and admonish "one another" in songs, hymns, and spiritual songs, the command closes with

the enjoinder that we sing "with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Worshipful prayers brings us closer to God. As we each come closer to Him in our personal prayers and supplication, we come to be closer to one another, praying to the same Father, seeking the same blessings, extolling the same Savior. Worshiping together promotes an intimate relationship with the family.

Family love is never better or more to be desired than in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Love is the divine mucilage, it binds us all together in Him (Colossians 3:15). That love originated in Him, and is radiated to us, we ought therefore to radiate it to one another. "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God (1 John 4:7). There's togetherness in that. Nothing brings us closer to Him than love for one another, born of love for Him. It makes peace possible. It solidifies unity. It emboldens hope. It gives security to a proper direction. It makes motive high and noble. Furthermore, to love the brethren is to be like the Father. "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently" (1 Peter 1:22). We are brethren. We each belong to God our Father. Brethren love brethren.

The family together is a beautiful sight. Think about the pictures you have seen of families together - paintings, portraits, photographs - they all speak to togetherness, to a common love, and to a common devotion to a common father. The family together is what the church of our Lord is all about. Let us be careful that we don't diminish its beauty by being derelict and neglecting the family together. I love my family, don't you?

Boots Walker Passes Away

This past Wednesday about 1:30 PM. He had been struggling with cancer for some time. He was 91 years old and had been a member of the Southside church here in Mt. Pleasant for many years. He was a quiet man, but a hard worker all of his life until the last few months. Boots was loved and appreciated by all of us and he will be missed. We express our sincere sympathy to his daughter, Dinah Arnold and all the Arnold, Walker families and other loved ones.

Potluck at Pilgrim Bank

On South Jefferson in front of Wal-Mart Following our service this morning. Everyone is invited.

NEWS (continued from back page)

Rogers was sick Wednesday night and we had a singing, praying and Scripture reading service—**Kris Ferguson, Jr.** is reported to be making improvement—**Joanne Krier**, Richard Tapparo's sister, who lives in Wisconsin had a stroke about a month ago and is presently in Rehab in the hospital—**Courtney Marshall**, Pat and Relda's daughter-in-law has been diagnosed with Melanoma cancer—**Naomi Copeland's sister, Essie**, is reported to be doing some better at last word—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.*