

NEWS

Charles Kyle begins his treatments tomorrow for the type of leukemia he has. This will be done at the local cancer center—**Enoch Waldrep** had surgery to remove stones from one of his kidneys this past Thursday. He came through that fine and went home the same day—**Wanda Sikes** has continued to recover from the problems she was having and seems to be doing better—**Judy Hinson** continues to be very weak as a result of her recent surgery and is still in pain—**Bob Arnold** had another chemo treatment this past Wednesday. He (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

PREACHERS:

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ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

November 2, 2014

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: **Kenneth Amerson**

Paul Chapman **Andrew Arnold**
Kevin Kanaley **Colton Fulmer**

Sunday Evening

Paul Chapman **Andrew Arnold**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Phil Brown (Opening)

—**Richard Tapparo (Closing)**

PM—Luke Arnold (Opening)

—**Thomas Hockaday (Closing)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—Ken Ferguson

P.M.—Ron Burns

(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 Key to Wise Living

By *Tim Jennings*

“The Fear of the Lord” sounds like one of those lofty topics preachers bellow from the pulpit. Yet, the fear of God is as practical to daily life as putting on one’s shoes.

The value of learning to fear the Lord is seen in the key role it plays in the hands-on book of Proverbs. The thematic statement of Proverbs is, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.” (Prov. 1:7; 9:10; 31:30). This statement flies like a standard over the territory of Proverbs as if to say, “Anyone who walks these paths of wisdom must first know the wonder of its Builder.” Insightful living begins with the right understanding of the Lord.

To “fear the Lord” is to know that no one is His equal. He is “the Lord,” or Yahweh, which means He is the eternally existent One (used nearly 100 times in Proverbs). He is without beginning or end. In addition, Yahweh is God’s covenant name to His people, as the great I AM He is their deliverer, Law-giver and provider. No other counselor can boast such power and love.

Proverbs 9:10 adds another aspect when it says,

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
And the Knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

The fear of the Lord is synonymous with knowing the Holy One. To know the Lord as the Holy One is to see that He is completely transcendent in all His abilities, and superlative in all His character. No man in all his

strength, education, and wealth can begin to approximate the breathtaking nature of the Lord (Jer. 9:23-24).

When we begin to see the Lord as *Yahweh*, the Holy One, all other voices fall into hushed silence. This *is the beginning place of wisdom*.

Surprisingly however, Proverbs teaches that “the fear of the Lord” is not only the starting block in the race for wisdom, but it is also the finish line. All true wisdom has as its goal a deeper reverence for God. The second chapter of Proverbs presents the pursuit of wisdom in dramatic language.

“My son, if you receive my words,
And treasure my commands within you,
So that you incline your ear to wisdom,
And apply your heart to understanding;
Yes, if you cry out for discernment,
And lift up your voice for understanding,
If you see her as silver,
And search for her as for hidden treasure;
Then you will understand the fear of the Lord,
And find the knowledge of God.” (Prov. 2:1-5; see 15:33)

The “fear of the Lord” lies at the beginning and end of a passionate search for wisdom. That is why seeking the Lord

is the wisest thing your will ever do. The more you know Him, the more wisdom you will discover. The more wisdom you discover, the greater you will know Him. The vortex draws one closer and closer to a true understanding of God and life.

The book of Proverbs reveals that the wise life is the result of fearing the Lord. The “fear of the Lord” will cause you to...

Depart From Evil. Sin begins to have a growing repugnancy in contrast to the Holy One. “To fear the Lord is to hate evil.” (Prov. 8:13; also 3:7; 14:16; 16:6). In a sinful world it is easy to be desensitized to its effects, but when we adopt God’s view our hearts begin to experience pain and horror when we see or hear evil.

Live With Integrity. The “fear of the Lord” drives us not only to shun evil, but embrace integrity. “Whoever walks in uprightness fears the Lord, but he who is devious in his ways despises Him.” (Prov. 14:1). The word “uprightness” means “honesty, transparency.” When your greatest concern is what the Lord knows of you, and He knows it all, there is no place for a secret life (Gen. 39:9). What you project is who you are.

Live In Confidence. When you live your life enraptured by all the knowledge of the Holy One the fearful monsters of this world lose their fangs. In all their terror they don’t measure up to His majesty.

You can live your life with confidence and safety. “In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and his children will have refuge. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, That one may avoid the snares of death.” (Prov. 14:26-27; also 10:27; 22:4; 23:17).

Live In Blessing. Ultimately, the blessings that come from setting your compass on the Lord far outweigh the perks of wealth and pleasure. “Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, Than great treasure with trouble.” (Prov. 15:16; 28:14). It charts a course to lasting satisfaction. “The fear of the Lord leads to life, And he who has it will abide in satisfaction.” (Prov. 19:23). At last you find safe harbor in the praise of those who really matter, “Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.” (Prov. 31:30).

No wonder Paul gladly exclaimed, “I count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord.” (Phil. 3:8). What a wise choice!

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A Very Encouraging Meeting!

This past Friday evening we concluded a week of wonderful gospel preaching done by Brother Bubba Garner. And we look forward to having him back as soon as possible. His preaching was scriptural, informative, practical, challenging and interesting. He did us good.

We had good interest and atten-

dance throughout the meeting and a number of visitors.

One Confession

Mollie Ferrell made confession during the meeting of wrongs and asked for prayers of the congregation. We commend her for her courage and for her desire to please her Lord.

Gospel Meetings

Keith Sharp is the speaker at Lancaster, TX, **Oct. 26-31, 7:30 PM.**

Roy Fenner is the speake at Grand Saline, TX., **Oct. 26-29, 7:00 PM.**

Special Ladies Meeting

After the evening service next Sunday, November 2. **All ladies are encouraged to attend.**

Ladies, if you are planning to attend the Ladies Day in January, please sign up on the list in the foyer. Amanda and Emilee need to know how many to plan for.

NEWS (continued from back page) has two more treatments to complete the series—Remember **Kris Ferguson, Jr., Relda Marshall, Michele Williams, Maurine Lee, Pat Brown, Dorothy and Charles Kyle, Deborah Brown, Tammy Willeford, Ronald Stringer, Judy Hinson and Bob Arnold**—Remember our **Shut-ins:** *Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Shirley Ferguson, Lenelle Latimer, Maurine Lee, Irma May, and Lelda Thompson.*