

NEWS

Kris Ferguson, Jr. was admitted again to the Children's Hospital in Dallas. The doctors thought he was having seizures and they need to check him out further—**Amanda, Brodie and Daxon Willeford** have all been sick this past week and were not in our service Wednesday night—**Shirley Duncan** had a procedure done in Tyler this past week to try to find the cause of some stomach problems she has been having—**Judy Hinson** began chemo this past Thursday—**Bob Arnold** will have his final chemo treatment next Wednesday. (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:

November 23, 2014

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Luke Arnold

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

Sunday Evening

Paul Chapman **Andrew Arnold**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Richard Tapparo (Opening)

—**Zach Willeford (Closing)**

PM—Willie Don Davis (Opening)

—**Kenneth Amerson (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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“Let The Bible Speak For Itself”

By Randy Harshbarger

The Bible is a library made up of 66 books, written over a period of some 1600 years, by forty different men. The Bible deals with man's need for salvation. Its message is for all the world. The Bible is “God's power unto salvation” (Rom. 1:16). It can change the hearts of men. It can make weak men strong and sinful men righteous. It can lift our spirits and set us once again on the high road of life.

Great men have commented often on the influence of the Bible. ‘Benjamin Franklin, in responding to Thomas Paine's Age of Reason, said: “Don't publish it (referring to Paine's work). The world is bad enough with the Bible, what would it be without it?” Abraham Lincoln speaking to a friend once during the Civil War said: “I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this book upon reason that you can and the balance upon faith, and you will live and die a better man.”

Inspiration says that God's word is “living and active.” It is sharper than any two-edged sword” (Heb. 4:11-12). The Bible is capable of doing what other writings cannot do. It penetrates. It searches. It brings to light the intents of one's heart, whether real or insincere. The Bible is sharp. It can cut into a person and separate him from sin. It examines and exposes any ulterior motives man might have.

The Bible comes to us from God; it is His word (1 Thess. 2:14). The Bible reveals the mind of Deity (1 Cor. 2:13). Things which man sees, hears, or conceives of cannot save, nor do the ideas of men constitute the mind of God. The Bible draws us closer to God because it reveals something about

God's nature. Paul told the people of Athens that we are the offspring of God (Acts 17:24-25). Man is a spiritual being, made in the image of God. He is capable of fellowship with God. God is not described as a man with man's failures. God is righteous and holy.

The Bible is needed because it is the only authoritative record of God's dealings with mankind. Where would man be without the Bible? Without the Bible there would be no record of how God dealt with man in the past and how He will deal with man now. The Bible is needed because it contains the one and only heaven approved plan of salvation. Men are lost in careless rebellion (Rom. 1:18). The Bible offers help (Isa. 55:6-7). The Bible speaks about God's spiritual family, the church, and man's part in this grand expression of divine wisdom. The Bible tells us how to live. The morality of the Bible will lift and ennoble any people. The Bible offers the only real hope for the world to come.

Let our hearts be stirred by the following words. "Many years ago I entered the wonderful Temple of God's revelation. I entered at the portico of Genesis, walked down through the Old Testament art gallery, where pictures of Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses hung on the walls. I was attracted into the Music Room of the Psalms, where it seemed that every reed and pipe in God's great organ responded to the tuneful harp of David,

the sweetest singer of Israel's race. I passed on into the Chapel of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the Preacher was heard; and into the Conservatory of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley, where sweet spices filled and perfumed my life."

"I entered the Business Office of the Proverbs, then into the Observatory of the Prophets, where I saw telescopes of various sizes; some pointing to far-off events, but all concentrated upon the Bright and Morning Star, which was to rise above the moonlit hills of Judea for salvation. I entered the Audience Room of the King of Kings, where I beheld the vision of His glory, through the inspired eloquence of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. I passed into the Acts of the Apostle, where the infant church was being born. I then traveled into the Correspondence Room where set Paul, Peter, James, John, and Jude, penning their epistles as dictated by the Spirit of God."

"I finally stepped into the Throne Room of Revelation, where I beheld in vision the King of Glory, sitting upon His great white throne; and I heard the chorus of angels as they sang: 'All hail the power of Jesus' name, Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all... Yes, crown Him Lord of all.'"

—Via *Southside church Bulletin*, Sulphur Springs, TX, 10/26/2014.

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And read the following about the Bible!

The Bible - God's Holy Book

The Book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Christ is its subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It is given to you in life, will be open in the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with it holy precepts.

—Author Unknown

===== Wednesday Night Class

And while speaking of the Bible and its importance, I encourage all who are able to join us in our Wednesday night Bible study in the auditorium taught by Jared. This past Wednesday night he began a study of evidence for the reliability of the Bible, why we should believe

in God and the inspiration of the Bible and why we should believe and obey its teachings. This study will be of great benefit and encouragement to all who are present.

===== Upcoming Events

Our **Twelfth Annual Singing** is coming up **Friday night, January 16, 2015, 7:30 PM**. We are looking forward to another full auditorium and some wonderful singing led again by **Tim Stevens, Dane Shepard** and **Todd Dennis**. Keep this in mind and plan to attend.

Our **Weekend Meeting** for 2015 will be **February 13-15**. **Terry Slack**, from the Northwest church in Arlington, TX, and **Tyler Sams** from the Judson Road church in Longview, TX, will be our speakers.

Kris Emerson from Beaumont, TX will be the speaker in our spring meeting **April 19-24, 2015**. Kris is another outstanding young preacher.

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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.*