

**NEWS**

- **Charles Kyle** is recovering from his first treatment for cancer. He will undergo his next treatment on December 1.
- **Christine Davis** was taken to the hospital this past week with a low oxygen level in her blood and fluid around her heart.
- **Judy Hinson** is recovering from her chemotherapy treatments and is at home if you would like to call or visit.
- **Sandra Kay** has been ill the past several weeks.
- **Bob Arnold** underwent his final (hopefully!) chemotherapy treatment this past Wednesday.

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**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 30, 2014**

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

**Scripture: Pat Marshall**  
**Paul Chapman**      **Andrew Arnold**  
**Kevin Kanaley**      **Colton Fulmer**

**Sunday Evening**  
**Paul Chapman**      **Andrew Arnold**  
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**PRAYERS**  
**Sun. AM—Ron Traugher** (Opening)  
           —Alec Capel (Closing)  
**PM—Kendall Johnson** (Opening)  
           —Bob Arnold (Closing)  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**A.M.—Ken Ferguson**  
**P.M.—Ron Burns**  
 (call Pat Marshall if unable to serve)

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**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.

# Southside Church of Christ

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## Whose Side Are You On?

*By Charles Willis*

I am always impressed with football season. Not that I love football so much, but witnessing the passion of fans. While living in Knoxville, I was overwhelmed with how many were fans of the University of Tennessee Volunteers. In the first few months we were there we saw people driving custom painted bright orange vehicles! I remain impressed at fans when looking at aerial shots of stadiums on game day—viewing a sea of team color. At most high school stadiums there is a “home side” and “visitor side.” In the larger collegiate and professional stadiums it is assumed everyone is rooting for the home team. - the visiting team fans often stick out because of their enthusiasm for the wrong team.

As Christians, we are not fans of a team. We are participants. We are soldiers in the army. God demands from each of us a loyalty that is not questioned. “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other” (Matt. 6:24). “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength” (Mark 12:30). “Now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again” (Gal. 4:9)? “But My righteous one shall live by faith; and if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him. But we are

not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul” (Heb. 10:38-39). Peter said he would “never fall away” (Matt. 26:33), yet he did. We must “be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58). We understand the concept of team loyalty, but often fail to see how God expects our loyalty to Him and His way.

**Our Loyalties Are Observable By Others.** They can hear our loyalty (or lack of it) in our language. They can see our loyalty in our behavior (when we go to assemblies – Heb. 10:25, when we dress modestly – 1 Tim. 2:9, when we discipline our children – Eph. 6:4, when we read our Bible – Rom. 10:17, when we refuse to go with them into sin – 1 Pet. 4:4). Even more, our loyalty is recognized by others as evidenced in our character. They see we are different from the world. “Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have” (Heb. 13:5). “Do nothing from sel-fishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves” (Phil. 2:3). “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have

crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another” (Gal. 5:22-26).

**Our Disloyalty Is Observable By Others.** They hear us saying how we love God, yet we do not obey Him (John 14:15). They hear us speak of our trust in Him, yet observe us worrying about the cares of life (Matt. 6:25-33) [worries which can choke the word – Matt. 13:22]. We speak of what the truth of God means to us, yet they never see us reading it or quoting it. Our sin is apparent to the world. They watch us closely to see if we walk as a child of light, “for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth” (Eph. 5:8-9). “By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother” (1 John 3:10).

**Conclusion** Men rely on what is observable, but God sees our heart. We will never fool God. He knows those that are His (2 Ti. 2:19)! Let us be diligent in righteousness. In every aspect of our life (thoughts, words, actions, character), let us demonstrate whose side we are on!

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To Christ be loyal and be true;  
In noble service prove  
Your faith and your fidelity,  
the fervor of your love.  
To Christ the Lord, be true,  
For He will go with you  
And help you all your conflicts through;  
To Christ the Lord be true.

(To Christ Be True – hymn by Elisha Homan and Daniel Wilson, verse 3)

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**Directory Update**

Please add the following information to your directories.

Carlos Barnes  
178 County Road 2933  
Pittsburg, TX 75686  
205-681-5653 (Long Distance)

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**Thanksgiving**

“Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things!

And blessed be His glorious name forever!

And let the whole earth be filled with His glory.

Amen and Amen.

**Psalms 72:18-19**

**Upcoming Events**

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

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

**Kris Emerson** from Beaumont, TX will be the speaker in our spring meeting **April 19-24, 2015**. Kris is an outstanding speaker and preacher of God’s Word.

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**NEWS** (continued from back page)

- Continue to remember **Christopher Ferguson Jr., Relda Marshall, Michele Williams, Maurine Lee, Pat Brown, Dorothy Kyle, Judy Hinson, Deborah Brown, Tammy Willeford, Shirley Ferguson, Ronald Stringer, and Bob Arnold**.
- Remember our **Shut-ins**: *Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Maurine Lee, Irma May, Lelda Thompson, Lanelle Latimer*.
- Be Safe and have a Happy Thanksgiving