

NEWS

Edwin Lee, brother-in-law to Tom Davis and Emily Latson, passed away last Tuesday morning and his funeral service was Thursday afternoon. We express our sincere sympathy to Tom, Emily and the entire family—**Catherine, Brantley and Zachary Moss** have all been sick this past week and not in our services—**Shirley Duncan, Jennifer Arnold, and Melita Rivers** were all sick Wednesday night and not in our service—**Judy Hinson** and **Charles Kyle** continue their treatments. Continue to pray for their success. (continued on page 3)

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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:

January 18, 2015

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Kenneth Amerson

Luke Arnold **Andrew Arnold**
Tom Davis **Colton Fulmer**

Sunday Evening

Luke Arnold **Andrew Arnold**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Ken Ferguson (Opening)

—**Ron Burns (Closing)**

PM—Kendall Johnson (Opening)

—**Thomas Hockaday (Closing)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—Leon Goff

P.M.—Paul Chapman

(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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12th Annual Singing

Next Friday January 16, 2015

7:30 p.m.

**Song Directors: Tim Stevens,
Dane Shepard and Todd Dennis**

Southside Church of Christ
1220 E. Ferguson Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, TX

(Intersection of Hwy 49 and Alexander Rd.)

The Mission of Jesus

Sewell Hall

Jesus plainly stated his mission in **Luke 19:10**: “*The son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.*” He ministered to the temporal needs of many, but this was never his mission.

Since seeking and saving the lost was his mission, there is no record of his seeking the hungry or sick or handicapped. Those he served were those who came to him or those he saw “*as He passed by*” (**John 9:1**). He stilled tempests, but He was not a storm chaser.

Since seeking and saving the lost was His mission, He did not allow anything to distract him. Early one morning after a day of healing, “*the crowd sought Him and came to Him and tried to keep Him from leaving them; but He said to them, ‘I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent’*” (**Luke 4:42-43**).

Since seeking and saving the lost was his mission, He did not publicize His social service. In fact, more than once after a healing, “*He commanded them that they should tell no one*” (**Mark 7:36; also 1:44; 3:12; 5:43**).

Since seeking the lost was his mission, He taught all who would listen in the places He visited, but He did not heal all who were sick (**Mark 6:5-6**).

Since seeking the lost was his mission, He refused to feed those whose only interest was in “*the food that perishes,*” but had no interest in the “*living bread*” (**John 6:26-66**).

Since seeking and saving the lost was His mission, He did not heal or feed the hungry in other parts of the world during his life, though He could have done so. Since seeking and saving the lost was His mission, He did not provide for healing or feeding anyone in future ages.

Since seeking and saving the lost was His mission, He did not set up a fund or seek financial assistance from others to do His healing and feeding work.

Since seeking and saving the lost was His mission, He did not form some kind of foundation or establish some kind of institution for social work in the future.

Christ’s mission to earth was not intended to leave mankind with a higher standard of living or longer life expectancy; if so, he completely failed. Rather he left mankind the gospel, “*the power of God unto salvation*” (**Romans 1:16**). This He commissioned to be taken to “*all the nations*” and preached “*till the end of the age*” (**Matthew 28:18-20**). In the salvation of mankind through the gospel his mission would be accomplished and “*all*

be blessed” (**Genesis 18:18**).

Since seeking the lost was His mission, the one thing he did establish was “*the church of the living God,*” and its mission is to be “*the pillar and ground of the truth*” (**1 Timothy 3:15**). He did not commission it to engage in general social work at home or abroad. Its mission is primarily spiritual, a mirror of His own mission. Worldly people are not impressed with such a mission, but the goal of Jesus was not to impress the world, but to save it.

But what about poor, sick, and oppressed people in the world? Not all will be cared for, even as Jesus foresaw when he said, “*The poor you have always with you*” (**John 12:8**). Many will be cared for, however, just as they were in the days of Jesus, not by organized group activity but by Christ-like individuals who, as they have opportunity, will “*do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith*” (**Galatians 6:10**).

Local churches were organized by the Lord “*for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ*” (**Ephesians 4:12-13**). When saints begin to attain “*to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,*” they will do as Christ did. This is essential to Christlikeness; it is pure religion (**James 1:27**).

But, as was true of Jesus, it is not our mission to wipe out poverty or sickness; our mission, like His, is “*to seek and save the lost.*” And may we be as focused as He was

on the accomplishment of this mission, while not failing to reach a helping hand to those we meet who need physical assistance!

—Via Cyfair church Bulletin

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Upcoming Events

Our **Twelfth Annual Singing** is coming up next **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** from Kemp, TX, **Dane Shepard** from Blanchard, OK, and **Todd Dennis** from Maumelle, AR. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend and enjoy an evening of congregational singing.

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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NEWS (continued from back page)

—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.*