

NEWS

William White had back surgery Wednesday in Tyler and came through the surgery fine. He came home Thursday and is sore and resting—Daxon Willeford has had the flu this past week which kept the Willefords out of services—Thomas and Reve Hockaday were both sick with upper respiratory infections last week and were not in the Sunday or Wednesday services—Deloris Traugher was in the local hospital Thursday and Friday with blood pressure and low salt issues—Mary Fulmer, Colton’s grandmother, passed away week before last and her funeral was in Winnsboro last (continued on page 3)

ELDERS:
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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:
Jared Rogers 717-3788
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**ASSIGNMENTS FOR:
March 15, 2015**

**Serving The Lord’s Supper
Sunday Morning**
Scripture: Alec Capel

Pat Marshall Ken Ferguson
Chris Hill Enoch Waldrep

Sunday Evening
Pat Marshall Ken Ferguson

PRAYERS
Sun. AM—Paul Chapman (Opening)
—Charles Davis (Closing)
PM—Phil Brown (Opening)
—Luke Arnold (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS
A.M.—Leon Goff
P.M.—Bob Arnold

(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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Courageous Faith

By Paul Earnhart

“For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline. Be not ashamed of the testimony of the Lord, nor of me his prisoner; but suffer hardship with the gospel according to the power of God” (2 Timothy 1:7-8).

The Prussian king Frederick the Great was widely known as an agnostic. In striking contrast, one of his most trusted officers, General Von Zealand, was a deeply convicted believer. It is reported that during a very festive gathering of his general staff, the king created uproarious laughter with his crude jokes about the Son of God. Finally, after enduring this with much patience, Von Zealand arose quietly and addressed the king: “Sire, you know that I have not feared death. I have fought and won 38 battles for you. I am an old man; I shall soon have to go into the presence of one greater than you, the mighty God who saved me from sin, the Lord Jesus Christ whom you are blaspheming. I salute you, sire, as an old man who loves his Saviour, on the edge of eternity.”

The room went deathly still, and with a trembling voice the king replied, “General Von Zealand—I beg your pardon! I beg your pardon!” And with that the party quietly ended.

It took courage for an old Prussian general to stand alone before his king and amidst his scoffing fellow officers and announce boldly and without shame his own deep faith in that God and His Son whom they were blaspheming, but that is just the kind of faith which being a follower of Christ requires. We cannot serve Him and be ashamed of Him, no matter

what the odds or the dangers.

So many have stood entirely alone in defense of their confidence in the true God. Noah is a remarkable example. It is difficult to conceive the loneliness of being, with your family, the only one on earth who genuinely believed in God. (This may have included his father, Lamech, and grandfather, Methuselah, who, if the genealogy is complete, died just before the flood.) But Noah was not only steadfast, he was bold, preaching earnestly to warn his contemporaries of a rapidly approaching disaster (2 Peter 2:5)—and at last, in the final 100 years before the deluge, rearing three sons who shared his singular faith so strongly that they were able to convert their wives (2 Peter 2:5). What laughter and contempt his boat and his preaching must have provoked can be easily imagined. Noah’s was a faith that blossomed in a spiritual desert against incredible odds.

Abraham was a kindred spirit. What amusement and disdain must have followed him out of Ur of the Chaldees as he left that pagan, but prosperous, city to go to some place about which he knew absolutely nothing! The only explanation he could offer was that he went at the behest of the true and living God, risking everything on His promises. Folks that worshiped the likes of Nannar the moon-god would not have been much impressed. Abraham was all alone in his faith, a solitary figure walking out on apparent thin

air. It is no marvel that he is called “*the father of the faithful.*”

And then there is Joseph—friendless in Egypt, with the vivid memory of his brothers’ hate and the heart-break of a presumed abandonment by his once doting father. He could easily have felt forsaken by God as well—all those dreams and visions, and now this! Whether Potiphar’s wife was a beauty or a hag is not stated by Moses, but the young Joseph, in the flower of his manhood and perhaps on the edge of despair, was certainly vulnerable to her seductions. We marvel, therefore, at the courage of his lonely, but unyielding, faith when he resists her with the words: “*How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?*” (Genesis 39:9). How he honored the God of his fathers!

And finally there is Moses and Joshua and Elijah and Jeremiah and Daniel and the “three Hebrew children” and John the Baptist and the Twelve and Paul. The list is long. But our names need to be added to it. We need a holy boldness about God and His Son as we live amidst a perverse generation, an open and unashamed conviction that attaches itself not only to who Jesus is, but to what He says— “*the testimony of the Lord.*”

There is a very good reason why we need to be uncomfortable with a faith that fades and wilts and falls back at the first hint of social disapproval. Jesus said,

“*Whoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man also shall be ashamed of him, when He comes in the glory of His Father and with His holy angels*” (Mark 8:38). Must we have a supportive crowd before our convictions find a voice, or do we have the courage to speak up for Christ and the gospel even when we stand alone? It is a critical question which all of us must honestly face.

—*Cyfair Church of Christ Family News and Notes, 2/22/15*

One Places Membership

Jerry Wildman made it known last Sunday morning that he desired to be recognized as member of the Southside church. He has just moved here from Evansville, IN. We welcome him into our spiritual family here at Southside and we look forward to our fellowship and work together for years to come. Jerry is Jennifer Arnold’s fiancé and they are planning to be married May 1. We wish them much happiness and success as they live their lives together in service to the Lord. We will have more information concerning Jerry’s address and phone number later.

Our Spring Meeting

Kris Emerson from Beaumont, TX will be the speaker in our spring meeting **April 19-24, 2015**. Kris is another outstanding young preacher. He works with the Dowlen Road church of Christ in

Beaumont along with Max Dawson and Benjamin Lee. Let’s all be making our plans to be in every service and praying for the success of the meeting.

Monthly Ladies Class

Will meet **next Thursday night, March 12, at 6:00 PM at Dinah Arnold’s house**. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.

Ladies Day CDs

If you would like CDs of the Ladies Day lessons sign up on the list on the table in the foyer.

News (continued from back page)
Sunday. We express our sincere sympathy to Colton and loved ones—**Richard Tapparo** had some severe chest pains week before last, went to the emergency room, was checked out and was cleared of having heart issues—**Vivian Stroman** was not feeling well last Sunday and was not in our services—**Chris Hill** was also sick last Sunday and not in the services—**Alma Goff** had arthroscopic knee surgery a week ago Thursday and is doing well—Remember **Kris Ferguson, Jr., Relda Marshall, Pat Brown, Dorothy and Charles Kyle, Deborah Brown, Tammy Willeford, and Judy Hinson**—Remember our **Shut-ins: Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Shirley Ferguson, Lenelle Latimer, Maurine Lee, Irma May, and Lelda Thompson.**