

NEWS

Lisa Caldwell, Joyce Williams' daughter who lives in the Atlanta, TX area, has an aneurysm behind her eye which requires surgery which is not yet scheduled. They have asked for our prayers—**Pat Marshall** is having back problems and was not in our service Wednesday night—**William White** was back in our service last Sunday after being out for a few weeks because of back surgery—**Melita Rivers** left Thursday morning to visit with her daughter and family in North Carolina—Let's continue to thank God for the (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:

April 12, 2015

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Thomas Hockaday

Alec Capel Zach Willeford
Stephen Hall Chris Stone

Sunday Evening

Alec Capel Zach Willeford

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Bob Arnold (Opening)
—James Johnson (Closing)
PM—Ron Burns (Opening)
—Jerry Wildman (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—Paul Chapman
P.M.—Pat Marshall

(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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On Loving Our Enemies

By Gary Henry

“For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet you brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?” (Matthew 5:46-47).

LOVING THOSE WHO HAVE HARMED US IS ONE OF THE SIMPLEST THINGS JESUS EVER COMMANDED, AND ONE OF THE HARDEST. It's simple because it's very basic and goes right to the heart of what's important in life. Yet it's hard because it goes so strongly against the grain of the worldly thinking to which we're accustomed.

It should be noted that our ideas are often quite naïve concerning the meaning and practice of loving our enemies. Whatever it does mean, loving our enemies doesn't mean that we enjoy being in their presence or have a warm, fuzzy feeling when we think about them. It doesn't mean that we practice the same social relationship with them that we'd be able to practice if they repented of their wrongs. And it doesn't mean that we never cry out to God for justice to be done. David, for example, loved his enemies with a remarkable love, as evidenced by his treatment of Saul, his worst enemy (2 Samuel 1:17-27). It was not inconsistent, however, for David to pray, “Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake! For your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. In Your mercy cut off my enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul; for I am Your servant” (Psalm 143:11-12).

The key is that David had learned to see his enemies in the same

light that God did, with both love and a respect for justice. If our enemies refuse to repent of their wrongs, we should not only accept God's justice but long for it to be done (Revelation 6:10). At the same time, we should be willing to make significant sacrifices, as God did, to make their return from sin possible. God did more than talk about loving His enemies; He went so far as to sacrifice His Son's life for them. What treasure would we sacrifice — truly sacrifice — to promote the salvation of our enemies?

Worldly relationships are built on mutual goodwill, but God has set His people a much higher goal. If we're among His people, we must act with love and justice even when these aren't reciprocated.

"It is a small thing to wish well and do well to one who has done you no evil. It is far greater — a magnificent goodness — to love your enemy, and to wish and do well to one who is trying to harm you" (Augustine of Hippo).

—Wordpoints.com

Why I Go To Every Service Of The Church

I Go To Every Service Of The Church Because I Am Made Stronger. Power is given in worship to live a nobler life (Acts 20:32). There, is the sweetest fellowship on earth. Why should I want to miss ANY service?

I Go To Every Service Of The Church

Because God Wants The Church To Grow (cf. Acts 2:47; 4:4). The church always grows when members put God first by loyal attendance. Here is a way all can help in the finest work on earth.

I Go To Every Service Of The Church To Set A Good Example. Many look my way and follow in my steps (Matthew 5:14-16). Influence is either good or bad. Any hour the church meets, my influence is either with or against Christ.

I Go To Every Service Of The Church To Prove My Love And Gratitude. One who truly loves God does not ask if he must attend all services. His love compels him to do so! If I show love to God by my attendance, I show a lack of love by my absence (Matthew 22:37-39).

I Go To Every Service Of The Church To Obey God. The Bible says, "*forsake not the assembling of yourselves together*" (Hebrews 10:25). Any service where the Bible is taught, prayers are offered, and God is worshiped, is good, and "*to him that knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin*" (James 4:17). If it is good to be present for all services, it is bad to be absent from any.

I Go To Every Service Of The Church To Put First Things First. Jesus said, "*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness*" (Matthew 6:33). The Kingdom of God includes the church of the Lord. My Lord demands that I make His king-

dom (rule) my life's priority.

I Go To Every Service Of The Church Because It Is Safe To Do So. All who forsake an assembly wonder if they sin, but I know I am safe in attending EVERY service the church plans (Rom. 14:21-23).

I Go To Every Service Of The Church To Abound In The Lord's Work (1 Corinthians 15:58). A true Christian wants to do ALL he can and not as LITTLE as he can. Since the assemblies of the church are vital, I must abound in attendance.

—Mark White, Cyfair Bulletin

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.

One of the things involved in personal evangelism is inviting people to come and hear the preaching of the gospel. This is something we all can do. Let's invite our relatives, friends, work associates and anyone we have the opportunity to. Let's give them a friendly and cordial invitation to hear Kris preach.

Some colorful flyer cards are being prepared to use in inviting people.

Gospel Meetings

Dale Hendricks is the speaker in the meeting at the Main and Gay church in **Gladewater, TX** this week, **Sunday through Wednesday, April 5—8, 7:30** weeknights.

Wilson Adams will be the speaker in a meeting at the Franklin Drive church in **Texarkana, AR** starting next Sunday, **April 12** and going through Wednesday the **15th**. Services weeknights at **7:00**.

Singing Friday Night April 10th

Also at Franklin Drive in Texarkana just before their meeting. This will also begin at **7:00 PM**.

Leon Goff

Is in a meeting with the Green Meadows church in San Angelo, TX this week, Sunday through Wednesday.

News (continued from back page) recovery of some of our members from serious illnesses, and to continue to pray for those still having problems—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.*