

NEWS

Johnny Willeford, Zach's father, has been suffering from kidney stones and may have part of his glands which produce calcium removed—**Susan Beard's father** is in the hospital in Tyler (ETMC we believe) with a mass and internal bleeding. Susan and her daughter, Carrie, and grandson, Andrew, have been in our Sunday morning services a number of times. They live in Pittsburg—**Pat and Relda Marshall** leave tomorrow to go to Tennessee to visit with Brooke and family. **Tyler** leaves Tuesday for another deployment in the (continued on page 3)

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Bob Arnold 563-2977
Leon Goff 572-6809
Kendall Johnson 572-9306

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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:

April 19, 2015

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Phil Brown

Alec Capel **Zach Willeford**
Stephen Hall **Chris Stone**

Sunday Evening

Alec Capel **Zach Willeford**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Randy Blackmon (Opening)

—**Charles Davis (Closing)**

PM—Richard Tapparo (Opening)

—**William White (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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You're Invited to Hear

The Preaching of the Gospel

By

Kris Emerson

From Beaumont, TX

April 19—24, 2015

Sunday— 9:45 AM Bible Class

10:30 AM Worship

6:00 PM Evening Worship

Monday — Friday— 7:30 PM

Tuesday — Thursday— 10:00 AM

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Why The Long Face?

By Kris Emerson

Nobody likes bad jokes; but I'm going to share one with you anyway. Did you ever hear about the little girl on the farm who asked her mom if their donkey was a Christian? The mom responded, "Why would you ask that?" The girl quickly said, "Because he has such a loooong face." Oooh, that's not funny at all, is it? But sadly, it does represent a reality among God's people at times. Often Christians make tough choices for Christ, and come to worship the King, but do so with a look on their face as if they were in a chain gang or something. Lord willing, next week in our series of sermons, we want to help turn those frowns upside down...for good.

For centuries God sustained his relationship with Israel through a series of law requirements. He instituted yearly and periodic feasts and celebrations to keep up the spirits of the people. However, there was always something missing that could truly transform them into a people of constant and humble celebration.

So, as recorded in **Luke 4:16-21**, Jesus sat among the Jews, asked for the book of Isaiah, read it and then said something that has changed the world forever:

"And the book of Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release among the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.' And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Amen? God has always had in view "the favorable year of the Lord." It is an age of jubilation and a time of incredible blessings and peace. Jesus brought that age into being by His coming, His death, His resurrection, and His present rule; and there is nothing, not one single thing, concerning which our faces should be long. Sure, times are often tough and we suffer sacrifice and loss here. But none of that diminished the glory of the kingdom in which we find our hope and the promises at the end of this age of jubilee.

Let's celebrate. Let's sing and pray and study and...smile while we do it! God is good. Christ is ruling. Blessings are renewed and heaven is in view. Thank you for allowing me to come and work with you next week. May our gracious God be glorified, and may our hearts be filled with joy as we worship Him.

Our Spring Meeting

Kris Emerson from Beaumont, TX will be the speaker in our spring meeting starting next Sunday, **April 19** and going through Friday, the **24**. 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 prepared to use in inviting people.

Meal List

A meal list for Kris Emerson is attached to the bulletin board. If you wish to have Kris for a meal in your home or by taking him out sign your name to the list.

Gospel Meetings

Wilson Adams will be the speaker in a meeting at the Franklin Drive church in **Texarkana, AR** starting today, Sunday, **April 12** and going through Wednesday

the **15th**. Services weeknights at **7:00**.

Bob Archer is the speaker in a meeting at the **Judson Road church in Longview**, this week Sunday through Wednesday, **April 12-15, 7:00** weeknights.

Jim McDonald is speaking Sunday and Monday and **Jim Smelser** is speaking Tuesday and Wednesday this week, **April 12-15**, at the **Hillside church in Greenville, TX, 7:00** weeknights.

Truth is Narrow

Truth is narrow. It will allow no mixture of error. Two plus two equals four. Any other answer is false. Eleven inches do not make a foot, nor do fifteen ounces make a pound.

God's truth, likewise, is narrow. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Again, "Sanctify them through thy word, thy word is truth" (John 8:32; 17:17). **Nothing but the truth, God's word, will make men free from sin. Believe and obey a lie and you shall be damned (2 Thess. 2:12; 1 Kings 13). Make sure that what you believe and practice in religion is true.**

—Selected, *Good News*

News (continued from back page) Middle East. They are requesting our prayers—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.**