

NEWS

Beverly Amerson became sick Wednesday night during our service and she and Kenneth went home. She was feeling better by Thursday afternoon—**Zach, Brodie and Daxon Willeford** were all sick Wednesday night and they and Amanda were not in our service—**Wanda Sikes** was sick last Sunday and not in our services, but she was back with us Wednesday night—**Melita Rivers** was not feeling well Wednesday night and was not in our service—**James Johnson** has not been feeling well with a cough and congestion and was not (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:
Jared Rogers 717-3788
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**ASSIGNMENTS FOR:
June 14, 2015**

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

Scripture: Kendall Johnson
Jerry Wildman **Ken Ferguson**
Chris Stone **Enoch Waldrep**

Sunday Evening
Jerry Wildman **Ken Ferguson**

PRAYERS
Sun. AM—Wille Don Davis (Opening)
—Ricky Davis (Closing)
PM—Richard Tapparo (Opening)
—Randy Blackmon (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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A Great Evangelistic Tool By Scott Smelser

I think it works better than radio, better than auto-dialers, better than showings of Jule Miller filmstrips, better than mailing out a bulletin, better than Dial-a-Bible-Reading, better than debates, better than cable TV.

What is it? It's brethren not being conformed to the world. If a church is made up of people who understand 184 current and past issues correctly, but their lives do not show superior conduct, servitude, and holiness, don't expect an auto dialer, computer, printer, broadcast antenna, or cable to compensate for the failure.

When church members think like the world, dress like the world, talk like the world, and chase money and status symbols like the world, it is the world that is winning them, not the other way around.

When church members are selfish, egotistical, arrogant, and shallow, then they are not in a position to help the world to a higher plane.

If our families are splitting up, our children are dropping out, and our homes are little different from our neighbors then our "light" gets rather difficult to notice.

But if people learn self-denial (Lk. 9:23), learn submission to God and care for our neighbor (Matt. 22), learn to be servants (Jn. 13), learn to be content (1 Tim. 6:8), learn to invest in family (Titus 2:5; Eph. 6:4; Prov. 22:6), and learn to clean out the inside of the cup, not just the outside (Matt. 23), then bright lights will shine.

“Ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a people for God’s own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...having our behavior seemly among the Gentiles; that...they may glorify God” (1 Pet. 2:9-12).

“Present your bodies as living sacrifices, holy acceptable to God...and be not fashioned according to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Rom. 12:1,2). We are not called simply to know some things different from the world — we are called to rise above the world and to *“be holy”* (1 Pet. 1:15). And when people become that kind of light in the world, they become great evangelistic tools in God’s service.

And it will far exceed the effect of debates, radio, TV, and mail outs.

Make sure your light is shining brightly

—*Good News*, Timberland Drive,
Lufkin, TX

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Pay Attention

By Frank Himmel

A man was killed on the local freeway recently. Police report that he first got his car entangled in the cable barrier in the median. He managed to get out safely, but he then walked into oncoming traffic - all the while talking on his cell phone!

This article is not about how distracting and dangerous cell phones are to drivers. It is about allowing ourselves to be distracted on the journey through life. Bad things happen when we are not paying attention, among them...

Sin. *“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour”* (2 Pet. 5:8). Satan is subtle. He tries to catch us off guard. If we are not careful, sin is the result with all its ugly consequences. 1 Corinthians 10:12 sounds a warning to overconfident brethren who think they can toy with temptation and not be affected: *“Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.”*

Lost Opportunities. *“So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith”* (Gal. 6:10). What if we are not looking for those opportunities? What if we are focused mostly on self. We will be goats in Jesus’ shepherd picture of judgment: *“Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?”* (Matt. 25:44). The goats went to eternal punishment (v. 46).

False Teaching. Paul warned the Ephesians elders, *“I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and*

from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be on the alert...” (Acts 20:29-31). Our shepherds must be watchful, yet each of us is responsible to avoid the wolves. John wrote, *“For many deceivers have gone out into the world... Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward”* (2 John 7-8).

Lack of Readiness. *“Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming”* (Matt. 24:32). May God help us all not to be distracted by the scenery or “fall asleep at the wheel” in His service.

—Raymore MO church Bulletin

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Vacation Bible School 2015

June 29 — July 2 are the dates for our Vacation Bible School this year. There will be Bible classes for all ages including adults. The sessions will be from **10:00 to 11:30 AM** each morning. We need to begin making our plans to be in each possible session, and we need to be inviting all we can. Let’s all benefit from this series of studies.

A work time for VBS will be on Thursday, June 18, at 5:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to help with all the preparations that have to be made. There is much work to prepare for the children’s classes in addition to study.

Gospel Meeting

Kris Emerson will be the speaker at the 2828 W. Campbell Rd. church, Garland, TX, next weekend, **June 12—14**. Services are Friday 7:30 PM; Saturday 10:30 AM and 2:00 PM and regular times on Sunday.

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Congratulations to the Rogers

Bennett Alexander Rogers arrived last Monday evening weighing 8 lbs. 3 ozs. 20 1/2 inches long. Mother and son and even Dad are doing well and plan to be in our service this morning. We are happy for them and all their loved ones.

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Dane Stansell’s Information

Last week we announced Dane’s baptism. His address is 1812 E. First St, Mt. Pleasant, and his cell phone number is 903-305-1644.

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News (continued from back page) in our service Wednesday night—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.*