

NEWS

Weldon Stone, Chris' grandfather, passed away, resulting from a fall, Wednesday morning and his funeral service was conducted in Paris, TX yesterday morning. We express our sincere sympathy to Chris and all of his loved ones—**Marilyn Horton**, Larry Bilbo's sister, who was seriously injured in an auto accident, is making some improvement. She is a member of the Timberland Drive church in Lufkin—**James Johnson** was not in our service Wednesday night due to not feeling well. He has been having congestion and a cough. (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:

June 21, 2015

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Alec Capel

Jerry Wildman **Ken Ferguson**
Chris Stone **Enoch Waldrep**

Sunday Evening

Jerry Wildman **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)

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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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What Makes you Different Makes You Beautiful

By Rickie Jenkins

Bill Cosby was noted for telling his children, "Remember who you are." When they became teenagers he said, "Don't tell anybody who you are."

Kids see mistakes parents make. They see our inconsistencies. Sunday mornings can be hurried and filled with frenzy. We insist they hurry. We have our hands around their neck telling them, "You hurry up so we can go to worship and learn about the "Love of God."

Nothing teaches us perseverance and endurance like bringing children into the world. I remember when both of our children were born. It was 12 hours of sheer hard labor, crying, screaming, pain and excruciating waiting. And, then there was Jody.

Years ago Olympic champion Jackie Joyner Cursy was competing for her last time. The commentator began to describe how old she was, how her aging legs could not perform like they did in her youth. She proceeded to jump 24 feet in the long jump competition. So much for tired legs.

You are only as strong as you allow yourself to be; never get discouraged, never give up because consistency & dedication is the key to success.

What makes us important? Looks? Intelligence? Years ago, Brooke Shields speaking about an Anti-Smoking campaign said, "Cigarettes kill you. If killed you have lost an important part of your life." True!

1:27-28). But, we have stained that image (Rom. 3:23). God did not give up. He provided a way that we can be made new. He offered redemption (Rom. 3:24-26). Now we can be a new creation, His special creation to bring forth good works (2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:10). Further, we can be transformed into the image of Christ to regain that image stained by sin (2 Cor. 3:18).

Christians are not like everyone else. We are different. Remember your story of coming to Christ? Remember when you had the burden of your heart rolled away? Remember how you felt with the relief of guilt? Now look in the mirror. Who do you see? Satan or Christ?

What makes us beautiful? We are beautiful not because of what others think of us externally. Can we please learn that? Seriously! Young people and older people think it is the external that makes them beautiful. They endanger their health with anorexia and bulimia trying to attain the external that the

*You were created in God's image. God makes no mistakes.
To put yourself down for the way you are is to insult God's handiwork.*

You are beautiful.

world says is beautiful. Yes, I realize those two diseases are more complicated than that but that is part of the aim. It is not how tall, thin or fit we are that makes us in the image of God. It is the inner man. There is no perfect body for a woman or a man. Even the inner man will never be flawless, but the inner man can be complete.

We are not beautiful because of how others accept us or approve of what we do. We are not beautiful because we make others smile or laugh or feel good. We are beautiful of what God makes us.

It does not matter what others think of us. It is not how others judge us. It matters what God thinks of us. Our beauty comes from how God views us. Our self esteem comes from inside. Grow from the inside out (Psalm 17:15; 1 Pet. 3:1-7). —*Focus Online*

Strange

The world should think us strange. After all, our principles have changed from theirs to a whole different set of values and guiding principles.

1 Peter 4:3-5: *“For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles — when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.”*

We changed from a set of values guided by selfish lusts and desires, worldly aims, and pride to a relationship with a Holy God that matters more now to us than anything else. Whereas we “fit in” before, we cannot enjoy the profanity, the drinking, the immodesty and lasciviousness that guided and controlled our hearts before. Now we “fit in” with holy people,

but no longer fit in with worldly people.

We must not fear being different and even being rejected as “strange” to worldly people. Woe to us if all men speak well of us. If we can fit in with everyone we are able to do what Jesus could not do.

Jesus was misunderstood. He was strange by other people’s standards. We would rather be strange to people than strange to God and His will. The Early Church was misunderstood. They did not set on a mission to be despised and rejected, but when their own internal values changed so drastically to “proving what is acceptable to the Lord” instead of “conforming to the world” (Rom. 12:1-3) they became “strange” to former friends.

Previously we were estranged from Christ and had nothing in common with His holiness. Now, our sense of holiness has changed our sense of modesty and dress, our vocabulary and choice of words, our places of interest, our activities and behavior is in a growing process. Now those we once had so much in common with are thinking us strange that we do not run with them, drink with them, dance with them, talk like them, or think like them. We are strange to our old way of living, thinking, dressing, talking, but we love the new things we have come to know and enjoy in Christ. Everything is new, different and better. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Now we think it strange that we were so blind for so long, and wish others could have their eyes opened by the gospel. Don’t be afraid or ashamed of being strange to the world. We should be ashamed if we are not.

—Terry Benton, *Good News*

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.

News (continued from back page)
—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.*