

## NEWS

**Irma May** fell last Monday and was admitted to the local hospital. She didn't break anything but bruised herself up. She is in Skilled Nursing on the 4th floor and taking some therapy—**Peggy Young**, former member of Southside who in recent years has been living in Nacogdoches, TX and a member of the Stallings Drive church, passed away Friday. Her funeral service will be in Nacogdoches and the burial will at the Monticello Cemetery tomorrow at 4:30—**Carlos Barnes** was sick Wednesday night and not in our—continued on page 3)

### ELDERS:

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

### DEACONS:

**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:

**June 28, 2015**

#### Serving The Lord's Supper

##### Sunday Morning

Scripture: Andrew Arnold

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

##### Sunday Evening

**Jerry Wildman**      **Ken Ferguson**

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### PRAYERS

**Sun. AM—William White (Opening)**  
—James Johnson (Closing)  
**PM--Thomas Hockaday (Opening)**  
—Willie Don Davis (Closing)

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### 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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You're Invited To Our

## Vacation Bible School

Next Week, June 29— July 2, 2015

10:00 — 11:30 AM

Monday through Thursday

Theme: "The Fruit of the Spirit"

(Classes for all ages, Including Adults)

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# Sky-Diving and Mark 16:16

By Reagan McClenny

A sky-diving instructor looked out over his class and said, “He who wears a parachute and opens it will live; but he who does not wear a parachute will die.”

Can we understand what one needs to do to survive sky-diving based on this statement? Does this statement make *opening* the parachute any less essential to surviving sky-diving than *wearing* the parachute? Is it necessary (and does it make sense) to add “and does not open it” to the second phrase so it would read “he who does not wear a parachute and does not open it will die?” Is opening the parachute even possible on the part of the sky-diver if he or she is not wearing one?

How easy these questions are to answer—so why do we complicate it when it comes to the scriptures?

**“Mark 16:16 “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”**

*Mark 16:16, a verse often quoted to prove baptism is necessary for salvation, is actually a proof of the opposite. Notice that the basis for condemnation in that verse is not the failure to be baptized, but only the failure to believe. (From “Is Baptism Necessary for Salvation?” by John MacArthur)*

Can you see the fallacy in that statement? The condemnation does not have to include baptism because true baptism is dependent on belief. **If you don’t believe, you might get dunked in water—but you aren’t going to be baptized any more than someone without a parachute can open one.** A failure to believe of necessity mandates a failure to be baptized--because you can’t perform the second action (baptism) without the first (belief). Immersion in water (baptism) *for the remission of sins* can only occur with repentant believers (**Acts 2:38**).

But just like wearing the parachute alone isn’t enough, believing alone isn’t enough. **“He who believes and is baptized will be saved.”** So it really comes down to this: do you want to be saved or condemned? Believe and be baptized, as Jesus commanded, and be saved.

—Via *Good News*

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## Who Will Go To Heaven?

A question which our denominational friends love to ask members of the church is this: “Do you folks in the church of Christ think you are the only ones going to heaven and all others are going to hell? Our religious friends gloat and smile when asking this provocative question. Some of my brethren have great difficulty in answering. Others are very blunt and

say , “Yes, we are the only ones going to heaven and all others are going to hell!” To me, this answer is pharisaical, personal and not based on scripture because he did not expect that answer. Then one should go on to say, “I believe exactly what you believe about who will go to heaven.” Your opponent will always say, “What is that?” You reply, “I believe the only ones who obey the Bible; isn’t that what you believe?” They will always say “Yes.” You can say, “Then we are in agreement and our problem is solved!”

—Ward Hogland, *The Voice*  
*Now read the first article again!*

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## “Out of the Valley”

By Don Truex

Most of us, at one time or another, have been mired in a spiritual valley. It would be nice if all of Christianity equaled the exaltation of Moses on Sinai, Elijah on Carmel, or Jesus on the mount of transfiguration. But the fact is, sometimes the valley must be traversed as well. Are you in a spiritual valley? You don’t have to stay there! To get moving in your spiritual life...

1) **Your desire for God must be real.** To merely have a religion is to be destined for the valley. To have a relationship with your Father, to truly “know Him,” is to have motivation to love, serve and obey unto eternal life (John 17:3).

2) **Put away sin and every non-**

**Christ like habit.** Simply put, sin must not be allowed to reign any more (Romans 6:12). If it damages your relationship with God, your influence for good or your ability to do God’s work, then it must be “put to death” (Colossians 3:5).

3) **Cultivate spiritual habits.** “As thy days, so shall thy strength be,” (Deuteronomy 33:25). Every time we practice a trait of godliness, regardless of what it may be, we reinforce that tendency and make it easier to do right in the future.

4) **Focus your heart on Jesus.** Remember that our Lord is to be the focal point of our devotion — Not man, preachers, papers, tradition, family members, etc. To be conformed to His image is our highest aspiration (Romans 8:29).

—*The Northside Navigator*, Carthage, TX 5/3/15

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**News** (continued from back page) service—**Colton Fulmer** was sick with a stomach virus Wednesday night and was not in our service—**David Barnes**, Carlos’ son and Carla Chapman’s brother, had hip replacement surgery in California last week and is reported to be 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.*