

NEWS

- Remember **Emily Latson** and her son, **Eric**.
- **Peggy Bellamy** spent time in the hospital this week after suffering from very high blood pressure.
- **Irma May** is in the Skilled Nursing facility on the 4th floor of the hospital after a fall.
- **Vivian Stroman** and **Wanda Sikes** both were not feeling well last Sunday and were unable to attend services with us.
- Remember all of those traveling during the summer months

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ELDERS:

Bob Arnold 563-2977
Leon Goff 572-6809
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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:

July 5, 2015

Serving The Lord's Supper
Sunday Morning

Scripture: Jerry Wildman

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

Sunday Evening

Alec Capel **Zach Willeford**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Willie Don Davis (Opening)
 —**Luke Arnold** (Closing)
PM—Charles Kyle (Opening)
 —**Andrew Arnold** (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—Paul Chapman
P.M.—Leon Goff

(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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You're Invited To Our

Vacation Bible School

This 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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Fruit of the Spirit

By: Terry Ryan

From the time Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit man has struggled with self-control. The ability to maintain self-control is essential for Christians. We all struggle with it and even the seemingly innocent overindulgence can produce sinful behavior and then we are separated from God.

None of us want to be apart from God so how do we keep in control? The first thing we need to do is become knowledgeable. [Matthew 6:33](#) "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" Study of the scriptures tells us that we will not be tempted beyond what we can handle and the lord will always provide a way out. Recognizing that and taking that way out is up to us to do. Let's use this analogy, you love to eat pizza and when you start you cannot stop eating it until it is gone. You lack the self-control it takes to stop. What if you were in a pizza parlor and you had all the pizza in the world to eat. So you begin to eat when you sense someone standing there, you turn and it's a doctor, he says eat one more piece and you will have a stroke and die. I bet you could stop. Well this may be a harsh analogy but being sinful is death and is that not the same?

Point is "we can stop". The ability is in each and every one of us. We just have to apply restraint. Self-control is one of the fruits of the spirit and a very important one to master. Doing that is necessary to achieve all of the others. [Galatians 5:22-23](#) "But the

fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, **self-control**; against such things there is no law."

Without self-control could we attain the others? The scripture also tells us that without self-control it is like a city that has no sturdy walls. [Proverbs 25:28](#) "A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls." No boundaries no laws just chaos. Our body is our temple and without self-control our temple walls are flimsy and weak and we can be overtaken by sin. The devil will tell you that it is ok just this once to let go, cast your cares to the wind and live a little. [Romans 12:2](#) "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Letting Satan make you think living like that is ok for a while will mutate and turn into a sinful uncontrolled lifestyle. The more of the world you let in the harder and harder it is to stop. We cannot live both ways; it is impossible. We have to be aware at all times and in control of our behavior. We have to pray and ask god to help. [1 Peter 5:8](#) "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." We have to study the gospel and edify one another encourage and guide one another.

We have to surround ourselves with other Christians. Putting ourselves in situations where we can lose our self-control

is dangerous. It's like jumping into an alligator pit and expecting not to get bit!! If you're an alcoholic, stay out of bars and away from people who drink, same goes for other sinful behaviors resist with all of your heart and when you stumble get up and ask to be forgiven and turn away from that sin. [1 Corinthians 5:11](#) says "But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one."

We have to work on self-control. [Titus 2:12](#) states "Training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age." We have to practice self-control to be good at it. Figure out ways to overcome and avoid temptations and recognize when God has made that path clear. We need to remove ourselves from those situations. "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps", [Proverbs 16:9](#).

Our prize is getting to spend the rest of eternity with our father in heaven. Moments of fleshly satisfaction here on earth can cost us that prize if we do not reel in that uncontrolled behavior. [1 Corinthians 6:19](#) "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own." We must deny ourselves and pick up our cross and follow Jesus.

—Cedar Park church of Christ Bulletin

New Members

Duane and Judie McGough have chosen to place their membership with us. We are excited for them to join our work. Please add their information to your directory.

2730 HWY 259 North, Near CR 3119
Daingerfield, TX 75638

Home: 903-645-7668
Duane Cell: 903-918-7895
Judie Cell: 903-918-7891

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New Address

Chris and Jennifer Stone have a new address.

1111 Wills Street
Linden, TX 75563

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- Continue to remember **Clayton Bellamy, Christopher Ferguson Jr., Relda Marshall, Michele Williams, Maurine Lee, Pat Brown, Dorothy Kyle, Judy Hinson, Deborah Brown, Tammy Willeford, Shirley Ferguson, Ronald Stringer.**
- Remember our **Shut-ins:** *Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Maurine Lee, Irma May, Lelda Thompson, Lanelle Latimer.*