

NEWS

Irma May continues in Skilled Nursing on the 4th floor of the local hospital. She is doing better and has made progress since her fall. The plan now is to move her to Pleasant Spring Nursing Home Tuesday—**Catherine Moss** will have surgery this coming Wednesday in the local hospital—**Peggy Bellamy** is in an ongoing process of trying to find out why she is having the problems she is. They have brought her blood pressure down, but she is having dizziness and associated issues—**James Johnson** has not been doing well. (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:

July 12, 2015

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Thomas Hockaday

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

Sunday Evening

Alec Capel **Zach Willeford**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Bob Arnold (Opening)
—James Johnson (Closing)
PM—Ron Burns (Opening)
—Richard Tapparo (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—Paul Chapman
P.M.—Leon Goff
(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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The Church is NOT...

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...composed of people who think they are better than others, but rather those who realize that they should be better than they are and must continually strive to do better. (Philippians 3:12-14)

...composed of perfect people, but rather those who realize they are following a perfect Lord who revealed a perfect Plan in a perfect Book. (James 1:21-27)

...composed of people who never sin, but rather forgiven sinners who acknowledge their faults and forsake them. (Proverbs 28:13)

...trying to withdraw from everyone, but is rather trying to draw everyone into the fellowship of Christ by walking in the light of Jesus. (John 12:32; Mark 16:15-16)

...trying to set up arbitrary rules to hinder anyone, but is rather trying to show the rule of Christ which helps everyone. (Galatians 6:2; 1 John 3:16-18)

...trying to take the joy out of your life, but is rather trying to instill the beauty of holiness and true joy in your life. (2 Chronicles 20:21; Philippians 4:4; 1 Peter 1:8)

...trying to separate you from your money, but is rather trying to keep your money from separating you from God. (Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 12:13-21)

How To See “Eye to Eye” Religiously

By Mark White

Why do some people not see religious things the way we see them? Why is there so much difference between what we teach and what the denominations profess? Do we not all have the same Bible? Are we not all trying to serve the same God? Do we not all believe in the same Savior? These are perplexing questions, and they are not easily answered to everyone’s satisfaction.

Basically, our understanding of the Scriptures differs from the majority of the religious world because we operate on a different principle of interpretation. To most religious people “truth” is relative, adjusting freely to different times and circumstances. For us, however, truth is truth. It is unalterable, unchangeable, and everlasting. But did “we” just arbitrarily decide this would be our regard for truth? Not at all. God’s own word boldly claims “*thy word is truth*” (John 17:17) and “*the word of the Lord is right, and all His works are done in truth.*” (Psalm 33:4) While there are scoffers at the idea of absolute truth, we accept Bible teaching that such does exist, and we are determined to know it. Pilate’s piercing question, “*What is truth?*” (John 18:38) was prompted by these words from Jesus: “*I have come into the world that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.*”

This then, is the basis upon which

we may come to see religious matters alike. There must be a commitment to the same standard of truth. No one would ever attempt to use differing standards of measurement if building a house, marking off a football field, or sewing a garment. This would guarantee error and disaster. Twelve inches must equal one foot on all our rulers if we desire uniformity. There must be a healthy regard and respect for the Bible on the part of every religious person in order for understanding to occur. Without this common devotion to God’s word, all efforts to see things the same will fail. In order to come to agreement on matters essential to salvation, we must begin where we agree.

From this point we must study the Scriptures, resolving differences as we go along. Major problems of difference are solved in small steps, and then we can be united in Christ. But we will never see things the same if we cannot agree on the existence, necessity and location of the truth.

No Bible discussion is profitable unless every participant is a truth seeker. If everyone concerned really wants the truth, then coming to an agreement and an understanding of truth will be achievable. Believe it or not, it is possible to discuss religious differences without becoming rude or creating hurt feelings. People who

love the truth are not concerned with who is right, but with what is right. Every truth seeker is willing to surrender any position if it is false. There is no other honorable course for an honest man. An honest man will seek the truth, and when he finds it he will believe it. “*Buy the truth, and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding.*” (Proverbs 23:23)

—*Training Unto Godliness*, Ray more MO. bulletin

One Places Membership

Jeron McGough has made it known that he desires to be a member here at Southside and we welcome him into our spiritual family. He lives with his parents and the address is 2730 Hwy 259 N, Daingerfield, TX 75638. His cell number is 903-918-7892 and his email address is j.mcgough@aol.com.

Vacation Bible School 2015

We had an enjoyable and successful VBS which was completed this past Thursday. Our VBS has grown through the years. The numbers were the best by far. Monday we had 85, Tuesday and Wednesday we had 83 each day, and Thursday we had 97.

Words of appreciation are certainly in order for the planning, work and teaching done by Jennifer Wildman and all the ladies who helped make this Bible

School the success it was this year. We are also thankful for all the children, as well as the adults who attended this year. Let’s look forward to even a better one next year.

Art Heineke Passed Away

Art passed from this life this past Wednesday in The Woodlands, TX. He was in his early nineties. He and his wife, Jo, were members for a number of years here at Southside and were loved by the members here who knew them. He was in declining health in recent years. We express our sincere sympathy to all his loved ones. There will be no service.

NEWS (continued from back page)

He has had a cough for many weeks and it does not seem to get better—**Kris Ferguson, and wife and baby** are now living with Kenny and Karen. Because of the problems the baby has, Karen is helping take care of him at night and this is why she is missing some of our services, especially on Wednesday night—Continue to remember **Emily Latson and her son, Eric**, in your prayers that there will be good success in the treatments—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.*