

**NEWS**

Joyce Williams had surgery on a toe this past week—**Enoch Waldrep’s mother** had heart by-pass surgery Wednesday and the surgery went well—**Betty Rust** has been having trouble with gout but it has been good to see her at our services—**James Johnson** continues to not feel well and was not in our service Wednesday night. He continues to have difficulty in getting around, but he is now receiving some therapy regularly at home.

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**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:  
July 26, 2015**

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

**Scripture: Ron Traugher**  
**Alec Capel** Zach Willeford  
**Stephen Hall** Chris Stone

**Sunday Evening**  
**Alec Capel** Zach Willeford  
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**PRAYERS**  
**Sun. AM—Ken Ferguson (Opening)**  
—Tom Davis (Closing)  
**PM—Kenneth Amerson (Opening)**  
—Kendall Johnson (Closing)  
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**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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### Faithfulness By Rickie Jenkins

Faithfulness. What is it? How do we define who is a faithful Christian? Faithful is defined as trustworthy, dependable, reliable. In order to understand who is faithful we must have some standard by which we are measured. That standard is not brotherhood papers or preachers. Paul says it is the faithful word (Tit. 1:9). If we want to determine who is faithful we must use the faithful word. If we fail to use the faithful word, we will use the wrong standard and reach a wrong conclusion about who is faithful.

We have all been asked, “Do you know so and so? Are they faithful? The answer is either, “Yes,” or “I am afraid not.” What we usually mean by that is that they attend assemblies of a local church. If they do, we consider them faithful, if not, they are unfaithful. I am in no way trying to lessen the significance of Christians being a part of a local church. They should. However, that is “a” factor in determining faithfulness; it is not “the” factor and there is a big difference. Some of the most unfaithful Christians are present every time the doors are open. Sometimes our direction is off. People are not faithful to the church nor do they leave the church. People leave the Lord or come back to the Lord (Acts 11:23; 16:15).

How do we determine faithfulness regarding a person who is a Christian? Christians are the workmanship of God (Eph. 2:10). Faithful Christians work. They bear fruit. They are productive (Jhn. 15:1-ff). Faithful Christians are busy as they have opportunity, time, and ability in doing things God wants them to do. We were created for good works. God expects good works from us.

Christians are also people who live lives worthy of the gospel (Phil. 1:27). “Worthy” means “of equal weight.” Merchants used scales in which they would weigh out the goods to be purchased. On one side there would be a five pound weight and on the other side goods would be poured until there was an equality and the scales balanced. The gospel is our standard. Our lives are to be balanced to the standard. That is an ongoing task. We never get things weighed out properly in our lives. Faithful Christians are not perfect. How many times do people try to fool themselves by thinking they can attend all the assemblies, then leave, and their lives be as far out of balance with the gospel as possible? When people who profess to be Christians live, act, and talk any way they want yet, consider themselves faithful because they have been to assemblies regularly, they have not properly weighed their lives.

Faithful Christians are the kind of people for whom no sacrifice is too great: pride, self-will, or anything of value. Christians simply want to be better. Such an under-

standing of faithfulness will solve many other problems in the home, marriage and even in the local church. When we properly understand faithfulness, we awake each morning asking, “How can I serve my brother or sister in Christ today? What can I do for them? How can I help them?” The same is true of marriage and the home. Faithful Christians are concerned about whether or not they are serving someone else. Faithfulness is not determined by a single act but by who we are.

—*Focus on Line*, 6/22/2015

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**Let’s Be Evangelistic—**

**Share the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Saving Gospel with Others!**

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen”* (Matthew 28:18-20, NKJV).

While these words may have been spoken to the apostles, they clearly reveal God’s plan for making disciples— baptizing them, teaching them to observe His Word (h.h.).

*“Whosoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (Romans 10:13-14, NKJV).*

Jesus said, *“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”* (John 15:1-2, NKJV).

*“I believed and therefore I spoke, we also believe and therefore speak”* (1 Corinthians 4:13, NKJV).

**See the Need, Feel the Burden, Do the Work!**

— Harold Hancock, *Good News*

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**One Baptism**

**Joselyn Castorena** was baptized into Christ last Sunday night. We rejoice with her and we welcome her as a member in our Southside family. It is encouraging to see her interest in the salvation of her soul and in pleasing God. Her address is 306 Lakewood Dr., Apt 24, Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455. Her telephone number is 903-204-3493.

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**Sulphur Spring Lectureship**

**Dan Howe, Brady Cook, Bran-**

**don Shurtleff, Jared Rogers, Dustin Soeder and Tyler Sams** are the speakers beginning next **Friday, July 24**, and continuing through **Sunday, July 26**. Jared will be speaking Saturday night. Services Friday and Saturday night at **7:00** at the Southside church in Sulphur Springs, 1208 S. Davis St. Check the flyer on the bulletin board for more details.

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**Rice Road Special Topics**

**H.E. “Buddy” Payne** is the speaker in this series on evidences for believing in God and the Bible **July 31—August 1, Friday through Sunday**, at the **Rice Road church in Tyler**. Services will be at 7:00 on Friday evening, 1:00 and 2:00 PM on Saturday. Check the flyer on the bulletin board for more details.

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**Westside Youth Lectures**

Will be **Friday and Saturday, July 31—August 1, 7:00 PM Friday and 1:00 PM Saturday** at the Westside church in Irving. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details.

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**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.*