

NEWS

Charles Davis was having a MRI Thursday to check out a kidney. The only other thing they have found is some anemia. They hope to be home soon—**J.K. Bradshaw**, Kenneth Amer-son's brother-in-law, passed away this past week. Kenneth and Beverly went to the visitation in Atlanta, TX on Wednesday night. We express our sincere sympathy to Kenneth and all of his loved ones—**Maisy and Bennett Rogers** were both sick last Sunday and Stacy was home with them Sunday morning and Ja-red was with them Sunday night. (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
Leon Goff 572-6809

ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

August 16, 2015

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Andrew Arnold

Paul Chapman **Randy Blackmon**
Colton Fulmer **Jeron McGough**

Sunday Evening

Paul Chapman **Randy Blackmon**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Jerry Wildman (Opening)

—**Tom Davis (Closing)**

PM—William White (Opening)

—**Ricky Davis (Closing)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—Ken Ferguson

P.M.—Kendall Johnson

(call Pat Marshall if unable to serve)

Think It Over—If you were to die today...Where would you spend eter-nity? 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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Contentment In Serving

By Jim Stauffer

One of life's greatest challenges is finding one's niche, recognizing its value and holding it dear throughout life. Many people work for years at a job they grow to hate. Because of retirement plans and such they stick it out en-during the misery as they feel trapped.

Finding contentment is a real challenge for most. We hear about the Peter Principle. It describes people who are motivated to succeed and do so beyond their capabilities. The best auto mechanic is not always the right man to manage the entire shop. He therefore, needs to recognize that and be con-tent plying his trade at a higher level than most are able.

The thing that enables the child of God to endure the unavoidable per-secution (2 Tim. 3:12) and conflict with the world (Jas. 4:4) is the ability to be content as a servant of God (Phil. 4:11).

Jesus became the Servant of God. In that role He had a purpose that exceeded all else in His role as the Son of God. Not only was that purpose supreme but the manner in which it was to be accomplished was unique. In prophecy it was reported this way:

Is. 42:1 *"Behold, my servant, whom I uphold; my chosen, in whom my soul delighteth: I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. 2 He will not cry, nor lift up his voice, or cause it to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed will he not break, and a dimly burning wick will he not quench: he will bring forth justice in truth. 4 He will not fail nor be discouraged, till he has set justice in the earth; and the isles shall wait for his*

law.” In reality of His life on earth it is stated this way: Phil 2:5 *“Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; 8 and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross.”* He was the Son of God. All authority in heaven and earth had been given to Him. (Mat. 28:18) Yet He was content to achieve the purpose God designed for Him. A role that brought humiliation and suffering. The fulfillment of that role satisfied Him.

We are taught to serve one another. A husband serves his wife as Christ did the church by loving her and giving himself for her. Wives serve husbands by submitting to their leadership in honor of the role God has designed for each. (Eph. 5:23-25) Parents serve children by bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Eph. 6:1-4) Children serve their parents by honoring them even to the point of requiting them in their day of need. (Mat. 15:4; 1 Tim. 5:4)

Peter admonishes us to humble ourselves in service to each other. 1 Pet. 5:5 *“Likewise, ye younger, be subject unto the elder. Yea, all of you gird yourselves with humility, to serve one another: for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble.”* This is the niche the

Christian searches to find. It is that imitation of Christ the Servant for which we strive. (Eph. 5:1,2) It is, after all, what distinguishes the servant of the Lord from citizens of earthly kingdoms.

Jesus illustrates this aspect of discipleship clearly in His depiction of the judgment scene in Mat. 25:34-46 when he praises the service His disciples provided for Him. When they questioned when they had done such, His answer was they did it when they provided the necessities of life to their brethren. Those necessities included food, clothing, hospitality, assistance to the sick, etc. In essence serving the needs of their brethren. He tells them they will be blessed by inheriting eternal life. He then turns to those on His left hand and tells them they will be condemned to eternal punishment because they had not served Him in those ways.

Jesus taught those of His day and us today as well, it is not enough to just keep the law by dotting our i’s and crossing our t’s. There is a spirit to the words of the law and that spirit leads one to service. We will truly achieve contentment when we learn the lesson of giving and service. Paul says, Acts 20:35 *“In all things I gave you an example, that so laboring ye ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*

True contentment in this life is

achieved by serving God. It is just an added benefit that society receives when its citizens find contentment in God’s law.
—*Good News 7/19/15*

“The Bible: Is it Complete, or a Complete Lie?”

The Word of God claims to be complete. *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works”* (2 Tim. 3:16-17). If this assertion is so, then God’s revelation to man was completed by the close of the first century and additions to the Bible are repulsive to God.

Yet, men and women continually claim to receive revelations from God apart from the Bible. Some say that God talks to them through dreams. Others, claiming to be prophets of God, have started various modern-day religions based upon new revelations. These revelations were supposedly given specifically unto them (such as Joseph Smith, a “prophet” of the Mormons).

The Bible is either the complete revelation of God to man or it is not. It claims to be complete. Therefore, if the Word of God was not complete before the days of modern “prophets” the Bible is a lie and should be burned, not revered.

—Mike Pittman

Campbell Road Singing

The Campbell Road church in **Garland TX**, will have their annual singing **next Friday night, August 14 at 7:30.**

Elders and Deacons Meeting

Is scheduled for next Sunday, **August 16 at 4:30 PM.**

Rogers New Address

Jared and Stacy are in the process of moving and getting settled in the home they have bought. It is located at **1108 Merritt St, Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455.**

NEWS (continued from back page)

Irma May is in Pleasant Springs Nursing Home, Hall A, room 153. She seems to be doing some better, but she does have a problem with Restless Leg Syndrome—

Wanda Sikes was not feeling well enough to be in our services last Sunday and Wednesday—**Lucy Wood**, Enoch Waldrep’s mother, has only 10% of her kidney’s working. She has been in the Harris Methodist in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area for the past week. She will need to undergo dialysis—**Darlene Herrin’s** family and friends have requested us to pray for her. She recently had cancer surgery and she is now receiving chemo treatments—**Marcel Munn** had emergency surgery Thursday morning in Longview and he 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.*