

## NEWS

- **Dorothy Kyle** has been unable recently to worship with us as she has not been feeling well.
- **Relda Marshall** received a good report during her recent trip to Houston. She is still cancer free.
- **Catherine Moss** was able to be with us last Sunday after her recent procedures.
- **Enoch Waldrep's** mother, **Lucy Wood**, is doing better. She is still in the hospital, but is laughing and talking with family.
- **Peggy Bellamy** has not been feeling well and has been unable to be with us. (continued on page 3)

### ELDERS:

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**Leon Goff** 572-6809  
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**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** 682-300-3602  
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### ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

**September 6, 2015**

#### Serving The Lord's Supper Sunday Morning

Scripture: Willie Don Davis

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

#### Sunday Evening

**Alec Capel** Zach Willeford  
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### PRAYERS

**Sun. AM—Duane McGough (Opening)**  
—**Luke Arnold (Closing)**  
**PM—Jerry Wildman (Opening)**  
—**Andrew Arnold (Closing)**  
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A.M.—Paul Chapman**  
**P.M.—Pat Marshall**

(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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## “Congregational Harmony”

By Charles Willis

Musical harmony, whether simple or complex, is beautiful to our ears. It resonates in our mind as something pleasing. It only takes one small added note of dissonance to destroy the harmony. Consider what God has to say about congregational harmony.

**Unity Prevails** “Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose” (Phil. 2:2). Those outside the congregation will be able to determine if we are united and whether harmony exists. It is seen, heard and even felt as love between brethren. A unity of purpose and goal must exist. Jesus prayed “that they may all be one” ( John 17:20) “so that the world may believe that You sent Me”. Unity is not just a good idea, it is the instruction of God. Maintenance is required to stay in harmony.

Musicians must constantly adjust their pitch while playing to maintain harmony. The same is true for saints. We are to maintain the same love. We must “give and take” with each other to remain united. It takes effort for a congregation to be at

peace. Only by developing and growing in these areas can we ever hope to achieve harmony and please God.

**Harmony Requires Humility** “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others” (Phil. 2:3-4). Musical harmony will never be achieved if one musician refuses to adjust their pitch. One stubborn individual who demands that their opinion is correct can destroy the efforts of many. This is the result of selfishness.

When everyone in a congregation is “looking out” for each other, rather than themselves, they will be a congregation of workers. The interests and needs of others will be placed ahead of our own. Their needs are more important than mine. This is exactly the attitude of Christ which we are to have (Phil. 2:5). He humbled himself “taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men... He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Phil. 2:7- 9). Don’t lose sight of

Paul’s point – this is the attitude we are supposed to have within the congregation. Christ is the example for how we are to behave toward one another. To the extent that we follow His example we will have harmony.

**Without Grumbling or Disputing** “Do all things without grumbling or disputing” (Phil. 2:14). These are the behaviors of the selfish, those who have not humbled themselves. They do not have the same mind as the congregation, or of our Lord. They disturb the peace and harmony that exists. The danger in this behavior is well seen in the context of Philippians 2 when Paul writes, “work out your salvation with fear and trembling” (v.12). This passage is in regard to congregational harmony and proper attitudes among the saints.

When harmony prevails we “prove” ourselves “to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom” we “appear as light in the world, holding fast the word of life” (Phil. 2:15-16). Congregational harmony is a proof of our relationship with God! It demonstrates we have adopted a God-like, Christ-like character. We are to be above reproach from the world.

Too many congregations of the Lord’s Church are not above reproach – people point to the bickering and fussing, the divisions and back-stabbing and have no desire to be a part. Can’t say I blame them. These have not proven themselves to be children of God.

**Conclusion** We must all learn and individually apply the principles of Philippians 2 in order to have congregational harmony!

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### Gospel Meetings

Franklin Drive church of Christ in Texarkana, AR will host a meeting with **Rickie Jenkins** September 13-16.

South Main church of Christ in Lindale, TX will host a meeting with **Virgil Faires** September 13-16.

Southside church of Christ in Jacksonville, TX will host a meeting with **Dee Bowman** September 13-16.

More information for each meeting is located on the bulletin board in the foyer.

### Never Too Early

Mark you calendars for our upcoming Gospel Meeting with **Wilson Adams**. The meeting will be here October 25 through October 30. Make your plans to attend and invite someone.

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*“Seeing the people, He (Jesus) felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.’”* **Matthew 9:36-38**

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**NEWS** (continued from back page)

- **Irma May** is in Pleasant Springs Nursing Home, Hall A, Room 153. She is doing better, but continues to struggle with restless leg syndrome.
- 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.*