

NEWS

Ronald Rust, Betty's son and Karen Ferguson's brother, had his surgery in Longview Thursday. They were able to clean out one artery but were not able to do the other arteries—**Mark Caldwell**, Lisa's husband and Joyce Williams' son-in-law, had a heart cath in Texarkana Friday. He was diagnosed with 3 blocked arteries and will be going to Baylor in Plano this week to see what will be done —**Nannette Stringer**, Ronald's mother, had surgery in Birmingham, AL a week ago Friday to remove a malignant tumor in the thyroid and vocal (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:

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ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

October 4, 2015

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Luke Arnold

Kenneth Amerson **Thomas Hockaday**
Dane Stansell **Jerry Don Davis**

Sunday Evening

Kenneth Amerson **Thomas Hockaday**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Charles Kyle (Opening)

—Tom Davis (Closing)

PM—Ron Traughber (Opening)

—Colton Fulmer (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—Leon Goff

P.M.—Kendall Johnson

(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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Why Go To Class?

By Bryan Dockens

Besides assembling for worship on the first day of the week, this church meets regularly to study the scriptures in class settings. Some may ignore these opportunities and others may simply take them for granted, so it is worth inquiring: Why go to class?

We go to class because “He gave some to be...teachers.” The Lord equipped the church with people in various roles to foster its growth, as Paul penned, “He gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-12). Certainly, each position listed — apostles, prophet, evangelist, and pastor — is one whose work includes teaching. Nevertheless, mentioning “teachers” as a distinct role implies that it is possible to be a teacher without being an apostle, prophet, evangelist, or pastor. Since there are teachers who are not evangelists or pastors, then there must be teaching that is neither preaching nor shepherding. A class is the setting in which such teaching would occur. By neglecting to participate in these classes, one diminishes the ability of the body to effectively edify itself.

We go to class because some need “milk” and some need “meat.” Any healthy church will include members from across the spectrum of spiritual growth. There will be the mature and knowledgeable, as well as the uninformed, and those in between. Members of every standing are necessary (1 Corinthians 12:14-24), and each has different needs, as it is written, “For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is those

who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Hebrews 5:13-14). Just as a nursing infant would choke if fed a steak or pork chop, so the novice Christian may be overwhelmed by some of the controversies debated among brethren, requiring instead "the first principles of the oracles of God" (Hebrews 5:12). Paul explained to the Corinthians, "I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it" (1 Corinthians 3:2). Conversely, an adult cannot receive sufficient nourishment from milk. It will not sustain him; he needs meat. The Christian who is fed nothing but a constant repetition of "the elementary principles" (Hebrews 6:1) will never grow to the maturity desired by God. As Paul admonished, "Brethren, do not be children in understanding...but in understanding be mature" (1 Corinthians 14:20). Thus, opportunities are needed to address various members of the church at their respective levels of knowledge and growth. Classes furnished by the church are an appropriate setting in which to accomplish this.

Christians have a responsibility to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18) and the Lord has supplied the church with teachers to expedite this purpose (Ephesians 4:14-16). Members of the church need to let the teachers teach by attending and participating in their classes.

—*Think On These Things* 9/13/15

Loving Someone You Can't Stand

Doctor: "I see you're over a month late for your appointment. Don't you know that nervous disorders require prompt and regular attention? What's your excuse?"

Patient: "I was just following your orders, Doc."

Doctor: "Following my orders? What are you talking about? I gave you no such order."

Patient: "You told me to avoid people who irritate me."

Unfortunately, we don't always have the option of avoiding people who irritate, people who hurt us, people who offend us. In fact, sometimes those who irritate us the most are found right in our home (or in our church building). So how should we deal with them? Milton Jones has written a wonderful book entitled "How to Love Someone You Can't Stand" ... In this book, Jones lists six godly principles which are derived from Romans 12:

- (1) Manage Your mouth—Bless and don't curse (Rom. 12:14)
- (2) Put yourself in the other person's place and try to understand their feelings, thoughts and position (Rom. 12:15)

- (3) Never, never, never take revenge (Rom. 12:17)
- (4) Plan ahead to do something beautiful (Rom. 12:17)
- (5) Don't just win the war, win the peace (Rom. 12:18)
- (6) Make room for God (Rom. 12:19)

The bottom line is that we do not overcome evil with evil by retaliating and seeking to "get even." The only way to overcome evil is with good (Rom. 12:21). It is never easy to respond to those who do us wrong in a way that is godly, but it is only by following the example of Jesus Christ that we can truly have an influence on the world around us. "But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps..." (1 Peter 2:19-20)

—Alan Smith, *Southside Sulphur Springs Bulletin*, 9/13/15

Our Gospel Meeting October 25 — 30, 2015 Wilson Adams, Speaker

Time for our meeting is drawing nearer. It begins four weeks from today. We have been calling attention to it for several weeks. In the next four weeks it is

time to make specific preparations for October 25 –30. (1) Every one of us should make plans and preparations to attend every service possible. (2) We can begin talking to our relatives, friends and acquaintances about the meeting and inviting them to attend, and (3) we should be praying for the meeting—praying for the speaker, praying for our efforts, praying for receptive hearts to the gospel, and praying for the salvation of souls.

Wilson Adams will be preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, God's power to save us (Rom. 1:16). We should be interested in our own salvation as well as the salvation of as many souls as we can reach. Brother Adams was with us in a meeting a few years ago and we know that he will bring interesting, challenging and scriptural lessons.

Read the first article in this bulletin, "Why Go To Class," and apply the same principles to the upcoming meeting! Do you believe in Gospel Preaching?

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cord area. They were able to remove all of the tumor—**Maisy Rogers** was sick Wednesday night and she, Stacy, and Bennett were not in our service—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.*