

NEWS

Catherine Moss has been diagnosed with a tumor on her liver and more is to be learned as to the nature of this and what will be done—**Mark Caldwell**, Joyce Williams' son-in-law, is to have by-pass surgery to repair the 3 blocked arteries, but the surgery has not been scheduled as yet—**Frank White** was taken from the local hospital to a hospital in Tyler with an irregular heart beat. They did an ablation on him and got his heart back in rhythm and he was dismissed on Tuesday—**Ronald Rust**, Betty's son and Karen Ferguson's brother, (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:

October 11, 2015

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Duane McGough

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

Sunday Evening

Kenneth Amerson **Thomas Hockaday**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Randy Blackmon (Opening)
—Richard Tapparo (Closing)
PM—William White (Opening)
—Jerry Wildman (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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Support Your Local Church

By Wayne Goff

Attendance is a great barometer for spiritual interest. The more important the Lord and His church are to you, the more important attendance will be. Sometimes our interest wanes a bit, and we don't really see the point of attending all the services of the church. Questions like "Do I have to attend every service of the church?" indicate a problem of spiritual perception. Something is wrong with our thinking.

The contrast of interest can be seen in two Old Testament examples. King David exclaimed, "*I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD'*" (Psalm 122.1). His interest in spiritual things was high; he was a man after God's own heart. On the other hand, some Jews of Malachi's day complained, "*Oh, what a weariness!*" *And you sneer at it, says the LORD*" (Mal. 1:13). Read the context of chapter 1 and see their contempt for God and His temple. The worst part of it was that these were the priests (v. 6)! God desires our worship and He knows instantly whether our heart is in it, or whether we are going through the motions.

Excuses made for not attending would be comical if they weren't so serious. The Lord taught a parable about a great supper in which many were invited, "*but they all with one accord began to make excuses*" (Luke 14:18). The master of the house became angry and invited others to fill his banquet hall, until there was no room left (vv. 21-23). "*For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper*" (v. 24)!

God desires for men to worship Him in spirit and in truth (Jn.

4:24). He loves the adoration of those who love Him! He also ordained worship as a means of brethren stirring up each other to love and good works (Heb. 10:24). He commands us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Heb. 10:25). He connects willful sinning to absenteeism in the very next verse (v. 26)! God takes the matter very seriously. If you have an attendance problem, please get some help from someone who can build up and strengthen your faith.

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The Mercy of God

(James W. Adams)

Too often men in their arrogance of heart forget that their salvation is wholly dependent upon the mercy of God. They pay lip service to the truth that “salvation is not of works lest any man should boast” while in their practice act as though their salvation were a matter of Divine recognition rather than a gracious manifestation of Divine mercy. In this connection, we remember the beautiful words of the Psalmist, “*He hath not dealt with us after our sins; not rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.*” (Psalm 103:10,11).

Were God to deal with us “*after our sins*” or “*according to our iniquities,*” we would have as a race long since perished from the earth. Only Divine mercy has stayed the hand of Justice. The

interposition of Jesus Christ and his sacrificial death upon the cross made possible the extension of mercy to the sinner. God is infinitely just. Man is a condemned sinner. Justice demands that God deal with man “*after his sins.*” Mercy and love pleas for absolution. Jesus is the personification of Heaven’s mercy and love. Paul says, of Christ, “*Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness; that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus* (Rom. 3:25,26).

No man can be saved who chooses to ignore Jesus and his sacrificial death upon the cross. It is only through our faith in his work of interposition that we can claim the benefits of Divine mercy and love. No person can correctly profess to be the beneficiary of this work of interposition who has not claimed Jesus Christ as his priest and sacrifice for sin through obedience to the gospel. In a later discussion of the grand theme of salvation by grace through faith, Paul says, “*Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*” (Rom. 6:3,4). Baptism, contrary to the view of some, is not a work of man with saving merit, but like

faith is a “work of God” (John 6:29) born of confidence in the efficacy and all sufficiency of the blood of Jesus Christ. It is, coupled with faith and repentance, the Divinely appointed means of casting ourselves upon Divine mercy, of claiming for ourselves the benefits and blessings of Christ’s work of interposition.

—Good News, 12/1612

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

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

Do we want to go to heaven? Do we want to help others go to heaven? What we do with regard to the meeting will help answer these questions!

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Pictures for the Directory

If we do not have a picture of you for the church directory and picture board in the hallway please see Amanda Williford and she will do that for you.

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Bible History & Maps List

If you have a computer and Email and would like to receive the information Paul Chapman has been offering, sign up on the list or email him at paulchapman1948@gmail.com.

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NEWS (continued from back page) has been told that they can do no more with regard to his blocked arteries in his neck—**Clayton Bellamy** has fallen at least three times just recently and bruised himself but has suffered no broken bones—**Joyce Williams** was not feeling well Wednesday night and was 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.*