

NEWS

Mark Caldwell sees a doctor at Baylor in Plano Wednesday, October 14 for consultation to learn what they advise doing about his blocked arteries—**Judy Hinson** is to have her surgery either tomorrow or Tuesday in Dallas—**Clayton Bellamy** is in the Mt. Pleasant Health Care Home on Hwy 67—**Alma Goff goes** back to UT SouthWestern in Dallas in 6 months for another MRI to see if there are changes in her tumor—**Kenneth Amerson** reports that his Carotid arteries appear to be alright—**Catherine Moss** continues to be concerned about the spot on her liver. No appointment has been (continued on page 3)

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Kendall Johnson 572-9306

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Ricky Davis 572-9428
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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 18, 2015

Serving The Lord's Supper Sunday Morning

Scripture: Ken Ferguson

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

Sunday Evening

Kenneth Amerson **Thomas Hockaday**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Willie Don Davis (Opening)
—**Alec Capel (Closing)**
PM—Andrew Arnold (Opening)
—**Charles Davis (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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Calling on the Name of the Lord

By Bill Hall

The Expression, “Calling on the name of the Lord,” is found three times in the New Testament (Acts 2:21; 22:16; Rom. 10:13). It is an expression of trust and reliance. In obedience to the gospel, one is not calling upon water to save him; nor is he calling upon his own meritorious works; rather, he is “calling upon the name of the Lord.” He is placing his trust in the only true source of salvation: “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

Misunderstandings Corrected

One does not call upon the name of the Lord through mere belief. In fact, belief is a prerequisite to calling upon His name: “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?” (Romans 10:14).

One does not call upon the name of the Lord by citing the “sinner’s prayer.” The “sinner’s prayer” originated with men rather than with God. One does call upon the name of the Lord through action: “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that *doeth* the will of the Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21).

One calls upon the name of the Lord when he “trusts and obeys.” After proclaiming, “And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved,” Peter told inquiring sinners, “Repent, and be baptized...for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:21,38). Since salvation results from calling on the name of the Lord and also from repenting and being bap-

tized, an obvious link exists between the two. This link is further confirmed in Acts 22:16: “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” It should be observed that these were words spoken by Ananias to a *praying* Saul of Tarsus. Saul was not to call upon the name of the Lord through continued praying, but through arising and being baptized.

Trust is the key element. One may be baptized, trusting the merit of his works for salvation. Such a person is not calling on the name of the Lord. Another is baptized, looking to Jesus for salvation, placing his trust in the promise of God and efficacy of Christ’s blood. This is the person who truly obeys the gospel and, in so doing, calls upon the name of the Lord.

One’s calling upon the name of the Lord, however, is not completed at the point of baptism. One continues to call upon His name through living as a Christian. Ananias said of Saul’s intent in going to Damascus: “And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name” (Acts 9:14). Christians can be described, then, as those who call on the Lord’s name. This implies ongoing action. The whole of one’s life as a Christian is to be built on trust. As one lives a godly life, worships, prays, works, and seeks to do God’s will, he must do so, not trusting the merit of his own righteousness, but placing his trust in the Lord. In so living, he is calling, not on himself, but on the name of the Lord.

The Promise Is To All

The word “whosoever” must not be overlooked. “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved,” Paul wrote to the Romans (Romans 10:13). Paul’s primary purpose in quoting this passage was to show that salvation was for both Jew and Gentile and that the word “whosoever” in the prophecy implied the necessity of preaching to both Jew and Gentile. No one is excluded. The promise is for all: for people of all nations, for rich and for poor, for educated and uneducated, for moral and immoral (if they will repent of their immorality), for the mighty and the lowly. Thank God! All can call upon the name of the Lord. All can be saved.

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LITTLE FOXES

“Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes” (Song of Solomon 2:15).

Through the years I have been called upon more times than I care to recount to attempt to save a marriage that, at least to one of the marriage partners, seemed to be beyond repair. From these sad experiences a vital truth about the marital state has been vividly impressed upon my mind.

Every marriage encounters small problems—little foxes—from day to day. Those companions who, with love as a firm foundation, discuss, compromise and

work out these small problems, with each demonstrating consideration and concern for the other, are able to meet and overcome the eventual large problems that will arise. The fruit is a thing of both gentle beauty and sinuous strength—a lasting, joyous marriage that is an incomparable blessing to both husband and wife and a shining example to others.

But those mates who inconsiderately refuse to discuss, compromise and work out the small problems eventually see these mole hills grow into veritable unscalable mountains. The result is bitterness, heartbreak and division—the shame, despair and sin of a broken home.

The “little foxes” are the ones “that spoil the vines.” Young couples, meet the small problems and disagreements you face from day to day with love, tenderness and consideration. Remember, “our vines have tender grapes.” “Love is patient, love is kind” (1 cor. 13:4; NASB).

—Keith Sharp

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

Begins two weeks from today. In the next two 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 meet-

ing—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.

Do we want to go to heaven? Do we want to help others go to heaven?

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Gospel Meetings

Lawrence Kelley is the speaker this week at the **Rice Rd. church in Tyler** Sunday through Wednesday, **Oct. 11-14, 7:00 weeknights.**

Kenny Moorer is the speaker at the Stallings Drive church in Nacogdoches **Oct. 11-15, 7:00 Weeknights**

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NEWS (continued from back page)
made to see another doctor—**Bill Alexander**, Naomi Copeland’s brother, passed away and his funeral was yesterday in Atlanta, TX. We express our sympathy to her and her family—**Jerry Don Davis** has been dealing with kidney stones—**Kristen Craig and Madelyn Arnold** were both sick last Sunday—Remember **Kris Ferguson, Jr., Relda Marshall, 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.**