

## NEWS

**Clayton Bellamy** has gone home from the Nursing Home and has been put on Hospice and Peggy is feeling good about their help—**Judy McGough** has learned that she has a broken bone in her foot that she has been trying to walk on, and she and **Duane** have taken a long weekend to be with their son and family in Ohio—**Joyce Williams** has been suffering this past week with cellulitis in her hand, and she is to have dilatation of her esophagus this week—**Dorothy Kyle** went to Longview to have her carotid arteries checked and had one of (continued on

### ELDERS:

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### DEACONS:

**Ricky Davis** 572-9428  
**Ken Ferguson** 572-4135  
**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** 717-3788  
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### ASSIGNMENTS FOR: November 8, 2015

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

Scripture: Jeron McGough

**Jerry Wildman** **Duane McGough**  
**Dylan Davis** **Chris Hill**

#### Sunday Evening

**Jerry Wildman** **Duane McGough**  
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### PRAYERS

Sun. AM—**Luke Arnold** (Opening)  
—**Colton Fulmer** (Closing)  
PM—**Randy Blackmon** (Opening)  
—**Chris Stone** (Closing)  
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—**Ken Ferguson**  
P.M.—**Bob Arnold**  
(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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## Christians Behaving Badly

By Wilson Adams

Sometimes God's people behave badly—and maybe in ways we don't usually think about. I'm also guessing there have been times when all of us could have used a do-over because, after thinking it through, we realized we could have handled situations differently and better. And while our response to Christians (higher standard and mutual accountability) and non-Christians is different (1 Cor. 5:9-13), we must still exercise wisdom, courtesy, and common sense when dealing with others—whether they be brethren or people of the world..

Consider these common-place examples...

- \* **You encounter a worldly individual engaging in unacceptable behavior (profanity, immodesty, etc.) and immediately decide that it is your job to tell them off and set them straight.** Maybe we should pause and ask the question: *What is my goal?* Is my goal to shame him/her into better behavior? Is my goal to make myself feel better that I have stood up for decency? Is my goal to show them Christ and allow Him to change them from the inside out? Perhaps I should re-read John 4 and Jesus' encounter with the worldly woman at the well. What was His demeanor? How did He confront the sinner?
- \* **Someone pokes along in the left lane at the minimum speed limit while, of all times, you're running late for "church." So, you decide that since they don't know how to drive, it's your job to ride their bumper and honk until they get the message and move out of the way.** Minutes later you're walking into the church building feeling smug and satisfied with the driving lesson they learned, only

to look up and see the same car pulling (slowly) into the church parking lot. *Oh great...This is just great...*

\* **My neighbor just put up a fence that is 3” on my side of the property line. I pull out the plat and walk it off to make sure. With the evidence in hand, I knock on his door and declare (using my best voice of authority and irritation) that the solution is simple—he must dig it up and move it.** After all, right is right and...I—am—right! Two weeks later, after the fence is moved, I invite him to our upcoming gospel meeting. He doesn't come.

\* **My meal at the restaurant isn't to my satisfaction. I call the server and loudly proclaim my displeasure and even voice an ultimatum: “I am not going to pay for this!”** The server apologizes profusely and walks away to get the manager. Everyone else at the table sits in silent embarrassment while I boast that “I'm pretty good at getting free meals in situations like these.”

See what I mean?

Didn't Jesus tell us that sometimes it's better to turn the other cheek? Didn't He say something about going the extra mile? And didn't Paul address some Corinthian Christians behaving badly by telling them that their personal rights should take a back seat to what is best for the cause of Christ? Uh, I believe he did. 1 Corinthians 6:7— “Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather

be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded?” Good questions. It's easy to win the “I've got my rights!” war and lose a soul for Christ. At first glance, rather than a win-win, it's really a win-lose (you win but Christ loses). At second glance, it's more clearly a lose-lose (if Christ loses, you lose, too).

And what about Colossians 4:5-6? “Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of every opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how to respond to each person.” Wisdom. Opportunity. Grace. Salt. Do you think we could use more of that in our dealings with others?

It is our duty to conduct ourselves as genuine Christ-followers in whatever situation presents itself so that those around us may not speak evil against us (1 Pet. 3:16). How could it be otherwise?

It's easy to be blinded by our “wrongs” while defending our “rights.” Perhaps we need to think about that the next time we don't get our way. Rather than behaving badly, may we respond with wisdom, opportunity, grace, and salt. And may we always remember that “ a gentle answer turns away wrath..” Indeed.

*The idea for this piece came from a conversation with John McKee Of Murray, Kentucky who told me about a sermon he preached with this title after years of observing some of the situations listed. So, I'm encroaching 3” onto his property. I'm guessing he won't mind.*

## Our Gospel Meeting is History

All of us who had opportunity to attend the services of our meeting last week were delighted, encouraged, challenged, and edified by the interesting, Biblical and faithful preaching done by Brother Wilson Adams.

Wilson has a way of presenting and illustrating his lessons that makes them very interesting and easy to follow and stay focused on his points and the application of those lessons.

He spoke about having to get our thinking right (Phil. 4:8) in order to get our living right. He talked about how much God cares about us and the evidence of that, about what it means to follow Jesus and how we can know that we are following Him and know we are saved. His sermon on Angels was very interesting and filled with scripture. He emphasized that the only things he knew about angels is what the scriptures say about them. He delighted us with the glory and majesty of God and Heaven and emphasized the super abundance of the promises of God. The weekday lessons on the Amazing Women of the Bible, Eve, Sarah and Rahab were superb.

If you did not get to hear any or some of these lessons you would be profited by getting a CD of them and listening to them.

—Leon Goff

## Gospel Meetings

**Ruben Amador** is the speaker at Reel Rd., Longview, Sunday through Wednesday this week, 7:00 weeknights.

**Mark Roberts** is the speaker at the Campbell Rd., church in Garland this week, Sunday thru Wednesday, 7:30 weeknights.

### Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Arnold

Andrew Arnold and Kristen Craig were married a week ago last night. We wish them much joy and happiness in their lives together. They are living in Kristen's home at **2712 Silver Creek Trail**, Mt. Pleasant, TX. Their home phone number is **903-466-2666** and Andrew's cell number continues to be **903-285-7546**. Update your directory.

**NEWS** (continued from back page) her passing out episodes and she was put in the Longview Medical Center Hospital. She came home Friday night and still not doing well—**Tannie Johnson**, Marion Shurtleff's sister, is in Critical Care in Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview and not doing well. Marion's Nephew, **Gib Johnson**, is in the local hospital in rehab as a result of 2 strokes—Remember **Kris Ferguson, Jr., Relda Marshall, Dorothy and Charles Kyle, Pat Brown, 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.**