

NEWS

- **Dorothy Kyle's** medicines are being adjusted in response to her recent episode. Hopefully she will be able to be with us again soon.
- **Naomi Copeland** was unable to be with us on Sunday and Wednesday due to diverticulitis.
- **The Moss Family** has been suffering from a variety of illnesses.
- **Judy McGough** has been diagnosed with a broken foot and is unable to put weight on it for the next few weeks.
- **Carlos Barnes** has not been feeling well and missed several assemblies. Thankfully he was able to worship with us on Wednesday.

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Leon Goff 572-6809
Kendall Johnson 572-9306

DEACONS:
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:
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**ASSIGNMENTS FOR:
 November 15, 2015**

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

Scripture: Thomas Hockaday
Jerry Wildman Duane McGough
Dylan Davis Chris Hill

Sunday Evening
Jerry Wildman Duane McGough

PRAYERS
Sun. AM—Kendall Johnson (Opening)
—Paul Chapman (Closing)
PM—James Johnson (Opening)
—Ricky Davis (Closing)

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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“That’s Impossible!”

By *Bubba Garner*

A little boy was crying at the bathroom sink. His mother, who had sent him in there to brush his teeth before bedtime, heard him complain in frustration, “I can’t do this.” She called out and encouraged him with the assurance that he could do anything he set his mind to do. “OK, mom,” he replied, “can you come show me how to put the toothpaste back in the tube?”

There are, in fact, things that are impossible. That may sound like it flies in the face of passages such as “all things are possible to him who believes ([Mark 9:23](#)) and “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” ([Phil. 4:13](#)). But those verses are not meant to be viewed as absolutes. Can you defy the law of gravity if you believe hard enough? Can you pick up a building through the strength of Christ? As with every passage of Scripture, context is key.

In the book of Hebrews, the word “impossible” occurs four times. The same Greek word (*adunatos*) is used in each instance, a word that literally means “without strength” or “incapable.” Don’t let that discourage you. It should only strengthen our faith in God and His plan for saving man.

“It is impossible to renew them again to repentance” ([Heb. 6:6](#)). By itself, that

sounds Calvinistic, as if those who wanted to be saved were somehow prevented by God's foreordination of the elect few. But the word "again" provides the key. Two verses earlier, the writer of Hebrews identifies these people as those who have "tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away" (6:4-6). They had experienced the power of forgiveness and the blessings that come with repentance. But they made the deliberate decision to return to the life of sin that nailed Jesus on the cross.

Salvation is available to all. God certainly wills that all come to repentance ([2 Pet. 3:9](#)). But until you decide that you are going to live for the Lord, it is impossible for you to be forgiven.

"It is impossible for God to lie" ([Heb. 6:18](#)). Because of His divine nature, God is "incapable" of lying. Such would violate His holy and righteous character. Being in direct opposition to everything sinful, He cannot sin. As Paul wrote in [2 Tim. 2:13](#), "if we are faithless, He remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself." This should not be viewed as a weakness, but a powerful testimony of His righteousness.

When God speaks, it is truth. When

God promises, it is kept. That's why we can trust Him when He says, "I will never leave you, nor will I ever forsake you" ([Heb. 13:5](#)). That's why we can anchor our soul in hope when "this is the promise that He Himself made to us: eternal life" ([1 John 2:25](#)). Wishful thinking? Not possible.

"It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sin" ([Heb. 10:4](#)). The book of Hebrews is aptly referred to as the "Book of Better Things." One of its purposes was to show the superiority of the New Covenant over the Law of Moses. The Old Law did what it was intended to do, but "it was only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things" (10:1). Innocent blood was offered for sin, but it was the blood of an animal. The yearly sacrifices were a reminder of sins but did nothing to change the heart of the sinner.

Enter the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" ([John 1:29](#)). What the Law of Moses was without strength to do, God did, "sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin" ([Rom. 8:3](#)). Through the blood of the Son of Man, we can become the children of God. Inconceivable? Not with God.

"Without faith, it is impossible to please Him" ([Heb. 11:6](#)). Sixteen Bible characters are commended by name in this great chapter of Hebrews. The thread that ties all of them together is their faith. It's what caused Abel to offer a better sacrifice and Enoch to walk with God. It's what motivated Noah to build the ark and Abraham to offer up his only son, Isaac. Such a faith drew them closer to God and His will for them.

Men of every generation are incapable of pleasing God without faith. This involves not only believing in the existence of the unseen God but being diligent to seek Him out until the end. Bible faith looks up to the spiritual world and out to the world that is to come. It is the foundation of our relationship with the Lord. Without it, no man can see Him.

When questioned by His disciples about salvation, Jesus responded, "with men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" ([Matt. 19:26](#)). God said so, and He cannot lie.

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"Who is my mother and who are my brothers?" (Matthew 12:48)

Gospel Meeting

Gordon Grammer from Mountain View, Arkansas will be holding a meeting at the Judson Road church of Christ starting today. Lesson titles and times are available on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Directory Update

Please update your directory with the following information for Andrew and Kristen Arnold.

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NEWS (continued from back page)

- **The Stones** have been unable to be with us recently due to a series of illnesses.
- **Donna Carson** will be moving to Mount Pleasant and may need help unloading her things.
- Continue to remember **Clayton Bellamy, Kris 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.