

News

Maisie Donaghey, Stacy Rogers’ Grandmother, passed away early Thursday morning in New Mexico. Jared and Stacy and children had gone to New Mexico Monday to see her last Monday, and Jared and Maisy came home Thursday. Stacy and Bennett will fly home Tuesday. We express our sincere sympathy to Stacy, Jared and all their loved ones——**Willie Don Davis** continues to make progress in his recovery from the long difficulties he has been through. He is able to move in the house with a walker——**Linda Traugher** continues to (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 23, 2016

Serving The Lord’s Supper
Sunday Morning
Scripture: Kendall Johnson
Ken Ferguson **Richard Tapparo**
Jerry Davis **Chris Hill**
Sunday Evening
Ken Ferguson **Richard Tapparo**

PRAYERS
Sun. AM—Jerry Wildman (Opening)
—Jeron McGough (Closing)
PM—Kendall Johnson (Opening)
—Luke Arnold (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS
A.M.—Leon Goff
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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David: A Shadow of Greatness

By Kris Emerson

“Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?” What a great line! David, this young and unknown shepherd boy, comes into the Israelite camp and observes his brethren fleeing and afraid. They have come against a foe that no man can defeat. Here is the description of Goliath from 1 Samuel 17: *“Then a champion came out from the armies of the Philistines named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was clothed with scale-armor which weighed five thousand shekels of bronze. He also had bronze greaves on his legs and a bronze javelin slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver’s beam, and the head of his spear weighed six hundred shekels of iron.”* I don’t even really know what most of those things are, i.e, cubits and greaves and shekels, and yet I’m entirely certain that this was one scary warrior!

In addition to the physical size, Goliath constantly taunts Israel with his challenges: *“‘I defy the ranks of Israel this day; give me a man that we may fight together.’ When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.”* All of Israel knows that a great threat is before them and that great reward will come to the man amongst them who can stop Goliath. They said, *“Have you seen this man who is coming up? Surely he is coming up to defy Israel. And it will be that the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches and will give him his daughter and make his father’s house free in Israel.”* That’s a great offer and all, but you don’t read of anyone willing to volunteer.

David is the only man of true courage amongst them. He has already

seen the workings of God in his life and he believes God will give him victory against this foe. David reports these words to Saul: *“Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God... The Lord who delivered me... will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”*

You probably know the rest of the story. David selects five smooth stones from the brook. He approaches the giant without any physical protection. Goliath esteems David’s presence quite lowly as he says, *“Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?”* *“Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the beasts of the field.”* By all observations, it looked like an unwinnable fight.

But just before David slings his stone at Goliath, he says this: *“You come to me with a sword, a spear and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you... that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not deliver by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord’s and He will give you into our hand!”* The stone flew true. The giant fell. *“Thus David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and he struck the Philistine and*

killed him.”

Question: What is the moral of this story? It is often taught that we are to identify with David. In fact, I’ve preached that sermon before. He was not frightened like the rest, but fully trusted in God. He knew that no adversary was large enough or frightening enough to overcome faith: faith is the victory that overcomes the world. In application, we must slay our giants. Though the devil has power over many and taunts the faithful through the voices of the world, we must see what God has done to bring us this far, and release our stone of faith and trust it will be all we need.

I like all of that, but lately I’ve been wondering if it is a complete swing and miss on the true point of this story. Maybe it is not about comparing ourselves to David at all. I mean, Let’s get real for a second—would anybody reading this have been David in that story? I tell you where I would have been: hiding! We are all likely to be playing the role of frightened Israelites if we were transported back to that event. Sure, by faith one might stand and fight unto victory, but such valor is rare.

Maybe this isn’t about comparing ourselves to David. Everything David did, Jesus Christ has done in a greater way. David is the shadow, even in victory. Christ is the substance! David saved Israel.

Jesus brought salvation to us all. David slayed an enormous man, a man who had influenced thousands. Jesus destroyed the power of Satan, an adversary who had terrified millions. David trusted in God to spare his life. Jesus trusted in God to the sacrifice of death and unto life again, so as to take away Satan’s power beyond the grave.

Yes, we are the scared and hopeless people, overwhelmed by our ineptitude. But Jesus, our great King Jesus, is the fullness of David’s faith. Jesus is the greatest of all victors, the One who needed no aid of man to destroy man’s greatest adversary. As Israel found hope through David, how much more so must you and I in Christ?

Hey, let’s all try to live the faith of David; I take nothing away from that. But even more so, let’s give thanks to God for Jesus our great Warrior and Gloriously Victorious King!

Our Next Gospel Meeting

We’re only four weeks from our fall Gospel Meeting. **Don Truex** will be the speaker. He was with us a few years ago. He is very outstanding in the quality of his lessons and he also has great communication skills. His lessons are very Biblical and practical. Let’s be preparing our hearts for this important event and be talking about the meeting to our relatives and friends. The meeting is **November**

13—16, 2016.
Welcome to Betty Taylor

Sister Taylor has been worshipping with us on Sunday mornings for a few months and she has made it known that she wants to be recognized as a member of Southside. We are very happy to welcome her as a member of our spiritual family. Her address is 753 CR 4390, Leesburg, TX 75451, and her phone number is 903-802-0722.

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“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.” (Heb. 12:1-4)
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NEWS (continued from back)
do well in her recovery from her fall, and it is good to see her in our services—Remember **James Johnson, Willie Don Davis, Ron Traugher, Judy Hinson, Vivian Stroman, William White, Catherine Moss, Wade Miller, David Chapman, Kris Ferguson, Jr., Relda Marshall, Charles Kyle, Pat Brown, Deborah Brown, Tammy Willeford**—Remember our **Shut-ins:** *Loyd Clark, Maurine Lee, and Lelda Thompson.*