

## News

**Judy Hinson** had another chemo treatment Wednesday. They reduced her dose 50% and she reports that the results in her feelings is much better. She went back to Dallas Friday to have the chemo disconnected——**Betty Rust** was back in our service last Sunday after being absent as a result of not feeling well——**Relda Marshall** continues to do remarkably well in her overcoming the effects of her cancer and the treatments that she had and some that she continues to have——**Phil Brown** seems to be doing better since he has been doing some (continued on page 3)

### ELDERS:

**Bob Arnold** 563-2977  
**Leon Goff** 572-6809  
**Kendall Johnson** 717-0265

### 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** 5:00 PM

#### Wednesday

**Ladies Class** 10:00 AM  
**Bible Study** 7:00 PM

### PREACHERS:

**Jared Rogers** 682-300-3602  
**Leon Goff** 572-6809

### ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

**August 20, 2017**

#### Serving The Lord's Supper

##### Sunday Morning

Scripture: Thomas Hockaday

**Jerry Wildman** **Duane McGough**  
**Jeron McGough** **Enoch Waldrep**

##### Sunday Evening

**Jerry Wildman** **Duane McGough**

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### PRAYERS

**Sun. AM—Bob Arnold (Opening)**

**—Luke Arnold (Closing)**

**PM—R. Montgomery (Opening)**

**—Ricky Davis (Closing)**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A.M.—Ken Johnson**

**P.M.—Pat Marshall**

**(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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## May God's Blessings Be With the Rogers

*By Leon Goff*

This is the last Sunday for Jared to be with us as our local evangelist. We have really enjoyed having him, Stacy, Maisy and Bennett with us for the three years and a little more. They will certainly be missed, they are loved and appreciated for being a good family. I have appreciated, enjoyed and profited from the preaching and teaching that Jared has done. Stacy is a friendly and delightful Christian lady and a good example as a preacher's wife. Maisy and Bennett are precious children. I will always remember what amazing rapport that Maisy has had with us older ones and how she made it a point to know our names and greet us by name.

It was really a surprise to me, Bob and Kendall when back in the spring he informed us that he was resigning as our preacher effective at the end of July. In fact, we were shocked. We started questioning him and making our arguments as to why he should not do this. But he explained to us that he had been thinking about this decision for some time and that he had his mind made up. He explained that he was not comfortable in the role of preacher and decided that he wanted to return to teaching school. And he is returning to teaching school in the Burleson School District, where he had taught before he came to us.

Jared and Stacy, I know that I love you and your children, and I am confident that I speak the hearts of the members of Southside when I say that you all are loved dearly. We wish you the best. If we can be of help and encouragement in the future, feel free to call upon us. We do not say goodbye to you, for we want you to come back to visit us.

# Pathetic Dust Or A Living Hope

By Doy Moyer

*He was a good man.  
Pray for his family.  
Thanks for the memories.  
I really, really like him. A lot.*

How often do we hear words like these? No matter the religion or the beliefs to which one held, these words are common in the aftermath of one's passing. Then, sooner or later, "*their memory is forgotten*" (Eccl. 9:5).

Is that where it all ends?

I would often ask classes, "How many of you know who your grandparents are?" Most would raise their hands. "How about your great grandparents?" A few would raise their hands. "How about your great-great grandparents?" Rarely would a hand go up. Unless we are really into genealogy (as my mother is), most of us will likely not even know the names of our great grandparents and beyond. As much as I love my grandchildren, I know they will have children, who will have children, who will likely never know my name (but for the novelty of an odd name).

What a cheery thought, right? That depends on your perspective.

Atheist Robert Ingersoll opined at his brother's graveside that "every life, no matter if its every hour is rich with love and every moment jeweled with a joy, will, at its close, become a tragedy as sad and deep and dark as can be woven of the warp and woof of mystery and death." As he put it, one passes to "silence and pathetic dust."

Atheist Bertrand Russell, in Why I Am Not a Christian, wrote, "That man is the product of causes which had no provision of the end they were achieving; that his origin, his growth, his hopes and fears, his loves and his beliefs are but the outcome of accidental collections of atoms; that no fire, heroism, no intensity of thought and feeling, can preserve an individual life beyond the grave; that all labour of the ages, all the devotion, all the inspiration, all the noonday brightness of human genius, are destined to extinction in the vast death of the solar system, and that the whole temple of Man's achievement must inevitably be buried beneath the debris of a universe in ruins..." This "firm foundation of unyielding despair" is where we must build our lives, according to Russell.

So, that's it? Nothing? No real meaning? We just die and we'll never know we lived at all? We're just destined to extinction? Years from now, our names may or may not appear in some genealogical list. Perhaps if we wrote a book or two, or did some noteworthy thing in this world, some may hear our names. But by then, that's just noise—the sound of words with no personal connection any more. Are we done?

Or is there more? Indeed, there is more: "*but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven*" (Luke 10:20).

Christians have no reason to take such a dim view of life. There is no "unyielding despair" for the child of God who knows that there is a "*living hope through the resurrection of Jesus*

*Christ from the dead,*" an "*inheritance*" that is "*imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you*" (1 Pet. 1:3).

We live for hope. We die in hope. The power of hope keeps us moving, working, growing, and loving. We can "*exult in hope,*" for even after going through trials, thereby growing in perseverance and character, we know that "*hope does not disappoint*" (Rom. 5:5).

Because of such hope, Paul could say, "*For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain*" (Phil 1:21). He could speak of being "*clothed with our dwelling from heaven,*" desiring that the "*mortal will be swallowed up by life.*" and affirm that God prepared us for this very purpose (2 Cor. 5:1-5).

Because of the resurrection of Christ and the hope it provides, we may also know that our labor in the Lord is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58). This is why our faith in the resurrected Lord is vital. Without it, we are back to nothing, a faith that is in vain (vv. 12-19). Since faith stands under hope (Heb. 11:1), we cannot gut our faith without also ripping out our hope.

The choice is always ours. We can choose to believe that we will pass into "silence and pathetic dust," or we can accept that Jesus was raised on our behalf and that our mortal will put on immortality. We can choose life or death (cf. Deut. 30). We can choose hope or despair.

The Lord died and was raised to give us that hope. Don't let that great love from Him be in vain toward us. There is one "*hope of your calling*" (Eph. 4:4); embrace it.

—via *Cyfair Family News and Notes*

## The Nelsons Are Coming To Mt. Pleasant

We have invited **Drew Nelson** to be our next preacher and he has accepted. He does not at the present have a timeline on exactly when he and family will move here. Drew, Meagan, his wife, and Daphne, his daughter, will become a part of our family here at Southside. Let's prepare to give them a warm welcome. Let's look forward to good years as we have fellowship with them in the furtherance of the gospel in our area. They will be moving from Bay City, Texas.

### Do You Expect to go to Heaven?

I recently preached a lesson on Hebrews 10 and the importance of assembling with fellow Christians. I emphasized that this is not an issue of pleasing the preachers and elders. You know your circumstances and what you are able to do. But please don't have the attitude that you are going to do as little as you can get by with. This is an issue of whether you are going to go to heaven, an issue of faith.

**NEWS** (continued from back page)  
therapy——Remember **Phil Brown, Willie Don Davis, Judy Hinson, William White, Catherine Moss, David Chapman, Kris Ferguson, Jr., Relda Marshall, Pat Brown, Deborah Brown, Tammy Willeford**——Remember our **Shut-ins: James Johnson, Maurine Lee, Wanda Sikes, Vivian Stroman and Lelda Thompson.**