

## NEWS

**Yvonne White** spent a few days in the local hospital due to complications from the flu and low blood pressure, and A-fib, but she went home Thursday afternoon——**Marion Shurtleff** is in the Pittsburg Hospital as a result of a fall in her bathroom. She injured her right shoulder, and will be taking therapy when she recovers sufficiently. She is in Room 119——**Relda Marshall** has begun radiation treatment and did not feel up to being in our services last Sunday——**Judy Hinson** is still taking chemo treatments and was not able to be in our (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:

**Drew Nelson** 254-541-3815  
**Leon Goff** 572-6809

### ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

**January 20, 2019**

#### Serving The Lord's Supper

##### Sunday Morning

Scripture: Dwayne McGough

**Ken Ferguson** **Pat Marshall**  
**Jesse Carrillo** **Bobby Burns**

##### Sunday Evening

**Ken Ferguson** **Pat Marshall**

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### PRAYERS

**Sun. AM**—Jerry Wildman (Opening)  
—Willie Don Davis (Closing)  
**PM**—Ken Johnson (Opening)  
—Alec Capel (Closing)

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A.M.**—Leon Goff  
**P.M.**—Andrew 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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## Sixteenth Annual Singing

*Next Friday Night, January 18th, 2019*

**7:30 PM**

### *Song Directors*

*Tim Stevens, Lindale, Texas*

*Dane Shepard, Blanchard, Oklahoma*

*Todd Dennis, Maumelle, Arkansas*

Come and worship God and enjoy an hour and one half of great Congregational Gospel Singing. *“Teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord”* (Colossians 3:16). There will be no collections taken, and very little speaking. Everyone is welcome.

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# Is Worship Boring?

By Doy Moyer

If we think “traditional” worship is boring, then look not first at those who are around us in judgment, but to our own hearts, “For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge practice the very same things.”

Calling worship boring is more a revelation and judgment of our inner spiritual drought than of those who are sincerely striving to glorify God regardless of outward show. To call it boring is to lay the blame on others for not making it exciting for “me,” as if worship is all about me in the first place. “But you say, ‘What a weariness this is,’ and you snort at it...” (Malachi 1:13). This attitude may well cause us to bring to the Lord that which is lame and sick. “Shall I accept that from your hand?” Are we more concerned with what we accept as exciting than with what God actually accepts as worship?

If you want to effect change, then start with your own heart because the problem with “traditional” worship is not that “it” is boring. It’s that the heart, deceitful as it can be (Jeremiah 17:9), fails to be content with simplicity. We feel we must keep bringing more to the table to make things more exciting. This focuses on the outward show, and when we feel this to be the problem, we will always have to keep ramping up what we are doing. What was exciting yesterday is boring

today. We must progress further to keep our excitement level up. The show must move on to bigger and greater things if it is going to keep my attention. And if it doesn’t, then I feel justified judging others for carrying on such a boring service.

Such a focus is selfish and does not really deal with the issue of the heart. Instead of fixing our eyes on Jesus, we are fixing our eyes on carnal pleasure.

Boring? No. If you think such, then please listen to yourself because you’ve just identified that there is a problem to be reckoned with. Yet start with your own heart first. We cannot “fix” boring just by changing a few outward things. But we can know our own hearts and trust the Lord. If you need someone to help you through this, please do not ignore it. There are brethren who will listen and help.

“Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.” (Proverbs 4:23).

\*Add for clarity: I’m not saying that we cannot identify outward issues, or that there aren’t times I wish we, as a whole, were more enthusiastic. But first things first. If I think it’s boring, I need to start with my own heart. Why would I think it’s boring while many others might not? “Boring,” in this case, is a subjective

judgment, yet we tend to make it an objective statement: “It” is boring. That misses the point. I may be bored, but why? Because it’s not what I want? Because it doesn’t meet my expectations? Then it becomes about me again. But if I can help with the enthusiasm as a whole, then I will try to do that.

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## 16th Annual Singing

Our Annual Singing is coming up **Next Friday night, January 18th, 2019, 7:30 pm.** We always look forward to this event with joy. Be making your plans to be present. **Tim Stevens, Dane Shepard** and **Todd Dennis** will be our song directors again this year. They do an outstanding job in their leadership of song worship.

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## Our Weekend Meeting

**Dee and Russ Bowman** have agreed to be our speakers this year, and the meeting will be **Friday through Sunday, March 1—3, 2019.** This will be a very encouraging weekend for us.

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## Ladies Class

**Will resume classes this coming Wednesday, January 16. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.**

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## Our Adult Bible Classes

Our Wednesday night Bible Class in the Auditorium is studying **2 Corin-**

**thians. Drew Nelson** is teaching this class and doing a great and interesting job. I am benefiting very much from the class. We are ready for the third chapter this next Wednesday night. If you have not been attending, why not start this week?

The **Sunday Morning Class** makes a change next Sunday morning, January 20. We are suspending the study of journey through the Bible (Annual Bible Reading Program) until my next turn to teach. **Kendall Johnson** begins a study of **Faith** next Sunday. Let’s give him our support and let’s benefit from this very important Bible study.

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## NEWS (continued from back page)

services last Sunday, but she was with us Wednesday night—**Ricky Davis** received good news that his white blood count had gone down from 270 to 9. He is taking chemo—**June Johnson** has been through an upper respiratory infection—**Carlos Barnes** was not with us last Sunday night, but was back with us Wednesday night—**The Jordan’s great-grandbaby** was taken to the hospital in Longview due to the flu, but is better—Prayers are requested for **Marion and Virginia Moon**, Peggy Bellamy’s sister and husband. Virginia is now taking care of him at home—Remember **June Johnson, Randy Blackmon, Teresa Tate, Carlos Barnes, Bob Arnold, Frank White, William and Yvonne White, Jace Hockaday, Willie Don Davis, Judy Hinson, Relda Marshall, Judy Hinson, Betty Rust, Catherine Moss, Deborah Brown, and Tammy Willeford**—Remember our **Shut-ins: James Johnson, and Wanda Sikes.**