

NEWS

Judy Hinson is scheduled to have surgery to remove her gallbladder this coming Tuesday at the Baylor Hospital in Plano, TX. We hope this relieves the pain she has been having because her gallbladder has not been functioning——**Paul Relph** will see his doctor in Tyler this next week in Tyler, and he has assured Paul that he will help get his foot and toe seen after. This gives Paul some comfort——**Shirley Duncan** is trying to recover from the fall she had and the heavy door that fell on her. They think she may have a bone chip behind——(continued on page 3)

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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

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Assignments

January 9, 2022

Scripture and Lord's Supper
Royce Gibbs

Song Leader
Bob Arnold

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—Ken Ferguson (Opening)
—Willie Don Davis (Closing)
PM—Paul Coffman (Opening)
—Ricky Davis Closing

Announcements

AM.—Pat Marshall
P.M.—Pat Marshall

(call Ken Ferguson if unable 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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You're Cordially Invited to Our

Eighteenth Annual Singing

Friday Night, January 21st, 2022

7:30 PM

Song Directors:

Tim Stevens, from Lindale, TX
Dane Shepard, from Blanchard, OK
Todd Dennis, Maumelle, AR

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Some Perspectives on Time

(By Dan Petty)

There is just something about the start of a new year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. The new year does give us the opportunity to think about the passing of time and how we are living our lives with the time we have. Scripture offers us some perspectives about time.

Redeem the time. We find this exhortation in Ephesians 5:15: “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of your time, because the days are evil.” As Moses prayed to God, “So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12). Wisdom says we should think about how we use the opportunities that we have.

If the Lord wills. Consider what James said about the plans we make. “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit’ —yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that’” (James 4:13-15). It is easy to feel self-sufficient and a bit arrogant about ourselves, our accomplishments, and the things we set as our goals in life. A wise man once said, “Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring” (Proverbs

27:1). James says, “all such boasting is evil” (v. 16). Be humble, and keep life in perspective.

Press on. The apostle Paul reflected on his own life in terms of his past, present, and future. He said, “Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13-14). Let’s be sure we have a clear vision of what is important in life and then pursue it.

Now is the acceptable time. Paul made an impassioned appeal about the most important of all decisions we can make in this life. “Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, ‘In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.’ Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:1-2). There is not a better time than the present to serve God.

Focus on being ready for the Lord. The apostle Peter wrote some sobering words about time, and offers us some worthy goals for our lives. He wrote about the patience of the Lord, and how we ought to be patient as well. The Lord patiently waits for us to turn to him in

repentance (2 Peter 3:8-12). So, we need to be ready. “Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace” (2 Peter 3:14). The Lord has promised to come again. He calls all people to himself, so he patiently waits. But eventually—in his time—this earth will end. And he will come. Something new and wonderful awaits us there.

We need to remain steadfast in our faith. “You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability” (2 Peter 3:17). Don’t allow all the distractions around us to shake us from our principles.

Keep growing. “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). As long as we are given time in this life, we should keep striving to grow, to reach new heights, to become better as we try to serve him.

God’s Will

Jesus said, “*Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven*” (Matt. 7:21). In Luke 6:46, we read, “*Why do you call Me Lord, Lord, and not do the things which I say?*” How do we know what God’s will is? In order for an action to be God’s will, it must first be taught in God’s word.

If we want to know what to do to be saved, we

will find the answer only in God’s Word. If we want Jesus to be the Lord of our life, the only way for that to happen is by doing what He says. For example, Jesus said, “*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...*” (Mk. 16:16). Why is it that people claim salvation and Jesus as Lord, but fail to do what He says? They would have Jesus saying, “*He that believeth only shall be saved.*” Hence, they separate believing (faith) and baptism, but Jesus plainly joins the two. Salvation, remission of sins, and justification never comes by believing ONLY (James 2:24, because a failure to DO the will of God, and a failure to DO what Jesus says is a failure to obey the author (source) of eternal salvation (Heb. 5:9).

Psalm 40:8: says, “*I delight to do Your will, O my God, and your law is within my heart.*” Thus, with God’s word within our hearts we will delight to do His will. Think on these things.

—Dennis Abernathy, preachab@suddenlink.net

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Abel Montanez passed away this week. We have helped support him for a number of years.

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NEWS (continued from back page)

the shoulder ball joint——**Bob Arnold** received a chemo treatment last week and he has had some “down” days——Remember **Dale Rockett, Bob Arnold, Charles Davis, Rance Hockaday, Kenneth and Beverly Amerson, Kenny Ferguson, June Johnson, Randy Blackmon, Frank White, Willie Don Davis, William and Yvonne White, Judy Hinson and Catherine Moss——Remember our Shut-in: Marion Shurtleff.**