Vol. 53 No… 4 **Upcoming Events!**

**April 3-4 –** LTC Convention in Dallas.

**April 5 –** LTC Banquet after evening services at 5:00 p.m. Bring sandwiches, chips, dips, desserts, drinks. **Please note that this is the first Sunday and we won’t have our usual first Sunday schedule.**

**April 12 – “First Sunday on Second Sunday”** Fellowship welcoming Tyler Carter back from Marine Corps Basic Training. **We will have a “pot luck” fellowship following morning services & will have our evening worship service at 1:00 p.m.**

**April 19 –** Elders/Deacons Meeting at 3:30 p.m. If you have anything you need discussed, please give it to one of the elders.

**April 21 –** Ladies’ Night Out at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship area at the church building. Hostesses are Ophelia Payne & Betty Robbins.

 Congratulations to

Mark & Tawana

Stewart on the

arrival of their

newest grand-

daughter, Eleanor

Rae Headley, on Feb. 25th, weighing 7 ½ lbs & 20 ½ inches long. Proud great-grandmother is Martha Fox. Parents are Emlie & Jonathan .

We extend our sympathy to the family of Marcy Campbell & the family of Alan Townsend (Gene Townsend’s brother & Betsy Townsend’s & Vermelle Kirkpatrick’s brother-in-law).

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**A big thank you to everyone who helped with the “A Night in Paris” Valentine banquet. We appreciate all your efforts and enjoyed it immensely!**

**Scripture Reading Plan for April 2015**

April 6 Hebrews 1, 1, 2

April 7 Hebrews 1, 2, 3

April 8 Hebrews 2, 3, 4

April 9 Hebrews 3, 4, 5

April 13 Hebrews 4, 5, 6

April 14 Hebrews 5, 6, 7

April 15 Hebrews 6, 7, 8

April 20 Hebrews 7, 8, 9

April 21 Hebrews 8, 9, 10

April 22 Hebrews 9, 10, 11

April 27 Hebrews 10, 11, 12

April 28 Hebrews 11, 12, 13

April 29 Hebrews 12, 13, 13

**Questions:**

1. Whom did God appoint heir of all things?
2. Who was made a little lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone?
3. How long did the Hebrews writer tells us that we must encourage one another daily?
4. According to the Hebrews writer what may we say with confidence?
5. Who by one sacrifice has made perfect forever those who are being made holy?
6. Who was king of Salem and priest of God Most High?

April 2015

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| Sunday Morning | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |  |
| Scripture | SEE | NOLAN | BUTLER ! |  |  |
| Read by | Ken Robbins | Chesley Phillips | Bo Creighton | Sheradon Carter |  |
| Opening Prayer | Paul Payne | Charlie Thompson | Michael Fry | Rick Zant |  |
| Song Leader | Sheradon Carter | Wylie Dykes | Bobby Graves | Charlie Hodgkiss |  |
| Announcements | Bobby Graves | Rick Zant | Michael Fry | Bobby Graves |  |
| Lord’s Supper | Joe Carpenter | | | | |
|  | Wylie Dykes | | | | |
|  | Kaleb Ball | | | | |
|  | Travis Ball | | | | |
|  | Phillip Norman | | | | |
|  | Dale Henry | | | | |
| Closing Prayer | Eldon Eudy | Charlie Hodgkiss | Bobby Graves | Bradley Cochran |  |
| Usher | Bobby Graves | | | | |
| Comm. Prep. | Bobby & Judy Graves | | | | |
| Sound Board | Eddie Don Pickering | | | | |
| Sunday Evening | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |  |
| Opening Prayer | Robert Ballard | Billy Fergurson | Charlie Hodgkiss | Wylie Dykes |  |
| Closing Prayer | Dudley Zant | J.R. Butler | Junior Oliver | Stephen Arnold |  |
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| Wednesday | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| Devotional | Robert Ballard | Michael Fry | Charlie Hodgkiss | Charlie Thompson | Paul Payne |

Please remember these in your prayers: Cristy Brazeal, Lola Purser, our brethren in Mexico, Thelma McDowra, Nina Campbell, April Fergurson, Wynetta & James Carter, military personnel, Brenda Rodgers, Gus, Micah & Jennifer Fry, Travis Palmer, Tracy Martinez, Travis Snyder (Roxanne Fergurson’s cousin), Lee Spencer (Harvey Spencer’s father), James Elmore (Eddie Elmore’s father), Charlie Arnold (Stephen Arnold’s father), Jim Spiller, Betty Robbins, Barbara Brazeal (Rickey Brazeal’s mother), Courtney Mathews, Betsy Skeen, Darnell Huff.

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April Birthdays

2 – Ruth Thompson

3 – Kenda Thompson

4 – Joe Carpenter

8 – Gleno Perry

9 – Betsy Skeen

11 – Dale Perry

13 – Patsy Murray

16 – Roxanne Fergurson

19 – Thomas McGee

21 – Dalton Phillips

26 – Martha Fox

26 – Lauren Hodgkiss

27 – Patsy Atnip

28 – Julieanne Schrum

29 – Kimber Lindsey

30 – Barbara Taylor

**April Anniversaries**

9 – Chad & Laura Graves

10 – Travis & Amy Ball

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 am

Worship 10:00 am

Worship 5:00 pm

KPLT Radio Program 96.3 FM 9:00 am

Wednesday

Bible Study 6:00 pm

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**High Sounding Words and Sermons That Can Be Seen**

Two thousand years ago the apostle John admonished church members, ”But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:17-18). These words bring to mind the familiar saying — "your talk talks and your walk talks, but your walk talks louder than your talk talks." It is still true that people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. Acts 11:29 tells us that when Christians at ancient Antioch of Syria heard about a coming famine in Judea, "Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea." The next verse says, "This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul." Those Christians remind us there are times when we preach powerful sermons without ever saying a word! In 1775 Abigail Adams, living outside Boston in Braintree, Massachusetts, wrote her husband John while he was serving as a member of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. She spurred her husband on in his patriotic service with these words: "You cannot be, nor do I wish to see you, an inactive spectator. We have too many high-sounding words, and too few actions that correspond with them." Abigail's words take on new meaning when we understand that John's actions would be counted as treason against the King of England and exposed him to danger or even death' as the colonies prepared to declare independence from England (from page 21 of John Adams by David McCullough). Abigail's words can be applied to Christians, There are times when high-sounding words must be fleshed out in down-to-earth ways that require involvement, inconvenient and costly as that may prove to be.

Several years ago the following lines were contained in "Glad Tidings of Good Things" (published by the Jacksonville, AL, church of Christ). Leslie Flynn in Dare to Care Like Jesus told the following story. A Christian baroness in Nairobi, Kenya, told of a young national she employed as a houseboy. After three months, he asked the baroness to give him a letter of reference to a friendly sheik living miles away. The baroness did not want the houseboy to leave just when he had learned the routine of the household, so she offered to increase his pay. The lad replied he was not leaving for higher pay. he told her he had decided to become either a Christian or a Mohammedan and that he had come to work for her for three months to see how Christians acted. Now he wanted to work for the sheik for three months to observe the ways of the Mohammedans and see how they lived. Then he would decide which way of life he would follow. The baroness was stunned as she recalled her many blemishes in dealing with the houseboy. Familiar words from Jesus in Matthew 5:14-16 remind us people are watching our daily actions as much or more than they are listening to our high-sounding sermons --- "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16). Remember: not all sermons are preached on Sundays. Do you preach only with high-sounding words, or can your sermons also be seen?

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