

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Sick

Penny Bevaqua— broken wrist; Regina Hunter— physical therapy on her knee; Alison Harris for cancer; Tim Adams trmt for bacteria in lungs; Teresa Broyles for cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Sandy Caldwell, Fran Barclay, and Nancy VanWinkle for health issues.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

The Stewart's son Zachary/ health issues; Ranny Reeves— friend, Rachel/heart issues; Rick Mirra's co-woker Alyssa/cancer surgery; Bill Ingram's wife, Joy recovery of surgery; David Sain's wife Phyllis health issues; Steve Wilder healing from spine surgery; Mattie Simmons brother health issues; The VanWinkle's neighbor for dementia; The Broyles friend Bobbie Huckabee/liver issues; Ylka Bejo's—mother; Les Vasterling's— father/Hospice care; Kim Taylor's mother, Jayne also baby William; The Bernhardt's relative Rustin/colon issues; Dianne Stewart's brother, Bobby Goodfield; Van Stewart's aunt Linda Parsons/health issues; The Stingles niece's baby; Paula Davis' niece for lupus; Carol Mitchell's mother, Mary; Darrell Broking— health issues.

## PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Freeman Cooper former member; Debbie Methvin's co-workers father Vasilos; Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousins Paula and Kevin; Ronnie Sommerville's dad, Ron; Kim Taylor's mother, Jayne; The Harris' daughter Kim; Mattie Simmons friend William; Sandy Caldwell's brother-in-law Larry; Kay Jessup's friend, Lou.

## INMATES:

Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

## OUR SERVICE MEN:

Sam Wagner and cousin Mark Wagner (Navy)  
Austin Reyes (Marine Corp)

## Remember Our Shut-ins

At Home: Winston Sandlin

## Activities

**FSOP Lectureship**—The 47th Annual Lectureship at the Florida School of Preaching in Lakeland, FL is from January 17th to the 20th. For more information pick up a flyer in the foyer.

**Sympathy**— Our deepest sympathy is extended to John Benson and family for the loss of his sister, Mary Anderson—88yrs old. Also the Diskerd family in the loss of Jeff Diskerd. Also the family of Glenda Smith—74yrs old as she passed Dec. 29th in Bryant, AL. Remember them in prayer as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

**Came Forward**—Dawn McFarland came forward asking for prayers for strength and courage.

**Reminder**— Weekly sermons are available on CD, our website and livestream on Facebook Sundays at 10:30 & 5:00pm and Wednesdays at 7:00pm. If you need the Bulletin, Christian Service List, Calendar or Directory call the office

## Those Serving Today

**Announcements**—James George  
**Song Leaders**—Joe Bonelli/James George  
**Opening Prayer**—James George/Mark Bernhardt  
**Lord's Table**—Van Stewart  
**Closing Prayer**—Dennis Cuckler/John Benson



## Birthdays This Week

Eva Jane Methvin—January 2nd  
Chad Broyles—January 6th  
Dyianna Thompson—January 7th



**Gospel Broadcasting Network**  
<http://gbntv.org>  
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TV Channel 44 (WTOG) at 7:30am Sunday watch & hear Phil Sanders - YouTube



(24/7) to hear Jeff Archey



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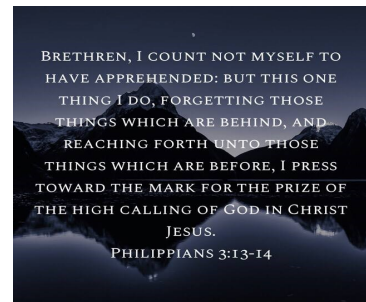
Childhaven is a Christian Children's Home that we support in Cullman, AL

## Elders:

Joe Bonelli  
Charles Broyles  
James George

## Deacons:

Max Herman  
Van Stewart



## Preacher: Charles Broyles

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## Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM

Charles Broyles

## Major Prophets: Jeremiah

## Sunday Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

## Making Right Choices in the New Year

Philippians 3:13-14

## Sunday Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

## The Good Life

Psalm 90:10-12

## Ladies Bible Study—Postponed

## Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

## Types and Anti-Types

All of our services are available



on Facebook Live and



YouTube Live!



**From the Preacher's Pen**

**SHOULD WE STILL BE TRYING TO RESTORE  
NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY?**

Well, The word restoration means the act of restoring something or someone to a satisfactory state. Others say that it is to get something back again, indicating it was lost. But usually, when Christians speak of the word restoration, it is either speaking of an era of time or it is referring to restoring New Testament Christianity. Sadly, it is true that there are some who believe that there was no Lord's church between say AD 400-AD1800. I fully disagree with that. We can see throughout history, that it has never been lost. Sure, it was not publicized as other religious groups, but it was still there.

Now, as to the word restoration, many Christians, and that would include myself, do not like the term "restoration" when it comes to the church. The reason why I say that is because the Word of God tells us that His Word will never end. In Matt. 16:18, Jesus said to Peter, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." That includes that the church will continue to stand. In 1 Pet. 1:25, Peter said, "But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." There are so many scriptures in the NT that imply that the church will exist until Judgment Day. I mean, how can one "walk in the light as he is in the light" or how can we "have fellowship one with another" (1 Jn. 1:7) if the church didn't exist for a period of time? No, the church is His body and that body was established on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) and regardless if there was a physical building or not, the body of Christ has remained since that day.

Now, sure there were persecutions, or they were scattered, or they worshiped in private or even in enormous caves, but the Body of Christ was, has been and will always be His Church which He died for, which will not be overpowered. And, it is not for man to 'eliminate' or destroy. I mean, you think about if the church had completely disappeared for around 1100-1400 years, then no one would possibly be able to know or obey the truth. God would not allow that. And so, because of these reasons, the church never needed to be restored, but rather a better 'terminology' would be "revived." I mean think about the church: she survived the "black ages" and around the 1500s or so, she was free again to worship openly, telling and teaching others the Gospel.

Now, the idea of using the word restore came from these four verses: Matt. 17:11; Lk. 19:8, Acts 1:6 and Gal. 6:1. But, these words in the English language do not do justification here because often in English we use is done without clarifying the meaning. But with Greek, it is much more precise because sentences give the definition and meaning of the word and not dictionaries. For example: Matt. 17:11, restore here refers to making all things complete and closing the Mosaic law since Christ fulfilled it. Lk. 19:8, restore here is referring to giving back by way of repentance or if any wrong was done. Acts 1:6, here the kingdom had been taken away from some time, from the Jews and Judea was reduced to a Roman province and now under Roman power. Here the word restore shows that something was completely vanished and had hoped for its return. But, it never returned. Gal. 6:1, here the word restore indicates taking a weakened Christian or unfaithful one and bringing them back again, resetting them in the church and restoring them to their former usefulness and good conduct which is to be done.

Therefore, if we use this word "restore or restoration," we must be careful how it is used because those who are progressive in the church use this word meaning to keep updating the church to suit person preferences. This is the reason why many Christians are now saying that they are a member of the church of Christ and not a member of the restoration movement.

Again, as for the word restoration, it is true that the church can stray into liberalism and be restored or brought back to the truth. But, one cannot be restored to a truth of which it never knew, upheld or taught. Therefore, the church, as a whole, was never lost. And, read lights should go off when we hear of congregations who are restoring the New Testament Christianity or church.

Robert Notgrass

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**FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE**

Oh, how much easier things are when you have examples. When you are assembling something from Ikea for example. You saw it in the store. They had an example of a fully mocked-up room, and they showed you how the item could be used. You buy it, take it home, and start the process of assembling the item. The instructions are helpful, but sometimes it is good to see the actual, fully-formed item. To see how it all fits together and how it should function helps in the assembly. In a similar fashion, we have encouragement from the Scriptures to look toward good examples.

Paul writes, "Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us" (Phil. 3:17). It is clear that Paul is not touting himself to be deity to be followed, just an example of one who walks with Christ. He wrote to the Corinthians, "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1). It is simple to see the concept. Reading Scripture gives us knowledge. Yet, seeing it lived out in others helps us to understand the application. This only works because there is a standard. In the above verse from Philippians, Paul uses the Greek word "tupos" for "pattern." It is the idea of a stamp or impression. It is a copy of the original. In the previous verse he wrote, "let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained" (Phil. 3:16). Translated from Greek, it literally reads, "by the same rule walk, the same thing think" (YLT). The concept of following the example of others carries with it the responsibility for us to make sure those we follow are following the same rule. There are a lot of bad examples out there.

"For many walk of whom many times I told you—and now also weeping tell—the enemies of the cross of the Christ! whose end is destruction, whose god is the belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who the things on earth are minding" (Phil. 3:18-19). This is the accusation that Jesus had against Peter, "Get thee behind me, adversary! thou art a stumbling-block to me, for thou dost not mind the things of God, but the things of men" (Matt. 16:23). Peter didn't want Jesus to die for his own reasons. When we try to blend the will of heaven with our own fleshly will, we distort the pattern, and we are no longer good examples. We should be quick to discern between those who genuinely want to serve God and those that are serving their own gain.

It is clear that proper examples can be helpful. We all have the same instructions for life. Yet, seeing someone living them out is a great asset in our Christian walk. Beware of the bad examples around us. Compare them to the pattern given so as to divide between right and wrong. Then, be an example.

Josh Blackmer