

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

David Jones, Liz Guity, Mattie, Queen, Willie Mae & William McRoy-unable to be out; Les Vasterling- knee some better; Wayne Bishop-Palm Garden Rehab/health issues; Jackie Clark-broken foot; John Benson- for tests and appts; Delia Schlachter for upcoming surgery; Teresa Broyles cancer treatment; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Susan Villoch- had gall bladder surgery; The Lydic's-daughter Lynn/health issues; William McRoy's- mother Geneva Gaston/prayers; Mattie, Queen & Willie Mae's- brother Joe Hooks in the hospital. Linda Hadsock's-sister not well; Les Vasterling's- brother James/health issues; Molly Burgess's-daughter, Carrie/ kidney transplant; Dottie Curls- son Douglas/serious health issues; Jackie Clark's mother Dorothy and grandmother Gayle/health issues; Patrick Pinto's-sister Angelina & nephew Joshua for prayers & niece Gwen heart issue; Lexi Cahill's-grandfather/lung cancer & prayers for brother Jacob, James & Calvin; Carol Mitchell- tumor on liver; The Stewart's-bro-in-law Russell Holt; The Kozola's son Tim; Van Stewart's -aunt, Linda Parsons; Dianne Stewart's-brother, Bobby Goodfield; The Stingles'-niece's baby; Paula Davis'-niece/lupus; Darrell Broking-health issues.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Deb Methvin's-cousin Melissa Clark; Charlotte Bytheway's cousin Janet Chaney; Tim Martin of Pinellas Park church of Christ; Dyianna Thompson's brother-in-law, Rodney; Ranny Reeves neighbor, Linda Wall; Linda Hadsock's niece, June McCray; Carol Untied's stepmother Emily; Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Mattie Simmons brother Joe Hooks; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry; Kay Jessup's friends, Pete Peppess and Marie Woleck.

INMATES: Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN: Austin Reyes (Marine) Matthew Holleran (Army)

SHUT INS: Wayne Bishop (Coral Oaks), Delia Schlachter, Joyce Stanley and Guery & Nancy VanWinkle

Activities

NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS— Meets on Tuesday, January 16th at 10:00am.

MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS— Thursday, January 11th at 7:00pm in the small building.

49TH ANNUAL LECTURESHIP— At the Florida School of Preaching in Lakeland, FL from January 15th-18th. You can watch live at lectureship. Flyers are in the foyer.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER— Our rescheduled Holiday Fellowship dinner is today after the morning service. If you are visiting please stay and join us as our honored guests.

RESPONDED—Samantha Jones came forward last Sunday needing the prayers of the church for a better year and to be an encouragement to her family and others. Lexi Cahill came forward asking for our prayers that she can be more trusting and do all that she can in her Christian walk. Randall Deily came forward Wednesday evening needing the prayers of the church for strength and encouragement for the struggle of temptations. We are thankful for their courage and love for the Lord.

REMINDER— Weekly sermons are available on CD, our website and livestream on Facebook and You Tube on Sundays 10:30 & 5:00pm and Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters— Van/Dianne Stewart

Announcements—Joe Bonelli

Song Leaders—Jesse Lancaster/James George

Scripture Readers—Max Herman/Rob Schlachter

Opening Prayer—Mark Bernhardt/Joe Bonelli

Lord's Table—Van Stewart

Closing Prayer—David Jones/Patrick Pinto

Birthdays This Week

Dyianna Thompson—January 7th

Tawana Dixon—January 12th

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SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

TV Channel 44 (WTOG) at 7:30am Sunday YouTube watch & hear Phil Sanders



YouTube (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey



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Arnold Town Road Church of Christ—Darrell Broking
Chalmette Church of Christ—Mark Lance
South Anchorage Church of Christ—Michael Dale
Czech Republic Missions —Tony/Heidi Orellana

Elders:

Joe Bonelli Charles Broyles
James George

Deacons:

Max Herman
Van Stewart

Preacher: Charles Broyles

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Sunday Bible Class—9:30AM
Charles Broyles
Book of Revelation-Chapter 9

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM
Charles Broyles
The Hands Of Jesus
Hebrews 12:12-13

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM
Charles Broyles
Seeing Ourselves As God Sees Us
Romans 12:3

Men's Bible Study—Thursday
January 11th at 7:00PM

Ladies Bible Study—Tuesday
January 16th at 10:00AM

Wednesday Bible Study—7:00PM
Charles Broyles
Atonement for Sin

All services are available!
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From the Preacher's Pen

A PEOPLE AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Josh Blackmer

“I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will” (Acts 13:22b). This beautiful compliment, “a man after My own heart” is one that should characterize every person who wears the name of

Christ.

David loved the word of God, “Oh how I love your law!” (Psa. 119:97). This psalm, if not written by David, it certainly expresses his sentiment found elsewhere. We find one who has a great love for God's word (Psa. 119:47-48) He loves God's word because it protects him from sin, revives him in trials, and gives him peace of mind (Psa. 119:11, 50, 165). How do we respond to God's word? Do we hide it in our heart? Do we find it to be a source of comfort in times of affliction? Does it give us peace of mind? If not, we should give heed to the instructions of David (Psa. 1:1-3). We should look to God's word in all things.

David loved to pray, “I will call upon Him as long as I live” (Psa. 116:1-2). His love for prayer was based upon the fact God had answered him before (Psa. 116:1-2). It was based upon the fact that God had greatly blessed him (Psa. 116:12-13). It was based upon the fact that prayer brought God close to him (Psa. 145:18). How is our love for prayer? Have we found it to be a source of peace “which surpasses all understanding”? (Phil. 4:6-7). Do we “pray without ceasing”? (1 Thess. 5:17). If not, then let us learn to depend upon prayer for our preservation (Psa. 32:6-7).

David loved to praise God, “seven times a day I praise You” (Psa. 119:164). He praised God because of His righteous judgments, His greatness and His loving kindness (Psa. 95:1-7). David was determined to sing praises as long as he lived (Psa. 104:33). Do we love to praise God? Do we delight in singing praises to God in song? Do we take time to praise God in our prayers? David has words to encourage our praise of God. “Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant and praise is becoming” (Psa. 147:1).

David hated every false way. “I hate every false way” (Psa. 119:104). His hatred was based upon his understanding of God's word (Psa. 119:104). His hatred affected his selection of activities and friends (Psa. 101:3-4, 6-7). What is our attitude toward falsehood? Do we compromise? Do we recognize that we are involved in a “battle” over the souls of men, and are not to think lightly of that which is false? (2 Cor. 10:3-5). David wasn't perfect, but he softened his heart in repentance to God. We must not compromise on sin. These are a few examples of a man after God's own heart. We should strive to live in such a way that the same is said of us, a people after God's own heart.

A MESSAGE NOT WORTH LISTENING TO

Tom Wacaster

A large number of souls in India are in bondage to the Hindu religion. It is a religion of futility, fear, and foolishness. Its adherents remind me of the prophets of Baal who danced around their idol, cutting themselves, and seeking some sign from their god while praying to an idol that can neither hear, see, nor answer. It is not uncommon for Indians to broadcast their

religious services over a loud speaker so that those in the village can hear the message. Such methods to spread their intended message are neither offensive, nor prohibited. Our brethren take advantage of this to broadcast the sermon and song service to the village people, giving them the opportunity to hear the truth. Last Tuesday we visited a village that had a congregation of the Lord's people. Unfortunately the brethren did not have a loud speaker, and I am not certain that it would have been beneficial at this precise occasion. Just about the time we got ready to begin our services, the procession carrying the Hindu god moved slowly past the church building. So we very patiently waited until the procession had passed before we began. But even after the procession had passed us by and moved off some distance from the building, we could still hear the loud speaker blaring the message to faithful Hindus: “Come make your sacrifice; bring your gifts...” The volume at times was so high we could barely hear ourselves speaking to one another. Yes, the message was heard; but unfortunately, it was a message with no value.

Our world is inundated with messages that are not worth listening to. Whether it be the Hindu message that calls for worship to a false god, or the noise of materialism and hedonism, these blaring messages drown out the Gospel of Truth. Indeed, the “god of this world” has blinded the minds of the ignorant, and stopped the ears from hearing the truth. The incredible thing about this is the fact that men want it that way. They are content to hear messages that tickle the ears and sooth the conscience. They listen; but the message is not worth listening to. Thankfully God has promised us that when the message falls on good and honest hearts the result will be a soul saved to the Lord's glory and honor. You and I have the responsibility to send forth the message (Mat. 28:18-20, Mark 16:15). What about our response? To what message do we give heed? Are we listening to the message of the world, with its allurements and promises? Or are we listening to the message that tells us to go?

Brethren, the call in India is great. The call for men to turn away from idols and from the vanity of Hinduism is spreading throughout that land. Thankfully, men are listening, but the call goes forth for us to help our brethren spread that message. Will we answer? Or will we, like those whose ears have been stopped by vain messages, refuse to listen? One choice will lead to life for ourselves and those who hear us. The only other alternative is to listen to a message not worth listening to.

IT IS A FACT!

Take a leafy branch from a tree. Lay it carefully aside and watch. Slowly the color fades—the leaves go limp and brown, it curls up and finally it is dead.

Take a fish out of the lake, lay it carefully on the sand and watch. Frantically it twists, struggles, gradually weakens, moves its gills slower, then finally it is dead!

Take a church member, carefully allow him to separate himself from God in worship, fellowship, prayer, and active service. Gradually his conscience quivers as he misses the Lord's table. He frets at himself for missing the worship service as other activities begin to occupy his time. Soon he says, there are many hypocrites in the church, the church is always asking for money, and finally he will take a stand that opposes Christian living—he is spiritually dead! (Gal. 6:1).

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