

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Emily George— recovering at home from hip surgery; John Nickl recovering from hip surgery in Largo Medical Rm 557; Molly Burgess was unable to be out; Ashley Wygal— for her pregnancy; Teresa Broyles and Vicky Lube—cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;
The Broyles stepmom Mary Jane Wright for a broken hip; Kim Taylor's nephew Brian for covid; Dolly Martin's sister Patsy/health issues; Regina Hunter's sister, Cynthia for health issues; Samantha Jones daughter Ariel, brother Eddie and son Joshua; Carol Mitchell- tumor on liver; The Stewart's—bro-in-law Russell Holt; Clifton Reynold's son Bryce; The Kozola's son Tim; David Sain's—wife Phyllis; Ylka Bejo's—mother for broken hip; Van Stewart's — aunt, Linda Parsons and cousin Paula in the hospital; Dianne Stewart's—brother, Bobby Goodfield; The Stingles—niece's baby; Paula Davis'—niece/ lupus; Darrell Broking/for health issues.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Tim Martin of Pinellas Park church of Christ; Dyianna Thompson's brother-in-law, Rodney; John Benson's friend, Wendell; Ranny Reeves neighbor, Linda Wall; Randall Deily's— uncle; Linda Hadsock's niece, June McCray; Carol Untied's stepmother Emily; Debbie Methvin's-friend Michele Fuguero; Deb Adams friends son, Jason; Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Ronnie Sommerville's dad, Ron; Mattie Simmons friend William; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry; Kay Jessup's friends, Lou and Rose Fiores also co-worker Marie Woleck.

INMATES: Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN: Sam Wagner and cousin Mark Wagner (Navy) Austin Reyes (Marine) Matthew Holleran (Army)

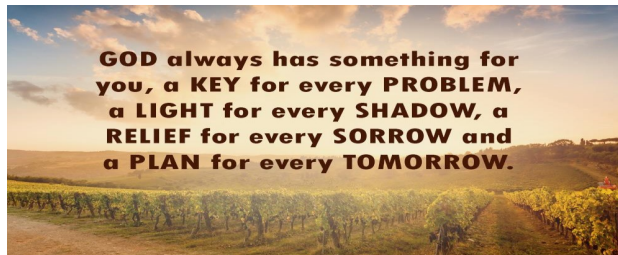
Activities

NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS— Friday, January 20th at 1:00pm in the small building.

FSOP LECTURESHIP— The 48th Annual Lectureship at the Florida School of Preaching in Lakeland is from January 16th-19th. The title is the Rise of the Messianic Kingdom. There are many great speakers including our own Charles Broyles. Flyers can be found in the foyer.

MEN'S BREAKFAST— Saturday, January 21st at 8:30 in the small building. Please add your name to the sign up sheet if you plan to attend.

RESPONDED— William McRoy came forward last Sunday asking forgiveness if he has said or done anything as he begins this year with a new start. Priscilla Miller also came forward stating she is beginning 2023 with a new start and to be the right example to those around her.



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

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Announcements—Charles Broyles
 Song Leaders—Jesse Lancaster/Matt Pryor
 Opening Prayer—Matt Pryor/David Jones
 Lord's Table—Max Herman
 Closing Prayer—Zack Stewart/Dennis Cuckler

Birthdays This Week

Charles Broyles—January 14th

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

THE INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL HOUR
 Broadcasting the Gospel Since 1934 YouTube (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey

House to House Heart to Heart
www.HouseToHouse.com
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Childhaven, Inc.
 Childhaven Children's Home in Cullman, AL
www.childhaven.com

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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

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Joe Bonelli Charles Broyles
 James George

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Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM
 Charles Broyles

Major Prophets—Ezekiel 38

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

Built To Last

Luke 6:47-49

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Needs & Wants

2 Timothy 4:9-13

Ladies Bible Study-Friday

January 20th at 1:00PM

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

The Sovereignty of God

All of our services are available on Facebook Live and



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From the Preacher's Pen

CLOSE TO HAVING A HEART ATTACK

Dan Jenkins

When the Lord said, “Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life” (Prov. 4:23), He obviously is not talking about that large muscle in our chests. The Bible uses the word “heart” over 800 times and almost always, if not actually always, refers to that inner part of our being. When the Lord discussed the greatest commandment, He spoke of loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind. That inner part of us is our soul.

What does it mean to keep your heart with all diligence? Our time and energy is limited and priority must be given to those things which are truly important. When the Lord described the attention which must be given to the heart, He used the word “all.” There is nothing more important than to devote ourselves and our time and energy to caring for our heart. Satan understands this and works to cause a severe “heart attack.”

Look at some of the words used to describe how we are to keep our heart. We are to love the Lord with all our heart (Deut. 6:5). We are to seek the Lord with all our heart (Deut. 4:29). We are to serve the Lord with all our heart (Deut. 10:12). We are to obey the Lord with all of our heart (Deut. 30:2). We are to trust the Lord with all our heart (Prov. 3:5). We are to turn to the Lord with all our heart (Deut. 30:10). Consider carefully the words mentioned above—love, seek, serve, obey, trust and turn. What could be more important than these words!

Think about it for a moment. If you were Satan, how would you attack the heart of Christians? It would not be a full-frontal attack using temptations he might openly use against the most worldly individuals. Is it not reasonable to see him getting the righteous to modify the level of their dedication? Would he not seek to weaken the love, the seeking, the serving, the obeying, the trusting and the turning to God? Would he not do this while at the same time deceiving us so we can hardly see the changes? In reality, it is a full-frontal attack, and we are not even aware of it. This is why the Bible speaks of the deceitfulness of sin.

Sometimes we measure our heart conditions by looking in the wrong places. Jesus described how the people in the first century focused on the external. “This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me” (Mark 7:6). These same words seem to describe our own day. Can we not see the danger in the way he attacks us? Satan attacks our hearts in this same way, and he wins if we are deceived by him. Think about the list of words mentioned above, just make sure that you are not close to a heart attack.

IS SPRINKLING REALLY BAPTISM?

Rod Rutherford

No sincere Bible believer doubts the importance of baptism. The word “baptize” in its various forms occurs nearly 100 times in the New Testament. Jesus himself said, “He that

believeth and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). He commanded his disciples: “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” (Matt. 28:19).

That baptism is required by the Lord cannot be denied. But how should one be baptized? Standard dictionaries commonly define baptism as “a religious rite or act performed either by sprinkling or pouring, or ‘by immersion’.” It must be remembered, however, that dictionaries define words according to their meaning in current usage. To find their meaning in the Bible, we must go to the Bible itself for the correct definition. Thus, we shall learn how God wants penitent believers to be baptized.

The New Testament was originally written in the common Greek of the first century A.D. To learn the meaning of baptism in the New Testament, let us first look at it in the original language of the New Testament. The widely used Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words by W. E. Vine says that baptism is from the Greek baptisma, which “consists of the processes of immersion, submersion and emergence.” Thayer’s Greek- English Lexicon of the New Testament defined baptidzo, the verb form of baptisma, as follows: 1. to dip repeatedly; to immerge; to submerge; 2. to cleanse by dipping or submerging; 3. to overwhelm.” In the New Testament then, baptism was an immersion in water and an emergence from the water. Since sprinkling does not involve either immersion or emergence from the water, sprinkling is not baptism in the New Testament usage of the word.

However, one does not have to be a student of the Greek language to learn how he must be baptized. One can clearly see from our standard English translations that baptism is not sprinkling, but is an immersion or burial in water. In Romans, the inspired writer shows that baptism derives its significance from the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. He says: “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of Life” (Rom. 6:3-4).

In baptism, one is buried in the water just as Christ was buried in the tomb. In baptism, one is raised up from the water just as Christ was raised up from the dead. One arises from the water of baptism with his sins forgiven. He is a new creature and has experienced the new birth (read John 3:3-5). Only immersion can show this. Having a few drops of water sprinkled on one’s head can never portray the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

The New Testament clearly teaches that baptism is an immersion or burial in water. Sprinkling is neither an immersion or a burial. Therefore, sprinkling is not the baptism commanded by our Lord. From this we can only conclude that those who have been sprinkled are yet unbaptized. They must “arise, and be baptized, and wash away their sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16).

Whenever two men meet, there are really six people present:

**There is each man as he sees himself.
There is each man as the other sees him.
And there is each man as he really is.**