

# 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-worker 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 sister Queen and niece Melissa for covid and brother health issues; Kay Jessup's niece for covid; Ylka Bejo's— mother; Les Vasterling's— father/Hospice care; Kim Taylor's mother, Jayne home from the hospital 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; 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.

**Came Forward**—Priscilla Miller came forward asking for prayers for strength and courage.

**Sympathy**— Our deepest sympathy is extended to Dick and Alison Harris and family for the loss of their daughter Kim Morpher on January 4th in Texas. Keep them in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their dear loved one.

**Financial Report**—The report for November has been prepared and can be found on the table in the foyer.

**Christian Courier**— The latest issue just arrived and is on the foyer table. The main article is “The False Hope of Salvation –After Death. Please pick up a copy today.

**Looking back—Thank Him**  
**Looking Ahead—Trust Him**  
**Looking Around—Serve Him**  
**Looking Up—Expect Him**

**“People cannot change the truth, but truth can change people”**

**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**—Charles Broyles  
**Song Leaders**—Matt Pryor/Joe Bonelli  
**Opening Prayer**—Joe Bonelli/Van Stewart  
**Lord's Table**—Mark Bernhardt  
**Closing Prayer**—Bob Hadsock/James George

## Birthdays This Week

Charles Broyles—January 14th  
Becky Jurado—January 15th



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



YouTube (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey



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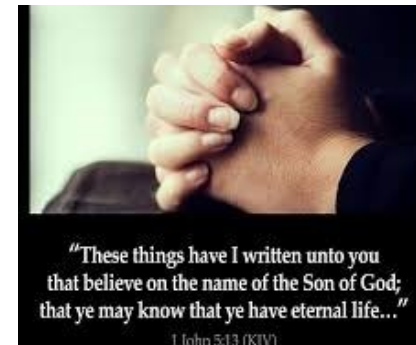
Childhaven is a Christian Children's Home that we support in Cullman, AL

## 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: Lamentations**

**Sunday Worship—10:30AM**

Charles Broyles

**The Greatest Blessing**

1 John 5:11-13

**Sunday Worship—5:00 PM**

Charles Broyles

**Learning To Handle The Trials Of Life**

James 1:2-4

**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

### "IT IS WRITTEN"

Bobby Duncan

There is a very disturbing and yet very popular notion about the use of the Bible in determining what one should believe and practice. That notion is reflected in the following statement made by a beloved but mistaken

brother:

"Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit," but they were in fact holy men. Holy, but men, speaking human language in a human culture, and with whatever limitations the Greek language has, or the Hebrew language has, or today for us the English language has, and for whatever time-bound things, and time-loosable things, reference to a point of cultural events or cultural baggage that later cultures had differently. All of that, then, warps the process and puts us on our guard that understanding what's said here may not be quite as easy as falling off a log...And maybe there are some things that we are so far removed from we'll never be quite sure what, in that culture and at that time, they meant."

Does that sound somewhat like the old idea that the Bible is subject to any number of conflicting interpretations, and no one has the right to say that any one of those interpretations is erroneous?

Obviously our Lord and the writers of the New Testament did not hold to that view. The clause *it is written* occurs sixty-three times in the New Testament. Each time it occurs it refers to what some Old Testament passage teaches. Some refer to this use of the Bible as "proof-texting," and they find it very objectionable.

When Herod demanded of the chief priests and scribes where Christ should be born, they said, "In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet..." They then quoted what the prophet said in what we know as Micah 5:2. These chief priests and scribes did not seem to be bothered by language barriers, cultural baggage, time-bound or time-loosable things, and certainly not by the fact that Micah was holy, but a man speaking human language.

The devil tempted the Lord by trying to get him to turn stones into bread. Notice our Lord's response: "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). Even the devil knew better than to say, "Why, if you were as educated as I, you would know that was written sixteen long centuries ago, to some freed slaves, out in the wilderness. We're so far removed from it that we'll never be quite sure what, in that culture and at that time, it meant." Twice more on that same occasion, when tempted by the devil, Jesus said, "It is written." And then he told what the Old Testament said about the matter. I suppose we would say the Lord was "proof-texting."

The inspired apostles also knew the Bible could be understood and properly applied. For example, in Romans 1:17, Paul wrote: "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." Again in Romans 3:10, he

wrote: "As it is written. There is none righteous, no, not one." And again in 13:15 he said: "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Remember this: No religious error can thrive in an atmosphere where the Bible is truly believed and respected as the complete and all-sufficient revelation of the will of God to man. That is why the Roman Catholic must have church tradition and the pronouncements of recognized Catholic scholars in addition to the Bible. That is why the Mormon must have the writings of Joseph Smith. That is why the Pentecostal would not exchange his feelings for a stack of Bibles that would reach to the sky. That is why the average denominationalist insists the Bible is subject to a number of different conflicting interpretations. And that is why some of our own beloved brethren are now taking the position advocated in the quotation at the beginning of this article. Beloved, we have always been a people of the Book. When this ceases, we will have lost our existence and our right to exist. May it never be so! [Vigil, March, 1994, p.18).

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### THE POWER OF FEAR

"And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth" (Matt. 25:25). Fear has caused many a failure. To fear is to fail. The devil will place a "scarecrow" in your way to frighten you away from duty. When I was a lad on the farm, we would place a "scarecrow" in a cornfield to scare the crows away so they would not eat the seed corn.

The scarecrow was usually a cross with a man's coat on it and a hat on top. The crow would think it was a man in the field and stay away. If I were a crow I would look for "scarecrows" as that is an invitation to a feast. Maybe he was afraid of his own littleness. "I can't preach like so and so, so I will not try." We are not to be conceited but we must have confidence. We should not be like the cock that thought the sun rose every morning to hear him crow. God does not want me to be T.B. Larimore, or N.B. Hardeman but the best G.K. Wallace I can be.

Circumstances will never seem favorable. God has not asked us to do something we cannot do. We should use our talents, even though small, to the best of our ability. We risk failure every day. We risk failure every time we go down the street. Let us not be afraid to take the promises of God.

Let us make use of our fears and defy them. Don't be afraid of ridicule, it can't hurt you. Criticism will not kill you. Even death is a gateway to a better life. Jesus said, "Fear not little flock" (Luke 12:32). Do not let fear of failure cause you to bury your talent.

(G.K. Wallace, Great Gospel Preacher of another generation].

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Keep you longer than you ever wanted to stay,

And cost you more than you ever wanted to pay.