Announcements and Church News Our Sick Activities

<u>Paula Davis</u>-acute bronchitis; <u>Irene Bernhardt</u>not feeling well; <u>The Wygal's</u>- are all sick; <u>Mattie, Queen, & Willie Mae</u> -unable to be out; <u>Wayne Bishop</u>- Palm Garden Rehab/health issues; <u>Jackie Clark</u>- broken foot; <u>John Benson</u>- for tests and appts; <u>Delia Schlachter</u> for knee surgery on Feb 1st; <u>Teresa Broyles</u> cancer treatment; <u>Joyce</u> <u>Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle</u> health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Brandi Brown's- brother and family/covid; The Herman's- sis-in-law Carol not well: The Lvdic's -daughter Lynn/health issues; William McRoy'smother Geneva Gaston; Linda Hadsock's-sister not well; Les Vasterling's- brother James; 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 & niece Gwen; Lexi Cahill's -grandfather/lung cancer & prayers for brother Jacob, James & Calvin; The Stewart's-bro-in-law Russell Holt; The Kozola's son Tim; Van Stewart's -aunt, Linda Parsons; Dianne Stewart'sbrother, Bobby Goodfield; *The Stingles'*-niece's baby; Paula Davis'-niece/lupus; Darrell Brokinghealth issues.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

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

INMATES: Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN: <u>Austin Reyes</u> (Marine) <u>Mat-</u> <u>thew Holleran</u> (Army)

SHUT INS: Wayne Bishop (Coral Oaks), Delia Schlachter, Joyce Stanley and Guery & Nancy VanWinkle <u>LADIES BIBLE CLASS</u>— Meets this Tuesday, January 16th at 10:00am.

LADIES BREAKFAST—Saturday, January 27th at 10:00am at Kim's Family Restaurant, 2101 Starkey Rd, Unit L4. A sign up sheet is in the foyer.

<u>NEXT MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS</u>— Thursday, February 8th at 7:00pm.

<u>MEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING</u>— Saturday, February 3rd at 9:00am in the small building. A sign up sheet is in the foyer.

<u>49TH ANNUAL LECTURESHIP</u>—The Florida School of Preaching Lectureship begins tomorrow, January 15th-18th at the Orange Street church of Christ in Auburndale. Watch live at fsop.net/lectureship. Flyers are in the foyer.

<u>Prayer</u>

I know not by what methods rare, But this I know: God answers prayer. I know not if it the blessing sought Will come in just the guise I Thought. I leave my prayer to Him alone Whose will is wiser than my own.

<u>REMINDER</u>— 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- Max & Vicki Herman Announcements-Charles Broyles Song Leaders-Joe Bonelli/Jesse Lancaster Scripture Readers-Randall Deily/Dennis Cuckler Opening Prayer-Van Stewart/James George Lord's Table-Max Herman Closing Prayer-Bob Hadsock/John Core

> Charles Broyles—January 14th Becky Jurado—January 15th Kay Jessup—January 17th Yllka Bejo—January 19th



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From the Preacher's Pen

How Can We Achieve Religious Unity?

Bob Prichard

As Jesus was preparing to face the cross, He went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray fervently for the disciples, knowing that they would face difficulty in sharing His message of peace and love with the world.

Having prayed for the disciples, he also prayed for Christians down through the ages: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17:20-21). His prayer was that all who would believe in Him through the word of the apostles would have the same unity that He experienced with the Father. Sadly, men seek disunity and division, ignoring Christ's prayer. The consequence of this is that many have rejected the gospel of Christ because of the divisions they see within Christendom.

In Paul's day there was "one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all" (Ephesians 4:4-6). Yet men today claim there are many bodies and many faiths. Most claim to be what might be called hyphenated Christians. A person who is a Denominational-Christian is subject to the creeds, handbooks, and bylaws of his denomination. Why not give up the denominational names and creeds? Why not be just Christians, not members of any denomination?

Lasting unity among the followers of Christ can come only one way-by going back to the Bible and throwing out the creeds, manuals, and man-made traditions. Paul wrote to a divided congregation at Corinth, pleading with them to have real Christian unity: "I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10). They could only find unity by being perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment only by uniting in the teaching of the Bible, the Word of God. Creeds and handbooks can never bring unity.

There are sometimes unity or ecumenical movements among churches, and some good may be accomplished by these groups banding together for a common cause. There is usually agreement, however, that doctrine will be forgotten or overlooked. Else how can one group that teaches baptism is immersion unite with another group that teaches baptism is sprinkling or pouring? Is this really being joined together in the same mind and the same judgment? If they will not agree on the Bible, how can God's people agree on anything?

"You have the right to remain silent" is advice that more of us should heed more often.

FOLLOW MY TRAIL

Walk in My Footsteps Follow My Trail, Life's Road Way is Rugged And Stony as well.

Our Savior is talking He's Warning Us all It will not be easy, But He won't let Us fall.

We'll tire and We'll Stumble, We'll sweat and Cry, But We'll reach Heaven, In the Sweet By-and-By.

The Hills become Mountains, The farther We go, But We also get stronger, The nearer the Goal.

The Valleys are deeper, And much darker too, But the Sun shines brighter After We pass through.

Four Our Savior is waiting At the Bend in the Road To walk with Us farther, To Our Heavenly Abode.

We will pass through the Gate, That is made of pure Gold To the Arms of Our Father And Our permanent Home.

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HOME SICK FOR HEAVEN

Often times when I am dreaming, Of past and future times, I thank my God in Heaven, For my parents so divine. For my brothers and my sisters, No better could be found.

We were taught to trust our Savior, Not let sorrow get us down.

Nine children in our family, Dad and mom made 11; Six of us still living, Five are now in Heaven.

The six of us get homesick; To see the other five, At the Golden Gate on high.

In God's footprints, we are walking, We can see the trail leads home, Ah, life's highway is so rugged, But we do not walk alone.

God is walking slowly onward, Waiting for us to come near, He'll reach out His Hand to take us, We will hear Him say, "Come Here."

We will rise with Him in Glory, In a Radiant Cloud of Love, With Our Earthly Journey over, We will live with Them above.

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