

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Tim Adams treatment for bacteria in lungs; Pam Reeves and Teresa Broyles for cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Sandy Caldwell and Fran Barclay- health issues;

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;
Mary Bonelli's sister is improving in Hospice care; Max Herman's sister-in-law, Carol; Steve Wilder-recent surgery; The Bernhardt's relative Dustin/colon issues; Dianne Stewart's brother, Bobby Goodfield; The Stingles niece's baby; Paula Davis' niece for lupus; Carol Mitchell's mother, Mary; Pat Ledford's brother Tom; Bob & Linda Hadsock, and Mattie Simmons & Demetria- need prayers.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Debbie Methvin's friend Debbie Decker; Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Penny Bevaqua's sister Pam; Ronnie Sommerville's dad, Ron; Kim Taylor's mother, Jayne; Chad and Tiffany Broyles neighbor Neil; Joyce Feazell's friend Jack; The Harris' daughter Kim; Mattie Simmons friend William; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry.

INMATES:

Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN:

Sam Wagner and cousin Mark Wagner (Navy)

Austin Crosby (Marine Corp/Japan)

Remember the Shut-ins

Manor Care: Hazel Franck **Palm Garden:** Jean Allison **At Home:** Judy Cole, and Winston Sandlin



Activities

FSOP Lectureship— The Florida School of Preaching 46th Annual Lectureship begins tomorrow Monday the 18th through the 21st. It is broadcast live at fsop.net and Lectureship books are available for \$16.00. For a list of speakers and topics pick up a flyer in the foyer.

TRUE FAITH

True faith in God will help you
To higher goals attain,
And the faith you place in Him
Is never placed in vain.

True faith must be most steadfast
Each hour of every day,
And you will find new inner strength
Each step along the way.

True faith must be your guiding light
In all you every do,
And you will find it is the key
To brighten life for you.

Bible Reading Schedules—Make a plan to study God's Word more in 2021. There are several different Bible reading schedules to choose from on the table in the foyer.

Reminder—The weekly sermons are available on CD, our website and also livestream on Facebook Sundays at 10:30 and 5:00pm and Wednesday at 7:00pm. If you need the Bulletin, Christian Service List, Calendar or the Membership Directory please call the office — 727-446-4808.

Birthdays This Week

Kay Jessup—January 17th
Yllka Bejo—January 19th
Rachel Payne—January 22nd
Lee Kozola—January 22nd
Joyce Feazell—January 23rd

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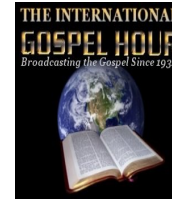


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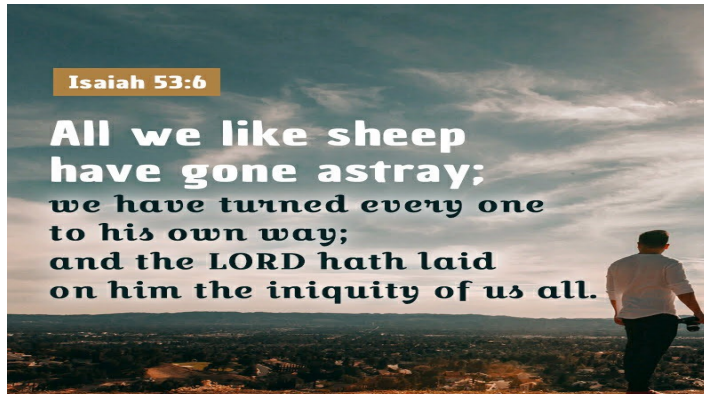
Bi-Monthly Publication



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



WTIS (1110 kHz) at 7:30 am Sunday
hear Jeff Archey as speaker.



Elders:

Joe Bonelli
Charles Broyles
James George

Deacons:

Max Herman — Jim Follis
Chad Broyles — Matthew Kropp

Preacher: Charles Broyles

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Sunday Bible Study
Postponed
Charles Broyles

Sunday AM Worship—10:30
Facebook Live
Charles Broyles

The Coming of Jesus Christ
Isaiah 53:4-6

Pew Packers
Postponed

Sunday PM Worship—5:00
Facebook Live
Charles Broyles

When No One Cares, God Cares
Psalm 142:1-2

Ladies Bible Study
Postponed

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM
Facebook Live
Charles Broyles



From the Preacher's Pen

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE PREACHING THAT GOD WANTS?

David Sain, Fairview Church Bulletin, January 10, 2021

It has been more than sixty-eight years since I preached my first sermon, and more than sixty-two years since I began preaching every Sunday. Like all those who have been privileged to preach for such a length of time, I find myself reflecting upon what I have experienced and witnessed during those years. And such memories include mind-staggering changes in culture, in religion, and in the church.

As the church faces the challenges of ever-changing culture, and as changes continue in the church, it is appropriate to ask... "What messages should be coming from our pulpits? What kind of preaching is needed?" But, more to the point, "What kind of preaching does God want preachers to do?"

The correct answers to those questions are not a mystery. God has abundantly and emphatically made clear the preaching that he wants preachers to do. Below are some of the things essential to the preaching that God wants.

Preaching, That God Wants, Calls For An Abiding Sense Of Unworthiness

As the apostle Paul expressed it, "...I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy... And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant... Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief" (1 Tim. 1:12-15).

The preacher needs to remain conscious of the fact that he has done nothing to deserve such a distinction. He should count it a great honor to preach the Word of God.

Preaching, That God Wants, Calls For A Proper Sense Of One's Importance

Rather than having an exaggerated view of one's importance, the preacher should embrace the attitude of Paul. He said, "For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!" (1 Cor. 9:16). Preaching the Gospel is such a great privilege that Paul marveled that God counted him worthy of such a calling (1 Tim. 1:12) and, in humility, he wrote, "...by the grace of God I am what I am..." (1 Cor. 15:10).

Preaching, That God Wants, Calls For Balance

Now, I realize that "balance" can be misleading because some people perceive "balance" as an indication of "straddling a fence" and never taking a stand. However, here I am talking about establishing and maintaining a proper balance in the texts and topics about which one preaches, being careful to address the needs of everyone. Let me be more specific.

In the average audience, there are those who are doing the best they can to be faithful Christians. There are also those who are not doing as they ought, because they do not know what they ought to do. And there are those who are not doing as they ought, although they know what they ought to do. So, in the average audience, you have those who need to be encouraged, those who need to be instructed, and those who need to be reprovved and rebuked.

Therefore, the preacher should not preach to those who are not living as they ought, to the neglect of the faithful Christians who need commending and encouraging. Likewise, he should not preach

so much about problems and dangers in the church that he neglects to teach those (including children) who need to learn how to become a Christian.

The venerable Paul told the elders of Ephesus, "I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:26-27).

Likewise, the preacher should make a conscious effort to preach the whole truth. A preacher may preach a hundred sermons each year to the local church, and tell the truth each time, yet not one time tell the people what they need to hear. For example, he can preach faithfully on proper moral behavior, but if he never gives warning of false teachers and false doctrines that are a danger to them, he has not fulfilled his duty (2 Tim. 4:2). Conversely, he might spend so much time warning about false teachers that he fails to preach about proper moral behavior (1 Pet. 2:11).

Sermon selection ought first to be determined by answering this question: What do the people most need to hear, and what does the Bible teach about the matter? Of course, the preacher should use good judgment in deciding what to preach, and when to preach it, but there ought not to be any subject about which the Bible speaks that the preacher would not preach, for fear that it will upset someone or be unpopular and bring criticism.

Preaching, That God Wants, Calls For Diligent Study

If one is going to preach effectively and powerfully, he must be a diligent student of the Word of God. If one is going to stay fresh and not grow stale in his preaching, he must spend a lot of time reading and studying. If one is going to faithfully preach the Will of God, he must first fully and accurately know what that Will is. There is simply no substitute for continuing to study the Holy Scriptures! And the church (and the preacher) should understand and appreciate the fact that effective preaching is the result of lots of hours studying.

Also, let it be noted that the preacher who continues to study the Word will never have the problem of "running out of sermon material." Instead, his "problem" will be having enough time and opportunities to preach all of it.

The Proper Emphasis In The Preaching That God Wants

Preaching, that God wants, calls for making known, and reaffirming, the truth of God's Word, with passion and a great sense of urgency (2 Pet. 1:12-15).

Preaching, that God wants, calls for preaching what the Bible teaches about any subject, preaching all that the Bible says about it, calling on people to believe and obey only what the Bible teaches.

Preaching, that God wants, calls for preachers who, without compromise, faithfully teach what God's Word teaches—nothing more, nothing less.

The Outcome Of The Preaching That God Wants

Preaching the gospel is one of the best ways that a man can choose to spend his life on earth, because preaching the truth can make an eternal difference in the lives of people (1 Pet 1:22).

Also, the minister of the gospel is blessed because he gets to work with Christians—the best people on the earth. Being associated with godly people is a great benefit to him as a Christian.

Finally, the loyal servant of Christ, who does the preaching that God wants, is assured "...there is laid up for [him] the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to [him] on that Day, and not to [him] only but also to all who have loved His appearing" (2 Tim. 4:7-8).