

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

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

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Tim Adams uncle in Calif. for covid; Shirley Lydic is doing fine after a fall; Max Herman's sister-in-law, Carol; Harm Wilder needs prayers; 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:

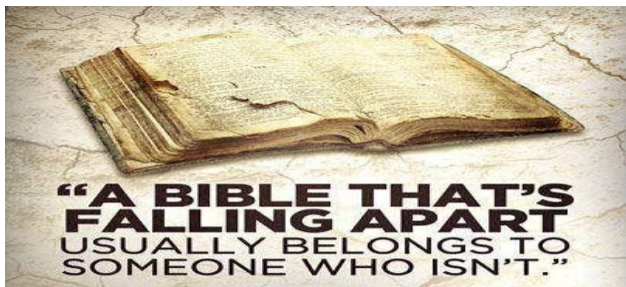
Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN:

Sam Wagner and cousin Mark Wagner (Navy)

Remember the Shut-ins

Manor Care: Hazel Franck **Palm Garden:** Jean Allison **At Home:** Winston Sandlin



Activities

Placed Membership—Please welcome them to our family at Central and add to your directory.

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Our Deepest Sympathy— To Ranny Reeves for the loss of his mom, Pam. Pam was a member here for 25 years. To Cindy Batte and CR for loss of Cindy's mom and CR's wife Judy Cole. Judy had attended here for 17 years. To Joe and Mary Bonelli for the loss of Mary's sister, Marcy. To Van and Dianne Stewart for loss of their friend David Sanchez. To the Lightkep Family for the loss of Richard Lightkep. Richard had been visiting here for some time and served as an elder at the Northside Church of Christ. Our love, prayers and sympathy to all these families who have lost loved ones this past week.

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Love never asks how much must I do, but how much can I do?

**Bible Reading Schedules**—Make a plan to study God's Word more in 2021. There are several different Bible reading schedules 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

Tom George—January 24th

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January 24, 2021

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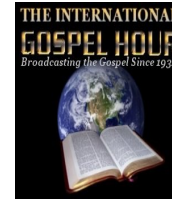


Gospel Broadcasting Network  
http://gbntv.org

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.

### II PETER 2

20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, **they are again entangled therein, and overcome**, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

21 For it had been **better for them not to have known** the way of righteousness, than, after they have known [it], to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

### 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

### You Don't Want To Go Back

2 Peter 2:20-22

### Pew Packers

Postponed

### Sunday PM Worship—5:00

Facebook Live

Charles Broyles

### Jesus Is The Real Deal

1 John 1:1-3

### Ladies Bible Study

Postponed

### Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Facebook Live

Charles Broyles



**From the Preacher's Pen**

**SOME FACTS ABOUT DEATH**

By Wayne Jackson

Death is an unpleasant subject. Unless someone is in the death business (i.e., mortuaries, cemeteries, tombstones, etc.), we usually don't like to talk about it—or even think about our own demise.

Death has had a bad reputation throughout human history. It was pronounced as a penalty for Adam's sin in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:17), and all human beings (with the exception of Enoch and Elijah) have to pay the price, as well (Rom. 5:12).

But it will happen to all of us. So here are some important things to think about death.

**Everyone will die.**

Eventually, everyone will die. The only people who will not die are those who are alive when Christ returns (Heb. 9:27; 1 Cor. 15:51; 1 Thes. 4:15).

**Death is a terror.**

Bildad, Job's friend, depicted death as the "king of terrors" (Job 18:14). A psalmist wrote of the "terrors of death," and in connection therewith spoke of pain, fearfulness, trembling, and horror (Psa. 55:4).

Even a New Testament writer tells of the "fear of death" that held all people in bondage prior to the redemptive work of Christ (Heb. 2:14-15).

**Death ends biological life.**

Exactly what is death?

From the physical vantage point, death is the cessation of the biological life. All the functions of the body will cease. At death, the body immediately begins to decay, with a subsequent disintegration back to the dust of the earth whence it came originally (Gen. 2:7; 3:19; Eccl. 12:7; 2 Cor. 5:1).

**Death involves a separation of the spirit from the body.**

Death releases our spirit from the body. At the point of death, the spirit (or soul), leaves the body (Gen. 35:18; Jas. 2:26) and enters the appointed depository of spirits.

The state of the spirit after death depends upon the relationship of the deceased with God and his Son (cf. Lk. 16:19ff). But the spirit does not fade into a lifeless nothingness.

**The dead ones are conscious.**

Death is a sphere of consciousness. While death is sometimes described as a "sleep" (Dan. 12:2; Jn. 11:11; 1 Cor. 15:6ff; 1 Thes. 4:13ff), that expression applies solely to the temporary state of the body—not the soul.

The state of the spirit for those who die lost is one of torment and anguish (Lk. 16:24-26). The condition of the righteous is one of comfort (Lk. 16:25).

But what could be so comforting in the death of the righteous? The after-death state of those who are righteous is said to be very far better (Phil. 1:21-23) than the fairest scenes

of earth's environment. To be absent from the body is to be "at home with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:8), in a state of heavenly happiness (Rev. 14:13).

The idea of soul sleeping is foreign to the Scriptures, though occasionally advocated by misguided professors of Christianity.

**The death of the body is temporary.**

Death is a temporary phenomenon for the body. Even in its decayed disposition in the dust, it awaits the day of resurrection.

The concept of the bodily resurrection is found in both the Old and New Testaments. However, it is more prominent in the New Testament, because "life and immortality" have been brought into fuller view through the gospel of Christ (2 Tim. 1:10).

Daniel spoke of the resurrection of both the wicked and the faithful (Dan. 12:2), as did the Lord Jesus (Jn. 5:28-29). Clearly, there is a destiny for both body and soul—hell for the wicked and heaven for the obedient (Mt. 10:28; 25:46; Mk. 9:43-48).

There is a curious oddity in Hannover, Germany. A defiant atheist had his tomb covered with huge blocks of stone, bound with iron bands. There is this inscription: "This tomb is purchased for eternity; it will never be opened."

Strangely, a poplar seed somehow was enclosed in the dark mold. Eventually, a mighty tree sprang up; it burst the bands asunder and moved the stones as if waving leafy arms in defiance of the godless boast carved upon the marker. I have a photograph of this tomb with the protruding tree.

If a tiny seed can exert such force, think of the phenomenal demonstration, as the Creator of that seed demonstrates his power when all graves will be opened.

**Death brings mixed emotions.**

We approach death with mixed emotions. We are grieved at the thought of leaving work undone and precious family behind.

On the other hand, for the child of God there is the tingling anticipation of being escorted by angels (Lk. 16:22) into the blessed presence of Him who died for us, that we might be forever with the holy Godhead, the angels, the faithful of the ages, and our own loved ones who have died in Christ!

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**DEEP BIBLE PARADOXES**

Finding through losing (Matthew 10:39).

Living through dying (John 12:24).

Receiving through giving (Acts 20:35).

Freedom through servitude (Romans 6:18).

Strength through weakness (2 Corinthians 12:10).

Gaining through loss (Philippians 3:7).