

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

William McRoy— health issues; Mark and Irene Bernhardt for covid; Penny Bevaqua— broken wrist; 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; 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 brother Joe in rehab; Kay Jessup's niece for covid; Yllka Bejo's—mother; Les Vasterling's—father/Hospice care; Kim Taylor's mother, Jayne recent surgery 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. Dawn McFarland's — sister for covid and health issues.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Pat Ledford's nephew Chase; 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

Wedding Shower—For Hannah Taylor and Matt Pryor on Saturday, February 19th at 5PM in the small building. They are registered at: Zola.com/wedding/hannahandmatthewmarch19. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for those able to attend. See Kadie or Mary with any questions.

Share A Recipe— A recipe book is being compiled for Hannah and Matt. Please give your recipes to Kadie or Mary by February 13th.

Spiritual Sword— The latest issue of the Spiritual Sword has just arrived. Please pick up a copy today.

Foyer Table— The Schedule of Those To Serve and the Calendar for February can be found on the table in the foyer.

Membership Directory— If you have any changes or corrections for the new directory please submit them by today.

Reminder— The 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. If you need the Bulletin, Christian Service List, Calendar or Directory call the office at (727) 446-4808.

IN A CHANGING WORLD YOU CAN TRUST GOD'S UNCHANGING WORD.

Those Serving Today

Announcements—Charles Broyles

Song Leaders—Joe Bonelli/Matt Pryor

Opening Prayer—Mark Bernhardt/Van Stewart

Lord's Table—Max Herman

Closing Prayer—Dennis Cuckler/John Benson

Birthdays This Week

Susan Villoch—January 30th

Anniversaries This Week

Joe & Mary Bonelli—February 5th



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Arnold Town Road Church of Christ—Darrell Broking
Chalmette Church of Christ—Mark Lance

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

Victorious Living

1 John 5:4-5

Sunday Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

The God We Worship

Psalms 89:7

Ladies Bible Study—Postponed

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

The Bible

All of our services are available on Facebook Live and



YouTube Live!





From the Preacher's Pen

10 THOUGHTS ABOUT GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Jason Hilburn

1. Make sure you are faithful to God if you want His favor and greatest blessings. This involves repenting of all sins, doing what He commanded for forgiveness, living a life of obedience, and prioritizing spiritual things over material things every day (Prov. 28:9; Isa. 59:1, 2; Mt. 6:19-21; 33; 6:25-34; 7:21-27; 10:32-39; Lk. 9:23; Jn. 4:24; 9:31; Acts 2:36-42; 20:7; 22:16; Rom. 3:23; 6:3-6; 12:1, 2, 9-21; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; Eph. 1:3; Php. 2:12; Col. 3:1-4; Heb. 5:9; 10:23-31; 1 Pet. 1:15, 16; 3:12, 20, 21; 1 Jn. 1:6-2:6, 15-17).

2. Don't stop trusting God in the middle of one of life's storms! Patiently trust Him until the end, even if it takes years, or even to the point of death. He will bless you in the way He chooses when He chooses (Psa. 27:10-14; Job 13:15; Lk. 18:26-30; Rev. 2:10).

3. What you THINK should have happened may not actually be what was best. Father knows best. Trust Him with all your heart instead of assuming you always know what is best. He knows the potential outcome of every possible scenario. Let Him direct your paths via His Word as you trust in His providential care (Prov. 3:5, 6; Psa. 119:105; 147:5; Isaiah 55:8, 9).

4. Just when everything looks bad, God may surprise you with something even better than what you wanted or expected! Our Heavenly Father is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20).

5. If we are faithful Christians, remember that God is on our side and has a great desire to bless us, just as an earthly father wants his children to be blessed, but our Heavenly Father can give far greater gifts than any earthly father! (Psa. 46:1; Mt. 7:7-11; 1 Cor. 15:55-57; 2 Cor. 9:15; 1 Pet. 3:12). Jesus taught that if God takes care of the birds and flowers, how much more will He take care of His children? (Mt. 6:25-34). If God can create and uphold the universe, can He not take care of us? (Neh. 9:6; Heb. 1:3; Acts 17:28). If God did not spare His only Son because of His love for us, will He not take care of us? (Rom. 8:32).

6. It seems many Christians do not believe God is answering prayers today, however, people of faith believe everything God said, including what He said about answering prayers (Rom. 10:17). "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (1 Jn. 5:14, 15). We must ask according to God's will, but we do not always know what God's will is. We must simply make our requests and let God's will be done as we completely trust Him (Prov. 3:5, 6; Mk. 14:36). When Jesus taught about God's providential care, Jesus scolded his hearers for their lack of faith in their Father's providence: "O ye of little faith" (Mt. 6:30). How much faith do we have in God's providence? If you are a faithful Christian, but you are praying to God without faith that He is listening or willing to help, don't expect Him to grant your request! James said Christians must ask in faith without wavering, or they will receive nothing (Jam. 1:6, 7). Why should Christians believe everything in the Bible except

what God said about answering prayers?

7. If you have some selfish, sinful motivation behind your request, don't expect God to grant your request (Jam. 4:3), and if you don't ask for help, don't expect to get help: "...ye have not, because ye ask not" (Jam. 4:2). Asking God for what we need honors Him and acknowledges our dependence on Him as the Giver of every good and perfect gift (Jam. 1:17; cf. Deut. 8:18). We also acknowledge His providence by giving Him thanks "in everything," "always for all things" (1 Thess. 5:18; Eph. 5:20).

8. Nothing bothering you is too small or great to give to God. He wants us to cast "all" our cares upon Him (1 Pet. 5:7), and to "Be careful [anxious] for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Php. 4:6-7). "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Mt. 7:7-8; cf. 7:9-11).

9. Christians must understand the difference between the miraculous and the providential. Christians may pray for safety during a storm (providential care—Php. 4:6, 7), but Jesus rebuked a storm and it immediately disappeared (miraculous—Mk. 4:39). God rained down bread from heaven for the Israelites (miraculous—Ex. 16), but Jesus taught His followers to pray for their daily bread (non-miraculous, providential blessings—Mt. 6:11, 25-34). God said that miracles would cease, but He never even implied that prayers for providential blessings would become ineffective after the miraculous age (Zech. 13:1-3; 1 Cor. 13:8-12; Eph. 4:7-13; 5:20).

10. Regarding the details and inner workings of God's providence, we could say what Mordecai said: "Who knows?" (Est. 4:14; Rom. 11:33; 13:1; Phm. 15). Man cannot always know how and when God works in His providential care, but this writer has seen it countless times and plans to trust in the Great Provider until the end.

IN MY HANDS

I went to the funeral home to pay my respects to an old acquaintance. Some thoughtful person had placed in her hands a well-worn Bible. . It looked fitting and symbolic. I could see how her face used to light up as she would tell others of the Lord.

Yes, it was most appropriate.

Later, I was thinking, "What if someone put the thing that seemed most appropriate in our hands after we die?"

Would it be a cigarette? A newspaper? A bottle? A fishing pole? Car keys? A deck of cards? A cellphone? A worn Bible?

Or even a Bible not worn at all?

I just wonder what they would put in mine.