

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Tim Adams treatment 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;

Max Herman's sister-in-law, Carol; Harm Wilder needs prayers; 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, Mattie Simmons & Demetria, and William McRoy— 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 Fezell'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.

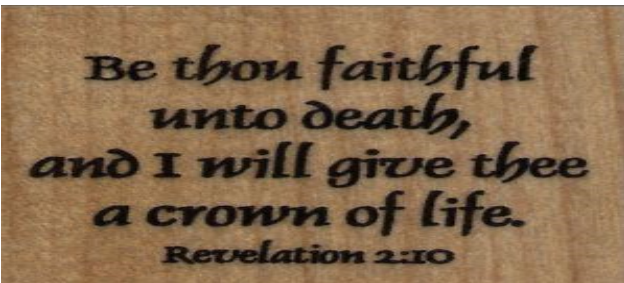
OUR SERVICE MEN:

Sam Wagner and cousin Mark Wagner (Navy)

Austin Reyes (Marine Corp/Japan)

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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Sympathy—Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bob McWhorter and family. Bob's wife Leona passed away on January 16th. Remember them in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

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

Trey Kropp—February 2nd

Kate Mojack—February 6th

Anniversaries This Week

Joe and Mary Bonelli—February 5th

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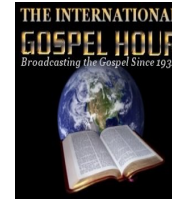


Gospel Broadcasting Network
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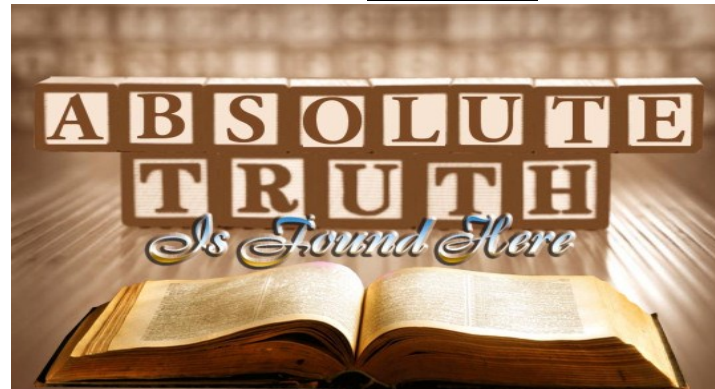
Bi-Monthly Publication



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 Judgment of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:10-11

Pew Packers

Postponed

Sunday PM Worship—5:00

Facebook Live

Charles Broyles

Hope For The Future

1 Peter 1:1-4

Ladies Bible Study

Postponed

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Facebook Live

Charles Broyles



From the Preacher's Pen

EVANGELISM, SOMETHING WE CAN ALL DO

Josh Blackmer

It is clear from the teaching of our Lord and His apostles that it is the imperative of the church to spread the Gospel message. “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:19-20). This directive we’ve been given we see played out so many times in the book of Acts. What is interesting is that it is not something that is reserved for just the Apostles or big names in the Bible. Ordinary men, women, and whole households were involved in those evangelistic efforts.

Early in Acts we see the majority of the preaching is done by the Apostles. However, a sermon that we have recorded in Acts chapter seven was preached by a deacon in the church, Stephen (Acts 6:5). Before that moment we had no idea who he was. He was a man who stepped out on faith, full of the Holy Spirit began preaching and doing the work. He was a great example of one with the faith of a mustard seed and what God was able to do through him (Matt. 17:20).

After the death of Stephen and the persecution that followed, we have a group of people that leave Jerusalem. When they leave, they don’t hide the beliefs that were dangerous to them. They don’t stop talking about the very thing that caused them to flee. “Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word” (Acts 8:4). They were counted among those that put the fear of death aside for the joy of the gospel and continued share the saving message (Rev. 2:10).

There were families that helped with the spreading of the gospel. Cornelius, one who feared God before he even became a Christian, had his house full of people ready to listen to the gospel (Acts 10:27). “A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God” was one that shared in the work that took place in Philippi as she implored that Paul and his company stay with her and her family (Acts 16:15). The work that was done there in that city was also accredited to her account as she was a fellow partaker in the work (Phil. 4:17). When Paul was in Thessalonica he had been staying in the house of Jason. That is where the mob went to find Paul. Not finding Paul, they dragged Jason out (Acts 17:5-6). We don’t read of him shrinking from his faith after this. He was probably a part of helping Paul escape from the area.

Evangelism is something we can all do. Even with our families. We are armed with faith and the powerful gospel.

*When your checkbook becomes more important than the Lord's book,
your life is sure to get out of balance.*

THE ELECTION IS OVER—NOW WHAT?

Dan Jenkins

Is it possible that we have lost focus in the midst of all the political turmoil seen in the last election? Can you recall a time when so many people felt so strongly about the choice of a new president and the direction each of them would take our nation? Social media has reflected the division in a land envisioned as being “one nation under God, indivisible...”

Is it possible that we have forgotten that “our citizenship is in heaven” (Phil. 3:20)? Those Old Testament saints understood this. Abraham left the luxury of an easy life in the city of Ur, and he and his family spent the rest of their lives in tents. By faith they saw the promises of God were in the future and “...embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth” (Heb. 11:13). “They desire a better, that is a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them” (Heb. 11:16). Is it possible that we have lost sight of this fundamental truth and that God is ashamed to be called our God? We must never forget our true citizenship.

Paul says that we are soldiers of the cross and our lives demand that “we must endure hardship” (2 Tim. 2:3). He then describes the focus every Christian must have. “No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please Him who enlisted him as a soldier.” Has the turmoil in our lives caused us to get entangled with worldly affairs?

How many Christians are there whose lives have centered on the election? Let me ask you a simple question. Have your posts on social media and conversations with others talked more of the affairs of this world than on the souls of the lost? Are you still seeing souls rather than the political ideas they hold? Are you one who has lost focus?

So, what do we need to do about all that is happening? Hear the words of Paul again about that which is first of all in these matters. “I exhort first of all that supplication, prayers, intercession and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority” (1 Tim. 2:1-2). Remember who the king was Paul had in mind—it was Nero Caesar! What should we pray about? “That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence” (1 Tim. 2:3). It makes no difference who won the election, we must pray for those in Washington—of both parties.

The next verse sums it all up. God “...desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” This is heaven’s focus on the world, and it must be ours. The destiny of our nation does not lie in converting others to our political persuasion, but in converting them to Christ!