

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Hannah Taylor for covid; Demetria Akins recent health issue; William McRoy— health issues; Van and Dianne Stewart—not well unable to be out; Penny Bevaqua— wrist is healing; 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;

Kadie Richmond's dads wife, Shirley for covid; Bill Ingram's wife, Joy recovery of surgery; David Sain's wife Phyllis health issues; Mattie Simmons brother Joe in rehab; Kay Jessup's co-worker Debbie for covid; Yllka Bejo's—mother; Les Vasterling's— father/Hospice care; Kim Taylor's mother, Jayne under Hospice care and brother for covid; The Bernhardt's relative Rustin/colon issues; Dianne Stewart's brother, Bobby Goodfield for covid; 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 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. A sign up sheet is in the foyer for those able to attend. Also there's a box on the console where you can share words of wisdom concerning marriage. 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.

Christian Courier— The newest issue is here. Pick up a copy today and read about “Those Mysterious Books Missing from your Bible”.

Gospel Meeting— South Florida Ave church of Christ in Lakeland. Flyers are in the foyer.

The Word—Let us get our texts, our messages, our words from God. It is not great talent, great oratory, or great programs that God blesses— But His Word. A word spoken by you in the power of the Lord— a word from His Word— is worth ten thousand words spoken in the energy of our flesh and the wisdom of the flesh. Oh, for a message from God these days.

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.

Those Serving Today

Announcements—Joe Bonelli

Song Leaders—Matt Pryor/Joe Bonelli

Opening Prayer—Joe Bonelli/Van Stewart

Lord's Table—Mark Bernhardt

Closing Prayer—Bob Haddock/Dennis Cuckler

Birthdays This Week

Katie Mojack—February 6th

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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:

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Van Stewart

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Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM

Charles Broyles

Major Prophets: Lamentations

Sunday Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

The Battle of Your Life

Luke 22:31-34

Sunday Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Authority In Worship

John 17:1-2

Ladies Bible Study—Postponed

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

The Bible

All of our services are available



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From the Preacher's Pen

A CROWN LAID UP FOR ME

Gary Colley

Please allow this article to remind you of the joyous words of Paul in 2 Timothy 4:7-8 when he speaks of his death being near. He said there was something “laid up” for him called a “crown.” He called this reserved item a “crown of righteousness.”

INTERESTED IN THE LOST

Paul later wrote to the Roman brethren that he was not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, and that therein was revealed “the righteousness of God (or God’s plan of salvation of faith, repentance, confession of Jesus as God’s Son, and baptism in water for the remission of sins for a person to become righteous. GC) from faith unto faith: as it is written. But the righteous shall live by faith” (Rom. 1:16-17).

In Romans 10:1-3, Paul shows that the Jews were lost; but that they were not lost or doomed beyond remedy. Rather, he teaches them as he did the Corinthians, that they might be saved by obedient belief in the good news of Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection (1 Cor. 15:1-3)! At the present time, he said they were ignorant of God’s righteousness —His plan by which they could have salvation.

PAUL’S TWO LIVES

The first half of Paul’s life had been lived under the Law of Moses, but in defiance and rebellion against Jesus and His established church (Acts 8:1-2). He believed in God, but not in Jesus (John 14:1). But a great change came in the latter half of his life as he lived in obedience to his new King, Jesus. Therefore, his life now was a life of obedience, lived in keeping the New Testament commandments, which constitutes “righteousness” (Psa. 119:172). Along this line, Jesus also asked, “Why do you call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I command you” (Luke 6:46)?

Jesus’ promise in the great commission is that He will be with those who observe His will, “always, even to the end of the world” (Matt. 28:18-20). The apostle John, “the apostle of love“, wrote, “Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning” (1 John 3:7-8).

THE REWARD

Paul makes it evident, that righteousness as a crown, would be his eternal reward for fighting a good fight as he upheld the Gospel (1 Tim. 6:12), finishing the race of living in faithfulness, and keeping the faith to the end of life (2 Tim. 4:7-8). This, he did in spite of all the opposition and the devil’s afflictions sent his way in life. For Jesus’ purpose to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10), “the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:7-8). Peter exhorts, “Be sober, be vigilant: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8).

RIGHTEOUSNESS AS A CROWN

The Christian life is a life of obedient faith in which we walk or live. And, for holding fast or keeping the faith of the Gospel in his life, Paul had this blessed assurance of 1 John 2:25 —eternal life. The crown is “laid up” or reserved with his name on it, until he goes to receive it. The beautiful part about this is that he says all today can have the same! This is much like what is promised to the faithful Christian in the last book of the Bible when Jesus speaks of those who “die in the Lord” (Rev. 14:13).

Note closely Paul’s closing words: “For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing” (2 Tim. 4:6-8).

CROWNS

Several crowns are mentioned in the Bible. The first crown in the Bible was a crown of beauty. It is mentioned as a crown of gold “upon the head of Joseph” in Egypt (Gen. 49:26). The most horrible crown ever worn or mentioned in God’s record, was the crown of thorns worn by Jesus, the only begotten Son of the living God (Matt. 27:29; Mark 15:17; John 19:2,5). He died that all who will obey Him can avoid wearing a crown of eternal punishment in Hell (Heb. 5:8-9)!

WHICH CROWN WILL WE CHOOSE FOR OURSELVES?

BUILD YOUR HOPES ON THINGS ETERNAL

David Sproule

Did you ever use little wooden blocks when you were a kid to build things (maybe like a house)? Was there any difference in your construction project if you tried to build it on a hard floor (like tile) versus on the carpet? Of course there was! What if you tried to build it on the bed? That was even worse than the carpet! You learned as a kid that it mattered what you built upon.

Now, think of something more valuable, meaningful and significant than a wooden-block house. Think about the HOPE that you have. Upon what do you “build” that? What if you build your hopes upon money or material possessions? Good idea? What about upon people? What about upon your health or your bucket list? You know that you would be disappointed, hurt and even devastated by these results—just like building a little house upon the bed.

That’s why Jennie Wilson, in 1904, wrote, “Hold to God’s unchanging hand! Build your hopes on things eternal!” You will never be devastated by those results (Tit. 1:2)!