

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;

The Follis's friend Ed needs kidney transplant; Max Herman's sister-in-law, Carol; 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 Feazell's friend Jack; The Harris' daughter Kim; Mattie Simmons friend William; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry.

INMATES:

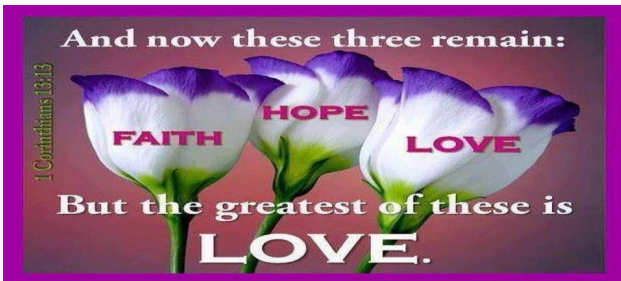
Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN:

Sam Wagner and cousin Mark Wagner (Navy)
Austin Reyes (Marine Corp/Japan)

Remember the Shut-ins

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



Activities

Gospel Meeting—At the South Florida Avenue Church of Christ in Lakeland from March 7th to the 10th. The guest speaker is Wissam Al-Aethawi from Dearborn, MI and the meeting will be a study of the origins of Islam and the Christian response. For more information please pick up a flyer in the foyer.

Schedule of Those To Serve— The schedule for February can be found on the table in the foyer. If you have any questions or need to make a change please see Joe Bonelli.

Sympathy— Our deepest sympathy to Dick and Alison Harris for the loss of Alison's sister, Frances on January 28th. Remember them in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their dear loved one.

Responded—Joyce Feazell came forward last Sunday evening asking for forgiveness of the church for wrong words spoken. We are thankful for her tender heart in wanting to be right in her Christian walk and to be a Christ like example to those around her.

One little boy was having difficulty lifting a heavy stone. His father came along just then. He asked, "Are you using all your strength?" "Yes!" "No, you're not," the father replied. "I'm right here and you haven't asked me to help you."

As we face our difficulties, are we using all our strength (Matthew 7:7-11)?

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

Molly Burgess—February 13th

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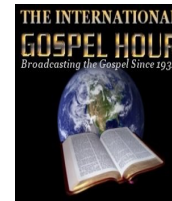


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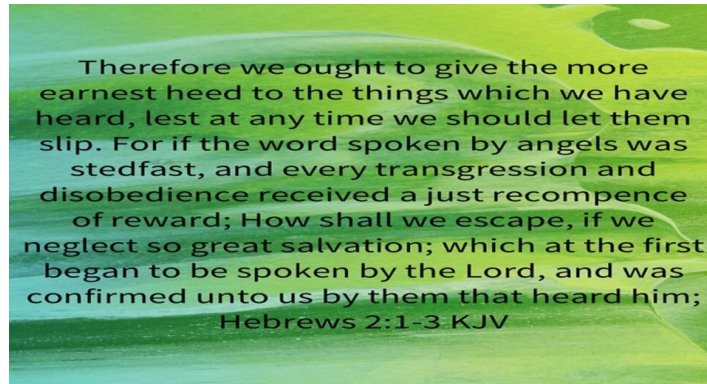
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TV Channel 44 (WTOG) at
7:30am Sunday watch & hear
Phil Sanders - Speaker.



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



Elders:

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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

Hindrances to our Spiritual

Life in Christ

Hebrews 2:1

Pew Packers

Postponed

Sunday PM Worship—5:00

Facebook Live

Charles Broyles

A Dereliction of Duty

1 Samuel 15:1-3

Ladies Bible Study

Postponed

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Facebook Live

Charles Broyles



From the Preacher's Pen

YOU WOULD FEEL SO MUCH BETTER!

Even for Christians, it is easy to focus on ourselves, feel self-pity, and think about how bad things are. It is good to remember that there are surely others who have worse circumstances than we do. Let us focus on ways we can help others and remember how blessed we are. If we start feeling sad in our own little world, we would feel so much better if we would:

- Think about others around the world who are struggling with various problems.
- Help someone else with some physical need.
- Help someone else by encouraging them (card, call, visit, online message, etc.).
- Tell someone that you love and appreciate them.
- Help others by praying for them.
- Take good care of the physical body God gave you.
- Read God's Word and let Him speak to you through His Holy Scriptures.
- Attend the assemblies of a sound congregation and worship God with your brothers and sisters.
- Repent and be reconciled to God if necessary.
- Pray and leave all cares with God. Do what is within your power the best you can and stop worrying about things you cannot control.
- Think about what awaits faithful Christians after this brief life is over.
- Try not to complain, but rather meditate on all the blessings God has given and thank Him in prayer through Jesus.

Some inspired passages to consider: Job; Psalm 18:46; 23:1-6; 46:1; 61:1-3; 62:1-8; Matthew 6:25-34; 22:36-40; 25:34-40; Luke 10:25-37; 18:1; Romans 1:8; 1 Corinthians 10:10-13; 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4; 4:16-18; Galatians 6:1, 2; Ephesians 4:28-32; 5:20; Philippians 2:3-8, 14; 4:4-13; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; 2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 10:23-25; James 1:2-4; 4:14; 5:7-11, 13, 16; 1 Peter 5:7. —Jason Hilburn

FUNDAMENTALS: HUMANITY

“What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him? (Psalm 8:4).

While it is fundamental to know the Godhead, it is equally fundamental that man know himself, especially as he lives before God. David ponders in Psalm 8 the nature of humanity and how it is that God is interested in sinful man among all the created

things of God. The Bible truly will show a man how he really is if he will consider. The word of God is as a mirror to reveal it (cf. James 1:23-25). Consider three basic concepts concerning humanity that God wants man to know and appreciate.

1. Finite. Only God is limitless. David wrote, “Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite” (Ps. 147:5). Therefore, anything that God chose to create would be finite in nature. God through the Bible reminds mankind of human limits. “Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah” (Ps. 39:5). Jeremiah said of man, “O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps” (Jer. 10:23). Sin’s entrance into the world brought man to his lowest level. Paul wrote to the Roman brethren, “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (Rom. 5:12). Man’s limits in contrast to God’s infinite being and attributes should keep humility alive.

2. Free to Choose. It was the good pleasure of God to create mankind as free moral agents. Such is an outgrowth of the great love of God. Man is not forced to obey and serve God, but he is given the opportunity to do so of his own free will. Choice is clearly indicated in the words to Adam and Eve in the garden, where it is written, “Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Gen. 2:16-17). Sin comes through choice as James wrote, “Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death” (James 1:13-15). The sovereignty of God is not hindered in the giving of free choice to mankind.

3. Focus of Redemption. Combining the concepts of finite beings with the capability to choose incorrectly would ultimately bring sin and its consequences into the world. God foreknowing that sin would enter into the world had the scheme of redemption purposed before the beginning of time (cf. Eph. 3:10-11). The sparing of the physical lives of Adam and Eve when they sinned meant that someone would have to die in their place that they might live. It is written in the book of Hebrews, “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man” (Heb. 2:9). Therefore, redemption from sin and the cemetery was and is the focus of the Bible. The single-minded focus of Jesus in his work is found in the words “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). Redemption shows that humanity is special in the heart of God.

Jimmy Clark—Athens, Alabama