

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Sick

Tim Adams— unable to be out; Tammy Odom—kidney stone surgery; Kelly Sarver—achilles injury; Joseph Stabile, Sonja Boring, James Miller & Samantha Jones— have been out sick; Delia Schlachter— recovering from knee surgery; Teresa Broyles cancer treatment; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle health issues.

### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

John Benson's— son John for surgery on Feb 29th; Lynn Retherford—health issues; Brandi Brown's— brother and family/covid; The Herman's— sis-in-law Carol not well; The Lydic's—daughter Lynn/health issues; William McRoy's— mother Geneva Gaston; Molly Burgess's—daughter, Carrie/kidney transplant; Dottie Curls— son Douglas/serious health issues; Jackie Clark's mother Dorothy, grandmother Gayle & Uncle Wayne health issues; Patrick Pinto's—sister Angelina, nephew Joshua & niece Gwen; Lexi Cahill's—grandfather/lung cancer & prayers for brother Jacob, James & Calvin; The Stewart's—bro-in-law Russell Holt; The Kozola's son Tim; Van Stewart's—aunt, Linda Parsons; Dianne Stewart's—brother, Bobby Goodfield; The Stingles'—niece's baby; Paula Davis'—niece/lupus; Darrell Broking—health issues.

### PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Penny Bevaqua's— sister Patricia; Deb Methvin's—cousin Melissa Clark; Charlotte Bytheway's—cousin Janet Chaney; Tim Martin of Pinellas Park church of Christ; Dyianna Thompson's—brother-in-law, Rodney; Ranny Reeves neighbor, Linda Wall; Linda Haddock's—niece, June McCray; Carol Untied's—stepmother Emily; Van Stewart's—sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Mattie Simmons—brother Joe Hooks; Sandy Caldwell's—bro-in-law Larry; Kay Jessup's—friends, Pete Pepjess and Marie Woleck.

**INMATES:** Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

**OUR SERVICE MEN:** Austin Reyes (Marine) Matthew Holleran (Army)

**SHUT INS:** Wayne Bishop (Coral Oaks), Delia Schlachter, Joyce Stanley and Guery & Nancy VanWinkle

## Activities

**NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS**— Tuesday, February 20th at 10:00am.

**NEXT MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS**— Thursday, March 14th at 7:00pm.

**LADIES MEETING FOR LUNCH**—Sonny's BBQ on Seminole Blvd. on February 24th at 12:00pm.

**FSOP DAY AND CHILI COOK OFF**— Our Florida School of Preaching Day is on Sunday March 3rd. Come support students of the school as they lead our worship service. We will have a fellowship meal after the morning service which includes a Chili Cook-Off. A sign up sheet is in the foyer for those participating.

**SPRING GOSPEL MEETING**—March 24th-28th.

**BAPTIZED**— Last Sunday Patrick Brazil put on the Lord in baptism. He has been attending services here for some time. On Tuesday Carlos Fuentes who has been attending services and studying with Mark and Charles was baptized. Please welcome our two new brothers in Christ.

**RESPONDED**—On Sunday Mattie Simmons came forward for forgiveness of sin and needing the prayers of the church. Randall Deily came forward Wednesday needing prayers of encouragement for his living situation.

### THOSE SERVING TODAY

*Greeters— Max & Vicki Herman*

*Announcements—Joe Bonelli*

*Song Leaders—Joe Bonelli/James George*

*Scripture Readers—Patrick Pinto/Bob Haddock*

*Opening Prayer—David Jones/Joe Bonelli*

*Lord's Table—Max Herman*

*Closing Prayer—John Benson/Van Stewart*

## Birthdays This Week

*Molly Burgess—February 13th*

*Johnny Maravilla—February 17th*

## Anniversaries This Week

*Leon & Edna Broughton—February 15th*



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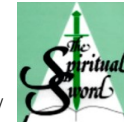
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Arnold Town Road Church of Christ—Darrell Broking

Chalmette Church of Christ—Mark Lance

South Anchorage Church of Christ—Michael Dale

Czech Republic Missions —Tony/Heidi Orellana

### Elders:

Joe Bonelli Charles Broyles

James George

### Deacons:

Max Herman

Van Stewart

### Preacher: Charles Broyles

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**Sunday Bible Class—9:30AM**  
*Charles Broyles*  
**Book of Revelation-Chapter 12-13**

**Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM**  
*Charles Broyles*  
**We Are The Difference**  
*Philippians 2:15-16*

**Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM**  
*David Jones*

**The Light Bearers**  
*Philippians 2:14-16*

**Men's Bible Study—Thursday**  
**March 14th at 7:00PM**

**Ladies Bible Study—Tuesday**  
**February 20th at 10:00AM**

**Wednesday Bible Study—7:00PM**  
*Van Stewart*

**Model Prayer**  
*Matthew 6:5-15*



All services are available!

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From the Preacher's Pen

**TWO MEN WHO CHANGED "CHURCHES"**

Dan Jenkins

In the years of teaching others, one problem often has confronted those who are being taught. Some have deep roots in the places where they are worshipping and the decision to leave that behind is often not one that is easily made. They now look at the Bible so differently, for what they now know is right is so strange from what they were taught, believed and practiced for many years. Perhaps looking at two examples of men in the Bible who "changed churches" might help them as they struggle.

Saul of Tarsus, far better known as the apostle Paul, was a leader in the Jewish religion. As a young man, he was part of the stoning of the first Christian martyr. The Bible says that he not only took care of the outer garments of those who were actually killing a saint, but as he watched Stephen die, he agreed that it was a godly act to kill that Christian (Acts 7:58; 8:1; 22:20). He progressed in his religion and anti-Christian views above his peers (Phil. 3:5-6; Gal. 1:14).

Was Paul an evil, violent man? Far from it! He was part of the Jewish "church," because his one rule was to live by his conscience and he lived a blameless life before God and man (Acts 23:1; 24:16). Yet when he understood the will of God, he immediately became a Christian (Acts 22:16). He left the Jewish "church" and began a new journey as one who was determined to always do the right thing. The fact he so willingly gave up his past life and embraced a new one is evidence of his honesty and devotion to God.

Apollos is another example of a man who "changed churches." We know less about his life before becoming part of the church of Jesus, but everything we know shows his involvement in religion. He was a Jew who had been born in Alexandria, a great city on the coast of Africa with a substantial Jewish settlement. He was man who knew the Bible and was skilled in publicly teaching others (Acts 18:24-25). In some way, he learned of the teachings of John the Baptist, and when he came to Ephesus, he taught others in the synagogue. In a sense, he had left the Jewish "church" and became part of the "John the Baptist church." A Christian husband and wife heard him teaching and privately taught him about the church Jesus built. He "changed churches" and began to confront those Jews with whom he had formally worshiped, using the Bible to show them where they were wrong.

Today when one learns about the church of Jesus he stands at a crossroad in his life. The path he chooses reflects the nature of his heart. Two great leaders in the early church were devoted and active in religious lives. Their willingness to change shows what men who are honestly wrong need to do.

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**Never be diverted from the truth by what you would like to believe!**

**SURROUNDING YOURSELF WITH QUALITY PEOPLE**

Jimmy Clark

"He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed" (Proverbs 13:20 NKJV). While **wisdom involves a great many correct choices**, there is one particular aspect of wisdom that is addressed here. It is the choice of close influences. The child of God is warned, "Do not be deceived: 'Evil company corrupts good habits'" (1 Corinthians 15:33). How important was it for Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, to surround himself with the right kind of people? How important is it that the President of the United States have advisors who are wise as the Bible defines wisdom? What about the influences affecting young people of today? One should give close attention to the inspired proverb that Solomon gave because its practical information is timeless. Consider three particulars concerning surrounding oneself with the right kind of people.

**Identification of Who Is and Is Not Wise**

It should be obvious from a brief reading of Proverbs 13:20 that not everyone is wise. The latter part of the proverb speaks of destruction, which Proverbs repeatedly addresses. These proverbs are "to give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion" (Proverbs 1:4). Note a passage that shows the distinctiveness of a wise person. "A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel" (Proverbs 1:5). Paul told the young man Timothy where wisdom is found when he wrote, "and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15). Therefore, **wise people respect the Bible and the God of the Bible.**

**Implication of Needing Wise People**

No man lives in isolation. The Lord God made man to be a sociable being. Even Jesus came into the world to be around people. Man is born into a family and will ultimately realize that there are a great many influences through other people outside his or her family. Friendships will arise and commonality of interests will be formed. If one is truly wise, he will seek the influence of spiritual intelligence. That first relationship of wisdom is God. Solomon penned, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7), and "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10). **All truly wise people have sought God and His divine revelation for their knowledge and wisdom.** A close relationship to God and His communication alongside of those who think and operate like that supplies the intelligence needed by the mind and the soul.

**Increasing Wisdom by being Around the Wise**

Solomon stated, "He who walks with wise men will be wise..."(Proverbs 13:20). Wisdom involves increasing mental capacity. No one is like God who knows all. However, one can become his best through a positive trajectory of increasing his knowledge about divine revelation. Peter understood the need to be close to Jesus (John 6:68). God designed the church that it "...causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love" (Ephesians 4:16). **It is much easier to do right and learn more wisdom by being around God's people.**