

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Debbie Adams-recently in the hospital; Hannah Taylor for covid; William McRoy- health issues; Van and Dianne Stewart-unable to be out; Pen-ny Bevaqua- wrist is healing; Alison Harris for cancer; Teresa Broyles for cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Sandy Caldwell, Fran Barclay, and Nancy VanWinkle for health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Sam York- In the hospital in Missouri; 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 for surgery on Feb 23rd; Kay Jessup's co-worker Debbie for covid; Yllka Be-jo's-mother; Les Vasterling's- father/Hospice care; Kim Taylor's mother, Jayne in the hospital and her 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; Car-ol 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 this Saturday the 19th at 5PM in the small building. They're registered at: Zola.com/wedding/hannahandmatthewmarch19. Please have your name on sign up sheet today if you are attending. There's a box on the console to share words of wisdom on marriage.

Share A Recipe— If you would like to share a recipe with Hannah and Matt. Please give to Kadie or Mary by today.

Gospel Meeting— South Florida Ave church of Christ in Lakeland, March 27th-30th. Flyers are in the foyer.

Teacher Workshop— There will be a workshop for Bible class teachers at the South Florida Ave church of Christ in Lakeland on March 5th at 9AM. Flyers are in the foyer.

The Heart That God Desires

A heart that desires and seeks God-Psalms 84:2
A heart that trusts God-Psalms 112:7
A heart that believes God-Romans 10:9
An obedient heart-Romans 6:17
A pure heart-Matthew 5:8
A repentant heart-Psalms 51:17
A merciful, forgiving heart-Ephesians 4:32

Reminder—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.

Those Serving Today

Announcements—James George
Song Leaders—Joe Bonelli/James George
Opening Prayer—James George/Matt Pryor
Lord's Table—Max Herman
Closing Prayer—John Benson/Bob Haddock

Birthdays This Week

Molly Burgess—February 13th
Johnny Maravilla—February 17th

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SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

TV Channel 44 (WTOG) at 7:30am Sunday YouTube

watch & hear Phil Sanders



YouTube (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey



fsop.net



soaringforsouls.com



Childhaven Children's Home in Cullman, AL
www.childhaven.com



cocindia.net



fairhavenchildrenshome.com

www.christiancourier.com

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

Are You Making Plans

For Heaven?

Revelation 21:1-2

Sunday Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

The Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

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

“I DON’T HAVE ANYTHING TO GIVE TO GOD”

Dan Jenkins

It is hard to imagine anyone who has faith in God who has not had those moments when they begin to reflect about all that God has done for them and wonder how they could be so blessed. In those sobering moments of reflection, we look at ourselves and think of how many times we have not measured up to the high spiritual aspirations we set for ourselves. Who has not thought, “What does God see in me, and how can I ever repay Him for what He has done?”

If you have ever had such thoughts, just remember that you are not the first. The Psalmist asked, “What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me” (Psa. 116:12)? Hundreds of years later Micah asked, “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow before the High God” (Micah 6:6)?

What shall I give to Him? He already owns the world! Did He not say, “For every beast of the forest is Mine and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the bird of the mountains and the wild beasts of the field are Mine”? All of the gold, silver and jewels are already His. What can I give to Him?

Perhaps, the answer is found in Paul’s letter to Rome. The members there had escaped from the bondage of paganism and false religion. Paul reminded them of the mercy of God. Based upon this mercy, he appealed to them to offer the only sacrifice we have to give to Him which is acceptable. “ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service” (Rom. 12:1).

We do have something to give to God! It is worth more than all the treasures of this earth. Jesus described its worth when He said, “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?” (Matt. 16:26). Our amazing God has given us the right to decide how to use our souls, and the only choice to be made is to give it to Him! We do not bring to Him the resplendent jewels He already owns, nor the decaying carcass of dead animals—we bring Him ourselves as a living sacrifice.

Look at Romans 12 again. That sacrifice is holy. That sacrifice is acceptable. That sacrifice is reasonable. That sacrifice is service to Him.

Now, here is the question each should consider. Have you ever reflected about what you could possibly have to give to God? Here’s an even more important one. Have you brought to Him the only gift worth more than all the world? Have you given your life to Him as a holy sacrifice of service?

FOUR TRUTHS ABOUT RULES

Christians are not subject to man-made rules. Paul warned against commandments of men such as, “Do not touch . . . taste . . . handle” (Colossians 2:21–22). Such rules, he said, “have an appearance of wisdom” in man-made religion but are of no value in restraining

fleshly indulgence (2:23).

Jesus rebuked those who were “teaching as doctrines the commandments of men” (Matthew 15:9). He never violated a commandment of God, but He almost seemed to go out of His way to demonstrate His refusal to keep the “tradition of the elders” (Matthew 12:1–9; 15:2).

Those who bind man-made rules on the church claim authority that belongs only to God. Those who submit to them as essential to salvation, at least in some instances, doubt the sufficiency of the gospel to save, and fall from grace (Galatians 5:4).

Rules are not the essence of Christianity. Christ is the essence of Christianity. The gospel is good news. God loves us and gave His Son for us. Christ paid the penalty for sin, which we had no ability to pay. This is the essence of Christianity and makes the gospel.

Rules are not the basis of our salvation. To be saved on the basis of keeping rules, it is necessary never to break a rule. When we break a rule of God, we become sinners. A sinner must be forgiven to be saved, and only God can forgive.

We can neither formulate rules that would earn our forgiveness, nor earn our forgiveness by keeping rules God has given. Even if we kept all other rules, or kept the rule we broke at all other times, we would but keep ourselves from further sin, “For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all” (James 2:10). Keeping rules today would earn no credit to atone for previous sins.

There are conditions given by God that we must meet to be forgiven, but meeting conditions is not the same as keeping all the rules. When we meet the Lord’s conditions because we trust the One who gave them, we are saved by grace through faith. If we think we are saved because we have kept all the rules, we trust ourselves and our own efforts, and we are condemned by our failure to fully comply, for “there is none righteous, no, not one” (Romans 3:10).

God has rules, and they must be kept. “The royal law” contains rules: “Do not commit adultery . . . Do not murder” (James 2:8–11). They are not arbitrary rules. They are given for our benefit by One who both knows and wants what is best for us, but they are rules. Persistently willful transgressors are condemned, not justified.

He who breaks God’s rules is broken by them. They are not transgressed with impunity.

—Adapted, Cecil May, Jr.

“Let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.” Philippians 3:16

It is better to let ‘em wonder why you didn’t talk, than why you did.

**A man must be big enough to admit his mistakes,
smart enough to profit from them,
and sincere enough to correct them.**