

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;

Kim Taylor's relative Melody for heart issues; The Follis's friend Ed for 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:

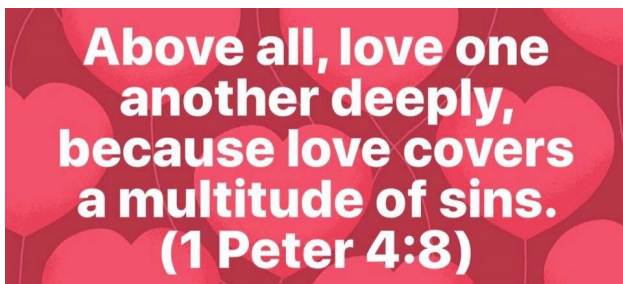
Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN:

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

Remember the Shut-ins

Manor Care: Hazel Franck **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. Flyers are in the foyer.

Ladies Bible Study— Live stream through the Facebook Group: FSOP Ladies Class on February 16th at 7pm. The topic is: Have you left your first love? Teacher: Shenja Brownlow-Dindy. Flyers are in the foyer.

Memorial Service— A memorial service for Judy Cole will be held at Central on Saturday, February 27th at 2:00PM.

Sympathy— Our deepest sympathy and love is extended to the family of Jean Allison. Jean passed away last Monday, February 8th at Palm Garden Rehab. She was a longtime member at Central. Please remember Robin, Barry, Phyllis and Jill in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their mother. A graveside service will be held in Estill Springs, TN on February 18th.

Christian Courier— The latest issue just arrived and is on the table in the foyer. Please pick up a copy today.

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.

Friendship

Friendship is one of those invaluable special gifts God grants. Be careful for your friends and strive to strengthen the bond you have with them. Being surrounded by people who love and care for you, people connected by blood and by heart, brings a joy and completeness to life that cannot be substituted.

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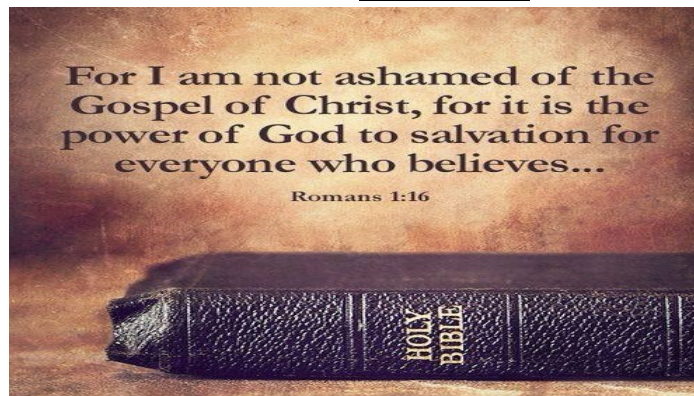
Bi-Monthly Publication



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

A Guilty Verdict

Romans 1:16-17

Pew Packers

Postponed

Sunday PM Worship—5:00

Facebook Live

Charles Broyles

Plea To A Nation Out Of Control

Jeremiah 6:15-16

Ladies Bible Study

Postponed

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Facebook Live

Charles Broyles



From the Preacher's Pen

FUNDAMENTALS: SIN

“Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear” (Isa. 59:1-2).

From Genesis 3 to Revelation 22, the Bible is a discussion of the solution to the problem of sin. Since all have sinned (cf. Romans 3:23), it would serve one well to understand how sin gets a foothold on the hearts of men and what happens when such takes place. Consider three fundamentals about the subject of sin.

1. Entices. James wrote, “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 1:14-15). One of the greatest devices that Satan has in his weaponry is deceit. Such was his approach with Eve in the garden (cf. Gen. 3:13; 1 Tim. 2:14). Satan knows that sin must be viewed as having some kind of appeal and reward if the trap is to work. The naïve and ignorant are especially vulnerable to this. For example, Solomon wrote of a young man, “For at the window of my house I looked through my casement, And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding” (Prov. 7:6-7). The last statement made concerning this example is “Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life” (Prov. 7:23). The Lord God’s description of sin is that which should produce a repulsive attitude (cf. 2 Peter 2:22). Satan must bait man into seeing sin opposite from what God says.

2. Enslaves. Giving oneself over to a life of sin makes one a slave to it. Jesus plainly stated, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin” (John 8:34). Paul wrote to the Romans, “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” (Rom. 6:16). Paul wrote to Timothy, “In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will” (2 Tim. 2:25-26). Paul saw sin from the proper perspective when he said, “For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin” (Rom. 7:14). Applying the redemption in Christ sets man free from the slavery to sin (cf. Rom. 6:17-18). Serving a loving Savior is a much greater master than Satan and sin.

3. Endangers. Every page of the Bible cries out that a life in sin is a life that is dead (cf. Eph. 2:1) with the ultimate end being the second death (cf. Rev. 20:6, 14). Sin endangers personal well-being (cf. Gen. 4:7). Sin brought the flood upon the old

world (cf. Gen. 6:5-7; 2 Peter 3:5-6). Getting close to sin is like getting close to a poisonous viper (cf. Rom. 3:13). Sin’s price was the life of the sinless, Son of God in order for man to live (cf. Rom. 5:8-10). The Bible is filled with passages of warning concerning sin and ruin if the warning is not heeded. Solomon wrote concerning those who reject true wisdom from God, “But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death” (Prov. 8:36).

Jimmy Clark—Athens, Alabama

SIMPLE LOGICAL ARGUMENTS FOR BAPTISM

Salvation/reconciliation to God is only in the one church/body of Christ (Eph. 2:16; 5:23; cf. 1:22, 23; 4:4). One is not in the one body/church of Christ until he is “baptized into one body” (1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 2:38-41, 47); therefore, one is not saved/reconciled until he is baptized (cf. Jn. 3:5; Mk. 16:16; Acts 22:16; Gal. 3:27; Eph. 5:26; Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:11-13; Titus 3:5; Heb. 10:22; 1 Pet. 3:20, 21).

Salvation is “in Christ” (2 Tim. 2:10). One is not “in Christ” until he is “baptized into Christ” (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3); therefore, one is not saved until he is baptized.

All spiritual blessings are “in Christ” (Eph. 1:3). One is not “in Christ” until he is “baptized into Christ” (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3); therefore, one has no access to spiritual blessings like salvation until he is baptized.

The blood of Christ was shed “for the forgiveness of sins” (Mt. 26:28). Baptism is “for the forgiveness of sins” (Acts 2:38); therefore, one does not gain the benefits of Christ’s blood until he is baptized “for the forgiveness of sins.”

The blood of Christ was shed to wash away our sins (Rev. 1:5). Baptism is to “wash away thy sins” (Acts 22:16; cf. Eph. 5:26); therefore, one does not gain the benefits of Christ’s blood until he is baptized to wash away his sins.

The blood of Christ sanctifies (Heb. 13:12). The “washing of water” sanctifies (Eph. 5:26); therefore, one does not gain the benefits of Christ’s blood until he is “washed in water” (baptized; cf. 1 Cor. 6:11; Titus 3:5; Heb. 10:22).

The blood of Christ saves sinners (Rom. 5:9). “Water...baptism does also now save us” (1 Pet. 3:20, 21); therefore, one does not gain the benefits of Christ’s blood until he is baptized in water for the purpose of becoming saved.

The blood of Christ gives a good conscience (Heb. 9:14). Water baptism is how one appeals to God for a good conscience (1 Pet. 3:20, 21); therefore, one does not gain the benefits of Christ’s blood until he is baptized to be saved and gain a clear conscience.

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