

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Paula Davis—has pneumonia; Les Vasterling—for back/knee issues; Eve Chandler—health issues; Jan Lavern & Wendy Williams—unable to be out; Tim Adams, Joseph Stabile, 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; Brandi Brown's—brother and family/covid; The Herman's—sis-in-law Carol not well; William McRoy's—mother Geneva Gaston; Linda Haddock's—sister, Nellie recovering from surgery; 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

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

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

WORKDAY—We will have a workday on Saturday March 2nd at 9:00am. Bring your own tools. See the elders with any questions.

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.

GOSPEL MEETING—Mark your calendars for our Spring Gospel Meeting with Dale Duvernoy of Michigan from March 24th—28th.

RESPONDED—Randall Deily came forward last Sunday needing encouragement and prayers of the church. Eve Chandler came forward on Wednesday evening needing prayers of the church for strength in her Christian walk and to be a good example to others.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters—Debbie Methvin/Deb Adams

Announcements—James George

Song Leaders—Jesse Lancaster/Joe Bonelli

Scripture Readers—Godfred Amparbeng-AM

David Jones-PM

Opening Prayer—Joe Bonelli/James George

Lord's Table—Van Stewart

Closing Prayer—Randall Deily/Patrick Pinto

Birthdays This Week

Ashley Wygal—February 19th

Faith Clark—February 20th

Liz Guity—February 21st

Randall Deily—February 21st



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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

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Sunday Bible Class—9:30AM

Mark Bernhardt

Christlikeness

2 Corinthians 3:18

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM

Mark Bernhardt

Take Time To Serve God

Colossians 4:5

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

The Question That Must Be

Answered Correctly

Matthew 16:13-17

Men's Bible Study—Thursday

March 7th at 7:00PM

Ladies Bible Study—Tuesday

February 20th at 10:00AM

Wednesday Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

The Grace of Conversion

All services are available!



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From the Preacher's Pen

And He Preached the Word

Robert Johnson

“And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them” (Mark 2:1-2 NKJV). In Luke’s account of this event, we are told that both Pharisees and teachers of the Law of Moses were present in this home to hear Jesus speak. They were curious about what they had heard about Him and wanted to hear Jesus for themselves. How did Jesus approach such a gathering of both the religious elite and the average people of His day and time? He spoke the Word to them, because no matter the difference in these groups, whether viewed as common or special, wealthy or poor, educated or not, they had a mutual need that only the Word of God could resolve.

This is an important issue for our day and age. Some would tell us we need a different message to fit the various groups to whom we reach out. Certain teachings, we’re told, should be altered or abandoned, and other philosophies ought to be incorporated to reach the times in which we live, as well as the sensibilities of the modern world. The message of the Gospel needs revision to be relevant for today. Like the false teachers among the Galatian Christians in the first century, there are those wanting a “different gospel” (Galatians 1:6).

Isn’t such a view, though, ultimately an accusation against God? Is not the Creator of Heaven and of the Earth, and all therein, capable of giving us His message in a way that is understandable and relevant to every age? The changing nature of creation does not affect the unchangeableness of God’s Word. I understand the presentation of that message should be relevant to the times in which one lives, but the message itself remains true and consistent. “Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, because ‘All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, But the word of the Lord endures forever.’ Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you” (1 Peter 1:23-25).

There were those who clamored for change in the time of Paul. He warned Timothy, “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables” (2 Timothy 4:3-4). How was Timothy to respond to this? Was he to change the message to accommodate different desires in different times? No! “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching” (2 Timothy 4:2). God is omniscient, and only by staying in His Word will we be genuine Christians, having assurance of who we are, how we are to live and where we are going. Being all knowing, God was able to communicate His will to humanity, irrespective of the age in which people may live.

Studies suggest the number of those spending time in God’s Word, the Bible, is decreasing as time goes by. Many people are making up what they think being a Christians means, deciding based on their desires how a Christian should live. How can one be a genuine Christian without being grounded in God’s Word, which gives us the pattern for becoming and living as Christians? Should not we who insist that we have the Truth – the Gospel – the Word – be diligent in spending time reading it, learning it and living it? Lord willing, we can begin reading from God’s Word each day starting now and throughout a lifetime.

I have known some who say things such as, “My God doesn’t object to this practice,” “My God doesn’t care about that kind of language” or “My God lets me believe and do whatever I want.” We need to make sure our God is the God of Scripture and that His Word is what guides us in what we believe, in what we say and in what we do. If God’s Word was Jesus’ focus, shouldn’t it be our focus, too?

RUNNING ON EMPTY

Paul Marty

Most of us remember growing up to or hearing the song “Running on Empty.” I want to apply that song title to a spiritual application. Let’s visualize a person who has a car, wants to drive it, but never puts gas in it. You know that we will find that person somewhere stranded with the car out of gas.

We read in Matthew 25 about The Parable of the Ten Virgins, five who were wise and took their lamps also with extra oil. However, the other five were foolish in that they only took what oil was in their lamps. The bridegroom delayed, and so they all slept. When they awoke, their lamps were out. The five foolish were “running on empty” while the wise were able to go into the marriage feast.

There is a warning for us. Let’s be prepared to serve God at any time. God gives us ways to refuel and recharge so that we do not have to run on empty.

- 1) Study (2 Timothy 2:15).
- 2) Pray (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
- 3) Assemble with the saints for worship, Bible classes, etc. (Acts 10:23-25).
- 4) Meditate on God’s Word (Philippians 4:8).
- 5) Fellowship (Acts 2:42).

Let’s encourage one another so that we don’t run out of spiritual gas.