

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Sick

Tim Adams treatment for bacteria in lungs; Teresa Broyles for cancer trmt; Fran Barclay recent fall; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Sandy Caldwell 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.

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

**Foyer Table**— The *Financial Report* for January and the latest *Spiritual Sword* titled "Remaining Faithful in Times of Crisis" can be found on the foyer table. Please pick up a copy today.

### My Gift

My gift was delivered at seven,  
Just as I woke where I lay.  
The gift was marked "From Heaven",  
My gift was a beautiful day.  
One wonderful shining good morning,  
Entrusted by God to my care.  
It came bearing only the warning,  
Fragile handle with prayer.

Author Unknown

### Bits of Wisdom

*The person who takes time for prayer will find time for all the other things needing his attention.*

*Keep your head and your heart going in the right direction and you'll not have to worry about your feet.*

**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

Kelly Sarver— February 26th

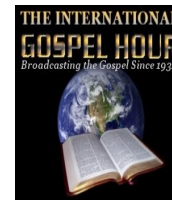


Gospel Broadcasting Network  
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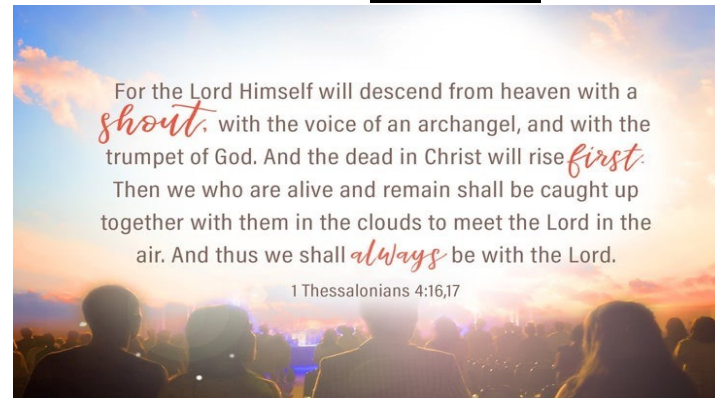
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TV Channel 44 (WTOG) at 7:30am Sunday watch & hear Phil Sanders - Speaker.



WTIS (1110 kHz) at 7:30 am Sunday hear Jeff 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

### Secure With The Savior

1 Thessalonians 4:13-15

### Pew Packers

Postponed

### Sunday PM Worship—5:00

Facebook Live

Charles Broyles

### The Gracious Shepherd

Psalms 23:1-4

### Ladies Bible Study

Postponed

### Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Facebook Live

Charles Broyles



### From the Preacher's Pen

## FUNDAMENTALS: SALVATION

“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:3-4).

God, the Savior of mankind, desires for all to be saved. Clearly, the Bible is given for the very purpose of revealing God's salvation for man. James wrote, “Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls” (James 1:21). Paul stated of the gospel of Christ, “for it is the power of God unto salvation” (Rom. 1:16). Consider three fundamentals concerning this salvation.

**1. Christ-centered.** Apart from the Messiah (Christ), one cannot be saved. Peter stated as recorded by Luke in the book of Acts, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). The name, Jesus, means Savior, as Matthew wrote, “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21). Any attempt to gain salvation apart from Christ is certain to fail. John wrote to the brethren concerning eternal life in Christ, “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God” (1 John 5:11-13). While some may live a kind, moral life before his fellow man or even contribute great sums to benevolent causes, such does not save if Christ is not applied to life (cf. John 14:6).

**2. Conditional.** While God desires for all to be saved (cf. 1 Tim. 2:4), it is clear from the Bible that not all will be saved (cf. Matt. 7:13-14). Salvation in Christ is appropriated through the conditions set by the Lord to apply the blood of Christ and the grace of God. Meeting these conditions by no means earns one his salvation (cf. Eph. 2:9). However, faith must be joined to obedience to be saving faith (cf. James 2:14-26). This is why Paul wrote in the book of Romans concerning “the obedience of faith” (cf. Rom. 1:5; 16:26). One must have the truth of God's word in order to have acceptable faith (cf. Rom. 10:17). That faith is expressed in repentance (cf. Rom. 2:4; 6:6), confession (cf. Rom. 10:9-10) and then baptism (cf. Rom. 6:3-5; 17-18). Thus being saved, one lives life not conforming to the world (cf. Rom. 12:2) but living unto God (cf. Rom. 6:10). Faithfulness is then the mainstay concept of life for the saved (cf. Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 4:2).

**3. Conversion producing.** The basic product of being saved is to be converted from a life of sin unto the Lord. Peter stated to certain Jews in Jerusalem, “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19). While the blotting out of sins is essential to being saved, that salvation would not come without being converted. The “new birth” of John 3:3, 5 is essential to entrance into heaven and such demands a change in the inner man. A

study of those who obeyed the gospel would clearly show the conversion from a sinful lifestyle to a righteous one (cf. Saul of Tarsus; Acts 26:9; Gal. 2:20). Gratitude would exemplify it (cf. 1 Tim. 1:12).  
—Jimmy Clark—Athens, Alabama

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## MIRACULOUS GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE APOSTLES' HANDS

The Bible has the answer to every question and every issue that a New Testament Christian will face today. We truly are “thoroughly equipped” (2 Tim. 3:17) with a clear understanding of “all things pertaining to life and godliness” (2 Pet. 1:3). Consider this question: Can Christians today possess the same miraculous gifts of the Spirit that Christians in New Testament times did? Can we prophesy, speak in tongues, heal the sick, etc. (1 Cor. 12:7-10)? Each of those “gifts” were given by “one and the same Spirit” (12:11). But, does He give those “gifts” to Christians today? Take time to consider the clarity of teaching in Acts 8:14-20.

Some Samaritans became Christians but had not received the Holy Spirit yet (Acts 8:16). We learn from this that the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit were not immediately endowed upon someone when they were baptized into Christ. They were saved by the blood of Christ (Acts 2:38; Matt. 26:28), but receiving a miraculous gift required something beyond baptism.

Two apostles were dispatched to Samaria (8:14-15). The purpose of Peter and John going to Samaria is not hidden from the Bible reader. They went down in order that the new Christians “might receive the Holy Spirit” (8:15). It's interesting that while Philip was an effective evangelist, he lacked the ability to impart the miraculous gift of the Spirit. Instead, the apostles sent two of their own to take care of this.

The apostles laid hands on the Christians to bestow the Holy Spirit (8:17-18). This is stated clearly in verse 17, but what was “the Holy Spirit” that they received? Was it merely a personal indwelling, or was it a miraculous endowment? The text states that “Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given” (8:18, emp. added). There was something perceptible about this gift, which distinctly identifies this as the miraculous. The visual demonstration of the Spirit is what intrigued Simon (“who previously practiced sorcery,” 8:9), and he wanted to purchase that miraculous “gift of God” (8:20).

Note how often it is emphasized in this text the manner in which the miraculous gift of the Spirit was given. “They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit...through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given...anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit...” (8:17-19, emp. added). The text could not have made it any clearer that there was not another method of bestowal!

Can Christians today possess those same miraculous gifts? The answer is “no,” and one clear reason such is not possible is that there are no apostles alive to lay hands on us.

—David Sproule—pblcoc.org