

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Dick & Alison Harris-unable to be out; Debbie Adams-Needing further tests; Penny Bevaqua-wrist is healing; Alison Harris for cancer trmt; Teresa Broyles for cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Sandy Caldwell, Fran Barclay, and Nancy VanWinkle for health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Carol Untied's-nephew, Andrew for recent cancer surgery; William McRoy's-mother Geneva Gaston blood pressure issues; John Nickel- liver biopsy on March 1st; Sam York- In the hospital in Missouri; Kadie Richmond's dad's wife, Shirley/covid; David Sain's wife Phyllis health issues; Mattie Simmons brother Joe recovering from surgery; Kay Jessup's co-worker Debbie for covid; Yllka Bejo's-mother; Les Vasterling's - father/Hospice care; Kim Taylor's mother, Jayne doing better; The Bernhardt's relative Rustin/colon issues; Dianne Stewart's brother, Bobby Goodfield; Van Stewart's aunt Linda Parsons/health issues; The Stingles niece's baby; Paula Davis' niece for lupus; Carol Mitchell's mother, Mary; Darrell Broking- health issues. Dawn McFarland's - sister in the hospital.

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 cousin Paula; 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 Birthdays This Week

At Home: Winston Sandlin

Activities

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

Teacher Workshop— For Bible class teachers at the South Florida Ave church of Christ on March 5th at 9AM. Flyers are in the foyer.

Placed Membership—Please welcome to our Central family— Carol Untied of St Petersburg, David and Samantha Jones of Largo, William Foster of Largo and John Nickl of Largo. Their addresses and phone numbers can be found in the new directory and the Christian Service List.

Sympathy—Our deepest sympathy is extended to Kim Taylor and her family for the loss of her stepfather JD last week. Please keep Kim and her mother, Jayne in your prayers as they mourn the loss of a dear loved one.

Came Forward— On Wednesday night, Ashley Wygal came forward needing forgiveness and prayers for struggles she is having in her life. Dawn McFarland came forward for forgiveness of sin and need of our prayers.

Foyer Table—The *Calendar* and the *Schedule of Those to Serve* for March has been prepared for you and can be found on the foyer table.

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. If you need the Bulletin, Christian Service List, Calendar or Directory call the office at (727) 446-4808.

Those Serving Today

Announcements—Joe Bonelli

Song Leaders—Joe Bonelli/James George

Opening Prayer—Van Stewart/Matt Pryor

Lord's Table—Max Herman

Closing Prayer—John Benson/Dennis Cuckler

Lisa Crossley—March 2nd

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watch & hear Phil Sanders

THE INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL HOUR YouTube (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey

House to House Heart to Heart www.HouseToHouse.com

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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: Ezekiel

Sunday Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

What Can The Righteous Do?

Psalm 11:3

Sunday Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Preaching In Worship

2 Timothy 4:1-5

Ladies Bible Study—Postponed

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

The Bible

All of our services are available

on Facebook Live and
YouTube YouTube Live!



From the Preacher's Pen

BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND KEEP IT

Roger Campbell

How can it be wrong to teach about keeping the commands of the Lord if Jesus talked about the necessity of such?!

As Jesus was teaching on one occasion, a woman spoke up to say that His mother was blessed because her womb bore Jesus and she nursed Him (Luke 11:27). The Master's response to that woman's statement put things in perspective: "Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it" (11:28).

The word "blessed" means one who is happy. In God's sight, a happy person is one who hears and keeps His word.

From the creation of the first humans, it always has been God's will for people to learn His will and keep it. That was true for Adam and Eve. It was true for Deborah, David, and Daniel. It was true for Ezekiel, Esther, and Ezra. It likewise was true for Andrew, Agabus, and Aquila.

It is true for every person living today as well. In our society (compared to days gone by), less emphasis is put on learning and following the Bible. That sad however, reality does not change what the Christ said: "Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it."

As unthinkable as it sounds today among some who identify themselves as Christians, there is not a premium placed on learning and heeding what God says. Yet, Jesus' words still are true: "Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it."

And did you know that in God's church there is a tendency on the part of some to look unfavorably on Bible lessons which highlight the need to keep God's word? Though that be the case, this truth remains unaltered: "Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it." Some deplore the mention of keeping commandments, as if it were a degrading, vile concept. Yet, our Lord told His close followers, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). How can it be wrong to teach about keeping the commands of the Lord if Jesus talked about the necessity of such?! We would prefer for the God of heaven to recognize us as keepers of His word rather than breakers of His instructions, would we not?

Jesus taught that those who enter the kingdom of heaven are those who do the Father's will (Matt. 7:21). Would we not conclude from such a declaration that "doing" the Father's will is a positive concept rather than being an evil one?

There is no denying the Bible's teaching that a person's salvation comes about by God's grace (Titus 2:11). It is equally true that God's grace does not save people who do not respond to His message of grace in the proper manner. God, by His grace and the gospel of grace, saves those who obey Jesus (Heb. 5:9), which is the same thing as hearing and keeping God's word (Luke 11:28).

No grace, means no salvation. In the same way, no submission to God's word, means no salvation. We understand that when we make the choice to obey God's instructions given to us in the Bible, and He blesses us as a result, we do not deserve His blessings. We cannot earn His favor. We could never do enough good things to put the Lord in a position where He becomes a debtor to us. God does not owe you and me anything, period.

The Christ's words still ring true: "Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it." We will never outgrow the need to learn and obey what God's word says.

THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD

Steve Miller

Man has always been impressed with power. Power is "the ability to control others; to have authority; and to have influence" (Webster's New World Dictionary). Some men have spent a lifetime trying to obtain power only to abuse it. Others have been successful in using it. There is a power that can divide asunder the soul and spirit (Heb. 4:12). It is the Word of God.

The Psalmist said, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). The Word reveals the way to heaven. It is the guide for our lives. We cannot go wrong in following God's inspired Word (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

A study of the Word of God shows its effect upon the disciples in the early church. When Paul and Silas came to Berea, they found those who "were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). The Bereans did not go home and take the preacher's word for what they heard. They studied the Word of God to see if the message was correct. How many people in the pews do this today? How many return home from worship to discuss, much less to study the passages they heard in the sermon or Bible class? Hopefully, more than we can tell. People who take the message as "Gospel" without checking the Word of God are living dangerously in their attempt to be pleasing to God. An open mind and heart in our study of the Scriptures is essential in having the attitude of changing our lifestyle or religious beliefs to fit God's standard. There is power in the Word—if we will study it!

The powerful Word of God brings results. When Peter preached the first Gospel sermon on the first Pentecost after Christ's resurrection, the Word he preached brought results. "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). Paul stated, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16). The power is in the Gospel, the Word, the good news of Christ. God's Word convicted the people on Pentecost of their sins and it will do the same today when it is preached uncompromisingly and in love. The Word of God will bring results if we will just preach it, teach it and most of all, live it.

Not only is the Word powerful enough to bring results, but it can also be a comfort to those who are in Christ. Paul comforted the Thessalonian brethren by revealing the truth concerning the dead in Christ. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him ... For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:14-18). It is comforting to know that Jesus has prepared a home for the faithful. We should look forward to the second coming of Christ in that we will be taken up with Him in the clouds to stay for ever and ever.

The Word of God is just as powerful as it was in the days of Abraham, Moses, Peter and Paul. Even man's wisdom in 2022 cannot surpass the all-inspired, authoritative, living, active, comforting, convicting, powerful Word of God. Let us be prepared to "take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph. 6:17).