Announcements and Church News Our Sick AGUVIUM

Shirley Lydic-in Morton Plant with pneumonia; William McRoy- out with covid; Bob & Linda Hadsock- not feeling well; Grace Ime Akpakpanunable to be out; James Miller- kidney issues; Eve Chandler-health issues; Samantha Jones- has been out sick; Teresa Broyles cancer treatment; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Teresa Broyles- dad Charles Wright recently in the hospital; The Broyles- friend Tim Bolin kidney stone surgery this week; John Benson's- son John recovering from surgery; *The Herman's*—sisin-law Carol not well; William McRoy's- mother Geneva Gaston; Molly Burgess's-daughter, Carrie/kidney transplant; Dottie Curls- son Douglas/ serious health issues; Jackie Clark's mother Dorothy & grandmother Gayle health issues; Patrick Pinto's-sister Angelina, nephew Joshua & niece Gwen; Lexi Cahill's-grandfather/lung cancer & prayers for brother Jacob; The Stewart's-bro-inlaw Russell Holt; The Kozola's son Tim; Van Stewart's -aunt, Linda Parsons; Dianne Stewart's-brother, Bobby Goodfield; The Stingles'niece's baby; <u>Paula Davis'</u>-niece/lupus; <u>Darrell</u> Broking-health issues.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Marta Core's -sister for kidney 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 Hadsock'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 <u>Jessup's</u> friends, Pete Pepjess and Marie Woleck. **Inmates:** Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN: Austin Reyes (Marine) Matthew Holleran (Armv)

SHUT INS: Wayne Bishop (Coral Oaks), Delia Schlachter, Joyce Stanley and Guery & Nancy VanWinkle

LADIES BIBLE CLASS—This Tuesday, March 5th at 10:00am. All ladies welcome.

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

FSOP DAY AND CHILI COOK OFF— Our Florida School of Preaching Day is today. After the morning worship service there will be a fellowship dinner including a Chili Cook-off. If you are visiting please stay as our honored guests.

GOSPEL MEETING—Mark your calendars for our Spring Gospel Meeting with Dale Duverney of Michigan from March 24th—28th. Friends and Family Day will be on Sunday the 24th with a fellowship dinner after the morning service. Flyers are in the fover.

NEW ADDRESS—Patrick Pinto has recently moved. His new address is: 1016 Baillies Bluff Road, Holiday, FL 34691.

TIME CHANGE— Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 10th. Just a reminder to change your clocks an hour forward on Saturday night.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters- Van & Dianne Stewart Announcements—Joe Bonelli Song Leaders—Jesse Lancaster/James George Scripture Readers-John Benson/Bob Hadsock Opening Prayer—Mark Bernhardt/Van Stewart Lord's Table—Max Herman Closing Prayer—James George/Joe Bonelli

Paula Davis-March 3rd Lynn Samela—March 5th Paul Wygal—March 6th

Jim and Emily George—March 6th

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TV Channel 44 (WTOG) at 7:30am Sunday **YouTube** watch & hear Phil Sanders



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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 Brian Kenyon Importance of God's Word **Report on FSOP**– 2 Tim 3:14-4:2

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM Roberson Louissaint The Lord Spoke To The Lord Psalm 110:1-4

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM Kurtis Leaks **Discipline Of Gratitude** Luke 17:11-19

Men's Bible Study—Thursday March 7th at 7:00PM

Ladies Bible Study—Tuesday March 5th at 10:00AM

Wednesday Bible Study—7:00PM Charles Broyles The Grace of Conversion

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From the Preacher's Pen

WE ARE NO SECT

Benjamin Franklin

We belong to no **sect** or **heresy**, no "denomination," and recognize none in any sense, only as existing in opposition to the will of God—in a rebellion against the government of God. We know sects only as antagonistic powers to the law and kingdom of God. They are heretical and schismatical, in alienation to each other and to the kingdom of God. We find them in no complete union on anything of importance, except in opposing the gospel of Christ. In this they are a unit. Never did loving brethren more completely unite than they one and all do in this. One voice sounding out the gospel precisely as preached by the apostles, and propounding the terms of pardon as they came from the ambassador of Jesus, to whom he gave the keys of the kingdom of God, will silence all their jars among themselves, their differences and disputes, and bring them all around side by side, facing the common foe. It will call out their confusion of tongues, and the cry, "Lo here and lo there," will be heard on all hands. The cry is raised, "To your tents, O Israel! Danger! Danger! Dangerous doctrine! Do not hear him! Keep away! Keep away! He will unsettle your views!"

Why are they all opposed to this? There is a very good reason for it. It is opposed to all of them. In its very nature it proposes to sweep them all away. It leaves not an inch of ground for one of them to stand on. We came not with a new doctrine, but with the gospel of Christ, a distinct entity in itself, not only having no fellowship with any other gospel, but pronouncing a curse on man or angel who shall preach any other, no matter whether near like it or not near like it—a perversion of it or mutilation. The gospel of Christ itself is the thing to be preached, and nothing else; the power of God to salvation to every one that believes; the preaching of the cross, the wisdom of God, and the power of God. To this nothing is to be added, and from it nothing is to be taken away. In this gospel, Christ, the "one Shepherd," is presented, and the one kingdom of God, or one body of Christ. All the followers of Christ are members of this one body, or citizens of this one kingdom. There are no "denominations" of them. They are all members of his body, citizens his kingdom by faith, the children of Abraham, heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ, saints, holy brethren. They know no other king but the "King of kings, and Lord of lords." Their King, in his times, will "show who is the only Potentate." Their King has no negotiations with any other spiritual kings. He puts them down against him. He has no communications nor negotiations with Pope Pius, or any other Pope. He has no fraternal greetings for any of them, but his father has sworn with an oath that he shall reign till he shall put down all rule and all authority and power—till he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The kingdom of Christ recognizes no other kingdom. It is an absolute monarchy. Christ is the Monarch. He has no Parliament, no Senate or Congress, no legislative body in his kingdom. As the rightful Sovereign and the absolute Monarch, he is the Lawgiver. His will is the law, as spread on the pages of Scripture—the absolute authority—and his subjects have simply to consult the law, ascertain what it requires, and **obey it.** They are not

responsible for the law. They need not trouble themselves about results or consequences. Do as the Supreme Authority commands, and leave the consequences with him. He is so wise, good and great, that he will bring all out right, for all those that put their trust in him. His subjects stop not to counsel with those who have other laws, to compare them with the law of the Lord Messiah, to see how near they are to his, or how far from it. They have no authority to make any other laws, no matter how near like his law, or how far from it. Their business is to throw aside all other laws, and accept him as their Monarch, and his law, and obey it. This is simply all there is of it. He who is not for him is against him.

The citizens of his kingdom have no authority from him for negotiating with any sectarian party, about union with his people, comparing their views and determining how nearly they agree. He has left them no discretionary power to compromise with any body, or to stipulate terms of union and fellowship. He has stipulated terms for us all. If we comply not with these terms he will not receive us, and no saint has any right to receive us. No man has a right to prescribe terms one which to receive any man. The terms are already prescribed in the law of the great King. We must not go to man, but to the King, to know who shall be received.

It is not a question whether a man will receive us, but whether the Lord will receive us.

—BOOK OF GEMS, pp. 286-289

Benjamin Franklin, gospel preacher (1812-1878), the founder and editor of The American Christian Review, (1856-1878). His preaching and writing had a great impact on the church during his lifetime and even after his passing. He is buried in Anderson, Indiana.

IN REMEMBRANCE

We do not lose the ones we love;

They only go before,

Where there is everlasting life,

Where sorrow is no more;

There the soul will always live,

And peace is everywhere;

We do not lose the ones we love—

God takes them in His care.

Author Unknown