

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;

Jinni Cochran's-mom is in Morton Plant rehab; Kim Taylor's relative Melody for heart issues; The Follis's friend Ed for kidney transplant; 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;

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 sister Donna; The Harris' daughter Kim; Mattie Simmons friend William; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry.

INMATES:

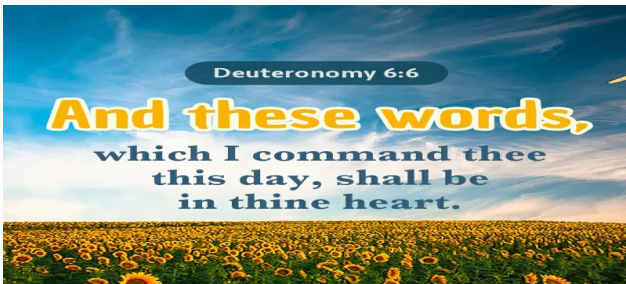
Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN:

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

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 this week from March 7th to the 10th. Flyers are in the foyer.

Sympathy— Our deepest sympathy is extended to Yashika Williams and family for the recent loss of her cousin. The funeral was held last Wednesday in Gainesville. Keep Yashika and family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

Foyer Table— The latest issue of the Christian Courier has just arrived and is on the table in the foyer.

Time Change—Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday the 14th. Just a reminder to change your clocks an hour forward on Saturday night.

Thank You— Kim Crosby would like to express her appreciation for the prayers for her son Austin who has been stationed in Japan in the Marine Corp. He is now home and stationed locally.

By His Strength

*God has given us the wings
To fly across this land,
Bearing witness to His word
And offering His hand.
Bringing faith to those who mourn
And comforting the weak,
Giving glory to the One
Whose gentle touch we seek.
Building bridges to His love
That others will not cry.
God has given us the wings
And by His strength we'll fly.*

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.

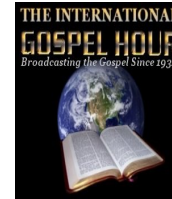


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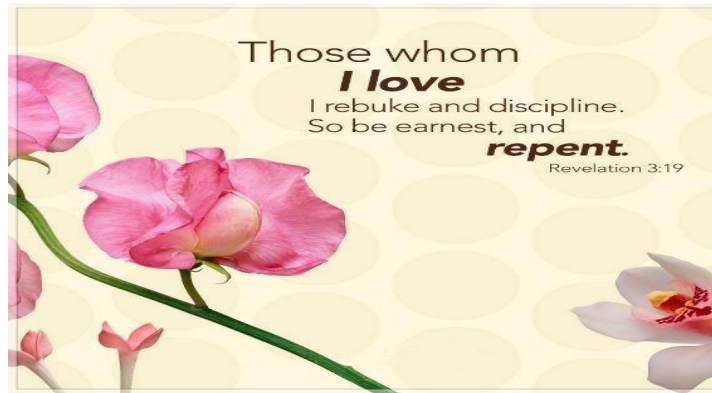
Bi-Monthly Publication



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—10:15

Facebook Live

Charles Broyles

Are You Dead or Alive?

Revelation 3:12

Pew Packers

Postponed

Sunday PM Worship—4:45

Facebook Live

Charles Broyles

Staying Faithful To The Lord

Deuteronomy 6:1-2

Ladies Bible Study

Postponed

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Facebook Live

Charles Broyles



From the Preacher's Pen

BAPTISM IS NOT ENOUGH

The late James Bales, in his book *The Hub of the Bible*, entitled the fifteenth chapter as "Baptism Is Not Enough." To a church that is continually stressing the need to be baptized for the remission of sins, it might be puzzling to consider that there is something more that is needed. Nonetheless, more there is and blessed are those who realize this fact.

In the second chapter of Acts, Peter and the other apostles preached the first sermons of the Christian era. Their Spirit-guided words pricked the hearts of the crowds concerning guilt and sin so that they asked, "What shall we do?" (2:37). As we know, these believers were told to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins (2:38), along with many other words of exhortation and instruction (2:40). Many heeded the Divine commands and about three thousand became Christians that day. But they were not through!

Baptism may be called the "door of the church." It is the portal by which one goes from outside to inside the church. Belief and repentance are the stoop and porch leading to the house of God. Paul told the Galatian brethren that they had been baptized into Christ, indicating that they were now inside the house of God (Gal. 3:27; 1 Tim. 3:15). Under this figure, do we now wander aimlessly about with no purpose nor plan? When we're tired of being inside, no longer thrilled with the experience, do we walk back out the door? Surely there is something for the newborn in Christ to accomplish which suggests that being baptized into Christ is not an end but a beginning.

Being "born again" is a phrase which does indeed suggest a beginning. When we are converted, we put off the old man of corruption and put on the new man which is created in righteousness and true holiness (Eph. 4:22-24). While we may feel like the same person (and undoubtedly in many respects we are), there must be some aspects of our lives that are different, indicated by our willingness to repent as a part of conversion, a term indicating change from our old ways to God's new ways. It is necessary that we learn how to live as a part of God's family, for we rise from the watery tomb infused with neither great knowledge nor wisdom. But we can rise with great desire.

Baptism was not enough for the converts on Pentecost. It is not enough to begin a godly life, for one must continue. The writer noted that these 3,000 converts "continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). Notice how these early Christians continued. It was not sporadically, or when they could slip out from work, or avoid confrontation with their spouses, etc. They continued their Christian journey steadfastly. First, they continued to learn from the apostles, gaining understanding of spiritual principles essential to form the Christian character. Later in life the venerable Peter said, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Pet. 2:2). We must continue to learn God's wonderful teachings, and let them influence our thoughts and actions.

Second, they continued steadfastly in fellowship. The term "fellowship" was used to express a relationship involving sharing and communing. Certainly the early brethren shared time in worship, shared material resources, and shared time in one another's company. Each had entered fellowship with God, Christ and the Spirit, and so had entered fellowship with other Christians. They were a part of a spiritual family! We should so see ourselves. The Hebrews writer said that we should not sin in forsaking the fellowship of the spiritual family found in our worship assemblies on Sunday mornings and evening, and Wednesday evenings. More, we should seek opportunities to be together outside the worship assemblies, sharing our lives and common pursuits.

Third, they continued steadfastly in the breaking of bread. I know of no one who does not continue steadfastly in the breaking of bread for nourishment, so that is not what the record emphasizes. They continued to acknowledge the death, burial and resurrection of the Savior through the Lord's Supper.

Fourth, they continued steadfastly in prayers. Since prayer is our means of communicating with our Father, these brethren, no doubt together and individually, actively continued this practice. There are proper and improper ways to pray, so the child of God would do well to consider the prayers of Jesus and the apostles in order to know what to pray for, and how to frame acceptable prayers.

When the brethren today continue steadfastly in these particulars, they continue the journey begun at conversion, and they continue to be influences for Christ in their homes and communities. When brethren fail to continue steadfastly in these particulars, they cease to grow spiritually and to be a blessing to others. Baptism is not enough! —Sam Willcut

The Bible's Marvelous Unity

- **It's 66 books were written by some 40 men over a period of some 1600 years:**
 - These men {
 - Lived at different periods of time
 - Were of different backgrounds
 - Spoke in different languages
 - Wrote in different languages
- **Among the writers of the Bible were:**
 - Kings
 - Statesmen
 - Apostles
 - Scribes
 - Shepherds
 - Fishermen
 - Tax Agents
 - A doctor
 - Prophets
 - Unlearned men
 - Military leaders
 - A tentmaker
 - Priests
 - Profoundly wise men
 - Poets
 - Prisoners
- **Consider the variety of conditions under which these men wrote:**
 - Some in palaces
 - Some in exile
 - Some in prisons
 - Some in captivity
- **The writers cover a wide variety of materials:**
 - History
 - Proverbs
 - Poetry
 - Civil legislation
 - Direction for worship
 - Biographies
 - Oratory
 - Sermons
 - Prophecy
 - Personal & general letters
 - Autobiography
 - Psalms
 - Parables
 - Romance
 - Apocalyptic visions
 - Philosophy
 - Hymns
 - Doctrinal Discussions
 - Drama

And yet . . . not one single contradiction