

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Stak

Sandra Faver— in Northside Hosp for mild stroke; Carol Untied—for health issues; Shirley Lydic—in Morton Plant ICU for tests; William McRoy— out with covid; James Miller— kidney issues; Eve Chandler—health issues; Randall Deily—not feeling well; 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 last week; John Benson's— son John recovering from surgery; The Herman's— sis-in-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-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:

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; 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

**NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS**— Tuesday, March 19th at 10:00am. See Vicki Herman.

**NEXT MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS**— Thursday, April 4th at 7:00pm. See Van Stewart.

**LADIES BREAKFAST**—On Saturday March 23rd at 10:00 at the First Watch Restaurant 13200 Seminole Blvd, Suite 201, Largo. A sign up sheet is in the foyer.

**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. Invite your family, friends and neighbors. Flyers are in the foyer.

**BAPTIZED**—Last Sunday Michael Gillespie put on the Lord in baptism. We welcome our new brother in Christ to the family at Central.

**PLACED MEMBERSHIP**— We extend a warm welcome to Samuel Grubb who has placed membership with us. Please add his address to your directory: 12800 Vonn Rd, Apt 7253, Largo FL 33774— Phone: 770-881-1153.

**SYMPATHY**— Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mattie Simmons, Queen Elder and Willie Mae Hooks for the loss of their brother Joe Hooks last Monday. The funeral service will be this Saturday, March 16th at 11:00 at Serenity Gardens. Remember the Hooks family in prayer as they mourn of the loss of a dear loved one.

### THOSE SERVING TODAY

*Greeters— Max & Vicki Herman*

*Announcements—James George*

*Song Leaders—Joe Bonelli/Jesse Lancaster*

*Scripture Readers—Randall Deily/Dennis Cuckler*

*Opening Prayer—David Jones/James George*

*Lord's Table—Van Stewart*

*Closing Prayer—John Core/Bob Hadsock*



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Arnold Town Road Church of Christ—Darrell Broking  
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### Elders:

Joe Bonelli Charles Broyles  
James George

### Deacons:

Max Herman  
Van Stewart

**Preacher: Charles Broyles**

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**Sunday Bible Class—9:30AM**  
Charles Broyles  
**Book of Revelation-Chapter 13**

**Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM**  
Charles Broyles  
**The Strength Of The Church Is Her Eldership**  
Hebrews 13:17

**Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM**  
Charles Broyles  
**The Amazing Life Of Jesus**  
John 12:20-22

**Men's Bible Study—Thursday**  
**April 4th at 7:00PM**

**Ladies Bible Study—Tuesday**  
**March 19th 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**

**WE MUST PREACH SOUND DOCTRINE ACCORDING TO GODLINESS**

Kevin Cauley

One of Satan's great tricks is to get men to despise doctrine. Many erroneously think that doctrine implies some kind of sanctimony or mere show of devotion. The truth is just the opposite. Those who observe doctrine are the ones who are sincere and faithful. The English word doctrine comes from the Latin word doctrina, which means "teaching." The Greek word didaskalia means teaching, instruction, or training. Christianity is a religion of doctrine, and the doctrine must be observed. This is why one of the first things mentioned about the behavior of new Christians is: "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' teaching (doctrine) and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

Preaching with little to no doctrinal content is not preaching, but pandering to the whims of fickle humans who enjoy a good story more than they do the truth of the gospel. Consider Paul's description of those who do not consent to doctrine: "If any man teacheth a different doctrine, and consenteth not to sound words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; he is puffed up, knowing nothing, but doting about questionings and disputes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, wranglings of men corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth, supposing that godliness is a way of gain" (1 Timothy 6:3-5).

To forsake doctrine is to be proud and to know nothing. Those who do so give rise to envy, strife, and wranglings. In other words, they create divisions. These, says Paul, are corrupt in mind and empty of the truth. Do not let the preacher, or anyone for that matter, withhold the doctrine that is according to godliness. Remind him that his job is to uphold the sound doctrine of Jesus Christ.

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**IT IS NOT A RITUAL, IT IS A PATH TO HOLINESS**

Dan Jenkins

Because it happens every week, it is easy for the partaking of the Lord's Supper to become somewhat of a religious ritual and we fail to understand the part it plays in our spiritual growth. The abuse of this feast in Corinth brought dire consequences. "For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep" (1 Cor. 11:30). If one does not remember Jesus and discern His body as he partakes of the bread and cup, he eats and drinks damnation to his soul.

In the New Testament we remember Him, but in the Old Testament they remembered their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. From the time the Sabbath was given until the close of the Old Testament, there was not a weekly assembly, but a time when the Jews, their families, their Gentile neighbors, and even their animals stopped all activity and spent that day thinking about God delivering them from bondage. Tragically, by the time of the New Testament, it had become a day which involved the precise distance one could walk on that day, whether it was sinful to walk through a field of grain and eat the wheat in that field as they walked. It had become a day where one could water his donkey and help his ox get out of a ditch, but the

Messiah was forbidden to heal on that day. It was so ritualistic that keeping the rites of that day became a symbol of righteousness!

The failure to keep that day holy by remembering their deliverance from Egypt was a primary reason for the Babylonian captivity that lasted seven decades. God described it this way: "Her priests have violated My law, and have profaned My holy things...and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them" (Ezek. 22:26). The sabbath was holy and so is the Lord's supper.

So, what happens to us as we remember, not the sabbath, but the Lord in His feast? Peter described those who were failing to add the "Christian Graces" to their faith when he says, "For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten he was cleansed from his old sins" (2 Pet. 1:9). The Lord's Supper is a weekly reminder of how He purged us from our sins and delivered us from the bondage of sin. It is a time we examine ourselves as we visit the cross. The Lord wanted Israel to remember deliverance from the bondage of Egypt every week and gave them a memorial day to ensure their spiritual growth. The Lord wants us to remember our deliverance from the bondage of sin every week and has given us a memorial feast to ensure our spiritual growth.

As you eat the bread and drink of the cup, never let it become a ritual. But let it be that time when you commune with Him around His table and visit the cross of our salvation.

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**WHOSE REALITY WILL WE ACCEPT?**

Kevin Cauley

Humans have a way of trying to impose their own beliefs on the world and seeking to change it to their own desires. Much of these efforts are denials of what is really real. It is a sure path for failure. What is really real? Ultimately, God is what is real, and when we fight reality, we are fighting Him. Reality isn't what we want it to be. It is what God wants it to be. Disappointment happens when our expectations don't match reality. We become disillusioned and may even fall into despair. Some just decide it isn't worth it to stick around anymore. There is a better way.

Instead of seeking to change the world to match our desires, we should change ourselves to match God's world. This is God's message to us in the Bible. Sin is not just "moral" failure; it is a failure of perspective on our place in God's creation. That's what Paul is seeking to get across in Romans 1:21: "because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened."

What happens when the heart is darkened? We try to change reality to conform to our desires instead of conforming our desires to reality. "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2). When we transform ourselves to God's will, we prove God's good, acceptable, and perfect will. That is, we show it, in our lives, to be true. It's not that God's will is false if we don't do this, rather, our own lives are.