

Announcements and Church News

Our Story

Les Vasterling—recent eye surgery; Regina Hunter—stomach bug; Gary VanWinkle heart issues; Delia Schlachter back issues; Tammy Odom—recovering from a broken femur; Teresa Broyles cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS; Patrick Pinto's—nephew Joshua; William McRoy's neighbor Dave overdosed on ventilator; Penny Simmons—new medication for leukemia; Paula Davis—friend Tracey recovering from motorcycle accident; Jan Lavern's nephew, Kerry/knee surgery; Les Vasterling's grandson, Michael/kidney issues; The Bonelli's daughter, Vitina for UC flare; Jinni Cochran's mother Nickie Campbell; The Broyles stepmom Mary Jane Wright; Regina Hunter's sister, Cynthia/health issues; Carol Mitchell—tumor on liver; The Stewart's—bro-in-law Russell Holt; Clifton Reynold's son Bryce; The Kozola's son Tim; David Sain's—wife Phyllis; Van Stewart's—aunt, Linda Parsons for health issues; Dianne Stewart's—brother, Bobby Goodfield; The Stingles—niece's baby; Paula Davis—niece/lupus; Darrell Broking for health issues.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Tim Martin of Pinellas Park church of Christ; Dyianna Thompson's brother-in-law, Rodney; John Benson's friend, Wendell; Ranny Reeves neighbor, Linda Wall; Linda Hadsock's niece, June McCray; Carol Untied's stepmother Emily; Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Ronnie Sommerville's dad, Ron; Mattie Simmons friend William; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry; Kay Jessup's friends, Lou and Rose Fiores also co-worker Marie Woleck.

INMATES: Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

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

SHUT INS: Alison Harris, Delia Schlachter, Joyce Stanley, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle

Activities

LADIES BIBLE CLASS—This Friday, March 17th at 1:00pm in the small building.

SOUTH FLA AVE CHURCH OF CHRIST—Is having a Gospel Meeting from March 12th to the 15th. Flyers are in the foyer.

LADIES DAY—At Kissimmee Church of Christ on Saturday, March 1st. For more information pick up a flyer in the foyer.

GOSPEL MEETING—Mark your calendars for our Spring Gospel Meeting with Allen Webster from Sunday April 2nd through Thursday April 6th. We will have a fellowship dinner on Sunday after the morning service. Be sure to invite family, friends and neighbors. Flyers are in the foyer.

CONGRATULATIONS—To Kerry and Ashley Wygal on the birth of a baby boy last Monday March 6th. His name is Paul William Grady Wygal and he was 9lbs 14oz and 20 inches.

SYMPATHY—Our deepest sympathy to Tiffany Broyles and family for the loss of her half sister Tennille Creekmore last week.

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.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters—Van & Dianne Stewart

Announcements—Charles Broyles

Song Leaders—Joe Bonelli/James George

Scripture Readers—Zack Stewart/Dennis Cuckler

Opening Prayer—Mark Bernhardt/Van Stewart

Lord's Table—Max Herman

Closing Prayer—John Benson/Bob Hadsock

Birthdays This Week

Ashley Stewart—March 18th

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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

Preacher: Charles Broyles

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Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM

Charles Broyles

Major Prophets—Daniel 1-2

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

Giving Ourselves To The Lord

1 Peter 3:15

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Learning To Lean On The Lord

Psalms 18:1-3

Ladies Bible Study-Friday

March 17th at 1:00PM

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

The Problem Of Pain

All of our services are available on Facebook Live and YouTube YouTube Live!



From the Preacher's Pen

OUR TONGUE CAN KEEP US FROM GOD'S PRESENCE

David Sproule

David asked a very necessary question of God in Psalm 15—"Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?" Who may dwell with God—in this life and in the next? There are eleven virtues listed in response to that question. Consider just three of them in verse 3.

"Does not backbite with his tongue." The word "backbite" (or "slander" in some translations) is from a Hebrew word that is most often translated as "spies" or "spy out" (1 Sam. 26:4; Josh. 7:2). At its root, the word means "to spy, explore, go about." Think about that concept in regard to spying out something about our neighbor, in order to have a juicy piece of gossip to share with others. A person who does such finds no approval in the eyes of God, but only condemnation. Old Testament law forbade one to "go about as a talebearer among your people" (Lev. 19:16). In the New Testament, there is no approved place for one who is "wandering about from house to house," being a "busybody in other people's matters," and "saying things which they ought not" (1 Tim. 5:13; 1 Pet. 4:15).

"Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend." The Hebrew for "take up" means and is often translated, "to bear, carry; to carry along." While some may find solace in the fact that they did not initiate a malicious rumor or go spying out a good piece of gossip to share, it is just as evil in the eyes of God to "pick up" (by listening) and then "carry along" (by harboring and sharing) personal information about another that is not yours to hear and to share. If a person begins to share something they have heard about another, our immediate reaction should be to interrupt their words, discontinue the conversation, express total disinterest in the information and walk away. The wise man tells us, "Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass on" (Prov. 4:15). That is what agape love does! Rather than stirring "up strife" (which is evidence of "hatred"), "love covers all sins" (Prov. 10:12), for in being "kind," love "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Cor. 13:4, 7).

"Nor does evil to his neighbor." In summary, David reminds us that my responsibility to my neighbors is to "love" them as I love myself (Matt. 22:39), to "esteem" them as "better than" myself (Phil. 2:3), to "look out...for [their] interests" and not only my "own" (Phil. 2:4), to "seek" their "well-being" and not merely my "own" (1 Cor. 10:24), to "do good" to them (Gal. 6:10) and to do them "no harm" (Rom. 13:10). We call that "The Golden Rule" (Luke 6:31). Are we living that? Are we following the example of Jesus (Phil. 2:3-8)? Have we wrestled our heart and tongue into submission so that we might dwell with our God?

**Most of the problems in our lives are due to one of two things —
we act without thinking, or we keep thinking without acting.**

WE MISS YOU ON SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT!

David Sproule

There may be some who are offended at this title or some who will not read the article because of the title, but can I tell you briefly what's on my heart?

The Bible calls the church the "body" of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23), and when a part of our body is not here with us, we miss you (like we would miss part of our physical body). The Bible calls the church the "family" (i.e., household) of God (1 Tim. 3:15), and when a part of our family is not here with us, we miss you (like we would miss part of our physical family).

You are loved. You are needed. You are wanted. There is truly a sense of "togetherness" and "completeness" and "happiness" when you are here, and likewise, there is a sense of "emptiness" and "disconnectedness" and "sadness" when you are not here. There is something special about the church being together on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights, and it would be even more special to have you here, too! One more time—we love you and we miss you!

A TREMENDOUS LACK OF LOVE

Jason Patrick Hilburn

When someone knows the Truth, but refuses to live in faithful obedience to God, that is the ultimate lack of love:

They don't love God, or else they would remove the barrier of sin separating them from God (Isa. 59:2; Jer. 5:25; Acts 2:37-41; 22:16; Rom. 6:23; 1 Jn. 1:7).

They don't love Jesus, or else they would obey Him to show their gratitude for His ultimate sacrifice (Lk. 6:46; 9:23; 17:11-18; Jn. 14:15, 21-24; 15:14; 2 Cor. 8:9; Heb. 5:9; 10:28, 29; 1 Jn. 1:6-2:6; 5:3).

They don't love the Holy Spirit, or else they would show their appreciation for what He revealed in the Scriptures (2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Pet. 1:3, 4, 20, 21).

They don't love God's Word, or else they could not be happy while living contrary to it (Psa. 119:97, 104, 128, 147; Jn. 8:31, 32; 2 Thess. 2:10-12).

They don't love righteousness, or else they would hate sin (Psa. 36:4; Rom. 12:9; Heb. 1:9).

They don't love their neighbors, family, or friends, or else they would be setting an example to help them get to Heaven instead of hindering them (Mt. 5:13-16; 18:6-9; 1 Cor. 10:31-33; 1 Jn. 2:10).

They don't even love themselves, because their actions prove they don't care about their own souls, or whether they go to eternal Hell or eternal Heaven (Mt. 16:26; 22:39; 25:46).

So, do these precious lost souls love anything at all? Yes, sadly, they love sin more than all the things listed above. If this describes you, please repent and become a faithful child of God before it is too late!