

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Sick

Tim Miller—is now home from the hospital; John Nickl—recent liver biopsy; Debbie Adams—Needing further tests; Alison Harris for cancer; Teresa Broyles for cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Sandy Caldwell, Fran Barclay, and Nancy VanWinkle for health issues.

### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Kelli Whapham—in recent car accident; Carol Untied's—nephew, Andrew for recent cancer surgery; her dad, Tony and wife Emily for health issues. Sam York—in rehab in Missouri; Kadie Richmond's—dads wife, Shirley/recent hip surgey; David Sain's—wife Phyllis; Mattie Simmons brother Joe recovering from surgery; Yllka Bejo's—mother; Les Vasterling's—father/Hospice care; The Bernhardt's—relative Rustin Osburn; Dianne Stewart's—brother, Bobby Goodfield; Van Stewart's—aunt, Linda Parsons/health issues; his son Zachary, got good results; The Stingles—niece's baby; Paula Davis'—niece for lupus; Carol Mitchell's—mother, Mary; Darrell Broking—health issues; Joshua White—Samanthas' son; Kyle/Kenzie May's—daughter Jayde, born too early; Douglas/Ashley/Lucy/Logan Falcao—recent bike accident, Ashley broke tibia, might have surgery for blood clot.

### 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 Fiore.

**INMATES:** Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

**OUR SERVICE MEN:** Sam Wagner and cousin Mark Wagner (Navy) Austin Reyes (Marine) Matthew Holleran (Army)

**OUR SHUT-IN AT HOME:** Winston Sandlin

## Activities

**Ladies Bible Class**—will be meeting this Friday, March 18th at 1:00pm in the main building. See Vicki Herman for any questions.

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

**Deepest Sympathy**—to Dawn McFarland and family. Dawn's sister Debbie Andrus passed away and funeral was yesterday in St. Pete.

Also sympathy to Kim Taylor and family in the loss of her mother Jayne Walters who passed a week ago.

Also sympathy to Tim/Debbie Adams in the loss of their friend Judy Beltz.

**Baptisms**—The angels in heaven are rejoicing as we are when Vicky Lube and Nick Johnson obeyed the gospel this past Tuesday. We welcome them to the family of God here at Central.

### Bits of Wisdom

*The best form of spiritual exercise is to touch the floor regularly with your knees.*

*Never confuse the will of the majority with the will of God.*

**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*—Charles Broyles

*Song Leaders*—James George/Matt Pryor

*Opening Prayer*—Mark Bernhardt/Van Stewart

*Lord's Table*—Max Herman

*Closing Prayer*—Dennis Cuckler/James George

## Birthdays This Week

*Ruth Baker*—March 19th

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Childhaven Children's Home in Cullman, AL  
www.childhaven.com



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fairhavenchildrenshome.com

www.christiancourier.com

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

Faith In The Midst of Trials

Psalm 56:1-4

**Sunday Worship—5:00 PM**

Charles Broyles

Giving In Worship

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

**Ladies Bible Study—Friday**

March 18th at 1:00pm

**Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM**

Charles Broyles

The Bible—How We Got It

All of our services are available



on Facebook Live and



YouTube Live!



**From the Preacher's Pen**

**WAITING FOR THE LORD TO STIR YOUR SPIRIT**

Dan Jenkins

How exciting it must have been for Paul, Silas and Timothy when in a vision Paul heard the Macedonians say, "Come over to Macedonia and help us" (Acts 16:9). They immediately left Troas and landed in Europe and began their work. The reception was not what most would have expected for there was great opposition in all the cities of Macedonia where they preached.

Leaving Silas and Timothy in Macedonia, Paul traveled to Achaia, the region just south of Macedonia, and arrived in Athens. Luke described what happened in these words, "Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there" (Acts 17:16-17). He saw the idolatry and was moved to react against it.

Some have misunderstood the meaning of the phrase, "His spirit was provoked within him." Perhaps the King James translation that "his spirit was stirred in him" may have contributed to this. Their view is that the Holy Spirit of God stirred Paul's own spirit and this is what caused the reaction. Look carefully at the text. Neither God nor His Holy Spirit are mentioned in this passage. That which stirred Paul's spirit was that he saw the sin in that land. The godly heart of the great apostle reacted to the ungodliness in Athens.

There is a spirit of complacency in America which is detrimental to our spirit being provoked like Paul's. Instead of confrontation many seek compromise. We think that we must avoid conflict at all cost. It is manifested in so many ways.

This attitude keeps parents from molding the lives of children. When they are small we try to "bribe" them or "distract" them instead of dealing with them. As children get older, parents choose to overlook sinful attitudes and actions rather than confronting them.

Across our land, pulpits are silent about the very issues confronting the church. Elders choose to ignore problems and the unique nature of the church is lost. This is so drastically different from what we read of Paul.

What about you? Do not sit and wait, thinking that somehow the Holy Spirit will speak to your spirit, and then you will deal with ungodliness. The very sight of ungodliness in Athens stirred Paul's spirit. That same sight of ungodliness stirred God (think of Noah's world and Sodom), and we can see the doom of America on the horizon. The sight of ungodliness must stir the spirit of every Christian. It is the only hope any have for the future!

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**WHICH SENSE WOULD BE THE WORST TO LOSE?**

David Sproule

My heart goes out to those who do not have the full use of the senses of the human body, whether by birth or by other circumstances later in life. How precious are those faculties, and those who have lost one or more of them know that all too well. Which is the worst to lose?

How sad it would be to lift the lid of a crock pot and not be able to smell the aromatic

seasoning of the meat and vegetables all blended together! How awful it would be to take a bite of fresh key lime pie and not be able to taste the delectable flavors bursting in your mouth! How lonely it would be to observe your children laughing and playing and not be able to hear the sweetness of their joyful voices! How scary it would be to walk around in perpetual darkness and not be able to see the faces, the colors and the beauties of God's creation!

How heartbreaking to miss out on these sensations in life! However, there are two other senses that are vanishing and are even more calamitous once their gone — common sense and the sense of right and wrong! Once they're gone, souls are in jeopardy! Think about it!

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**GOD EXPECTS TOO MUCH OF ME**

David Sproule

Have you ever thought that God expects too much of you and that there's no way you can do all that He teaches and that you're not strong enough to keep up with everything He commands? If so, take a moment and imagine being Joshua. Moses is getting ready to die—the Moses who spoke directly with God, led Israel miraculously out of Egypt, received the Ten Commandments on the mountain, patiently endured the Israelites for 40 years in the wilderness, etc., etc. And before Moses dies, imagine God turns to you and says, "Your turn! You're taking Moses' place!" What would have gone through your mind? Maybe something like, "God expects too much of me...I'm not strong enough..." And just when you think you're not strong enough, imagine that God says to you, "Be strong and of good courage" (Deut. 31:6). Me? How?

God gives the answer. Read it slowly. He is saying this to YOU, too! "For the Lord your God, He is the One who goes WITH YOU. He will NOT leave you NOR forsake you" (31:6). When you think you can't do it and it's all too much, go back and read these words!

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**FAULT FINDING**

"Do all things without murmurings and disputings" (Phi. 2:14).

Fault finding is not difficult. Isaac Murray illustrates this in his story on how a dog, hitched to a lawn mower, stopped pulling to bark at someone passing by. The boy who was guiding the mower said, "Don't mind the dog. He is just barking for an excuse to rest. It is easier to bark than to pull the mower."

It is easier to be critical than correct.

It is easier to bark than to work, easier to hinder than to help, easier to destroy a reputation than to construct character.

Fault finding is as dangerous as it is easy. Anyone, like the Pharisees, can grumble, criticize, or censure, but it takes a great individual to go on working faithfully and lovingly and rise superior to it all as did Jesus.  
—Author Unknown