

Announcements and Church News

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Vicki Herman— for covid; Cyndi Emery— in Morton Plant for a fall; Pat Ledford—needs prayers; Sandra Faver— in rehab at Springs at Boca Ciega Bay; Shirley Lydic—in Morton Plant ICU for tests and Bill Lydic for covid; James Miller—in Morton Plant had recent surgery; Eve Chandler—recently in ER for health issues; Teresa Broyles cancer treatment; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

The Broyles— friend Linda Hurst back surgery last week and Dale Duverney for a MRI; Val Clark's—friend Brittany Bartley for a mass on her pancreas; 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—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; Lexi Cahill's—grandfather; 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 Haddock'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, April 2nd at 10:00am. **March 19th class cancelled**

NEXT MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS— Thursday, April 11th at 7:00pm. See Van Stewart.

LADIES BREAKFAST—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—Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Dale Duverney of Michigan begins next Sunday 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.

CAME FORWARD—Val Clark and Carol Untied came forward this past week needing the prayers of the church.

BAPTIZED— On Tuesday, March 12th Cyndi Emery put on the Lord in baptism. We welcome our new sister in Christ to our family at Central.

SYMPATHY— Our deepest sympathy is extended to Samantha Jones and family for the loss of her nephew last week. Remember them in prayer as they mourn the loss of a loved one.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters— Debbie Adams/Carol Untied
Announcements— Charles Broyles
Song Leaders— James George/Joe Bonelli
Scripture Readers— Godfred Amparheng/Max Herman
Opening Prayer— Joe Bonelli/Van Stewart
Lord's Table— Mark Bernhardt
Closing Prayer— John Benson/Randall Deily

Birthdays This Week

Ruth Baker—March 19th
Joe Stabile—March 20th
Pat Ledford—March 22nd



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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 Class—9:30AM

Charles Broyles

Book of Revelation-Chapter 14

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

The Eldership Is The Strength Of The Church

Hebrews 13:17

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Four Essentials For Soul Winning

Mark 16:15-16

Men's Bible Study—Thursday

April 11th at 7:00PM

Ladies Bible Study—Tuesday

April 2nd 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

UNDERSTANDING ATONEMENT

Dan Jenkins

There are many words which describe our salvation. Each one emphasizes a particular aspect of that salvation. We talk about forgiveness, regeneration, justification, redemption and sanctification. The word we least understand is the word atonement. We know about the Jewish Day of Atonement and believe in our atonement, but we have little understanding of the meaning of this word.

Illustrations of Atonement

Numbers chapter sixteen tells of the rebellion of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. This resulted in the death of these men and about 250 others who followed them. The next day, the Jews slandered Moses and accused him of killing the people of God. God was so angry. His wrath was manifested in a plague which killed nearly 15,000 Jews. What stopped the plague? What appeased His wrath? Aaron took a censer and stood between the Jews and the advancing plague. This action is described as making atonement for the nation (16:46-47). Wrath was appeased, and this is described as atonement.

In Numbers 25, the Jews were committing fornication with the Midianite women. God's anger again sent a plague and killed 24,000 Jews. What stopped the plague? Phinehas, the grandson of Aaron, took a javelin and thrust it through the bodies of a Jewish man and a Midianite woman who publically were fornicating. God said, "Phinehas...has turned back my wrath from the children of Israel because He was zealous with My zeal among them... because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel" (25:11-13). If you want to understand atonement, read this story and the previous one to see what atonement means.

Atonement Always Connected with God's Anger

Atonement always involves sin which results in God's wrath against sin and actions being done to assuage His wrath. If there is no atonement, His wrath will surely come.

Sins Not "Rolled Forward" in the Old Testament

The concept that sins were "rolled forward" (think of a giant snowball getting larger every year) on the Day of Atonement does not portray what actually happened. Every year on that day God remembered the sins of Israel, and if atonement was not made His wrath was sent. Nations came against Israel when atonement was not made. When it was made, His anger was appeased, and God blessed that nation. God remembered their sins every year.

Because of Christ's sacrifice atonement is ours. He does not remember our sins. "Their sins will I remember no more" (Jer. 31:34). Thank God for our atonement!

*When God does not response to us, we complain.
When we do not respond to God, we simply make excuses.*

WORSHIP HIM IN HIS PRESENCE

Dan Jenkins

It is often easy to lose sight of the very nature of worship and the result of this robs us of one of the great blessings God has for us. Before reading any more of this article stop and ask yourself, "Why do I come to worship each week?" There may be many reasons, but what is the fundamental, underlying reason you come to worship each week?

If you think first in terms of, "I do it because He commands me to," perhaps you should think more about it. Did not Jesus describe those who "...draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me"? We do come to worship because He commands us, but if that is the primary reason, we are robbing ourselves of the true meaning of worship. Think about the following verses and my comments about them.

Psalm 100:2: "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing." Notice how godly men came to worship realizing that this was the place, above all others, where we are "in His presence." We come with gladness and praise before Him. In worship we are truly in His presence.

Psalm 95:2: "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms." Notice the plural pronouns in this verse. It is not a private time of praise David had in mind. It was "us" who came before Him in His presence. The next verse sheds even more reasons as to why we come to worship. "For the Lord is the great God, and the great King above all gods." We should stand in awe that this great God would so graciously allow sinful men to come into His presence.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2: "Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools...let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; therefore let your words be few." Every aspect of worship is important, but in most acts we are actively involved. However, God designed worship as a time when by preaching He would speak to us! We are in His presence and should come motivated to hear His words.

Psalm 100:1-4: "Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who has made us; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name."

Worship is not just "making a payment" on a heavenly insurance policy. We do not come just to obey Him. Worship comes from hearts which long to praise Him in His presence.

*Christians, like salt shakers, are designed to spread their contents
and put flavor in the world.*