

Announcements and Church News

Our Stork

Les Vasterling—recent eye surgeries; Gary VanWinkle heart issues; Delia Schlachter back issues; Susan Villoch for surgery on March 29th; Tammy Odom—recovering from a broken femur and kidney stone surgery on March 30th; Teresa Broyles cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS; Patrick Pinto's—nephew Joshua; 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

NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS—Friday, April 21st at 1:00pm in the small building.

LADIES DAY—At Kissimmee Church of Christ on Saturday, April 1st. Flyers are in the foyer.

SPRING GOSPEL MEETING—Our Gospel Meeting is only two weeks away 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.

SYMPATHY—Our deepest sympathy to the family of John Nickl. John passed away last Saturday. Remember the Nickl Family in your prayers.

RESPONDED—Last Sunday Randall Deily, Dawn McFarland, Jackie Williams and Zack Stewart came forward needing the prayers of the church.

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—Joe and Mary Bonelli

Announcements—Joe Bonelli

Song Leaders—James George/Jesse Lancaster

Scripture Readers—John Benson/Joe Bonelli

Opening Prayer—David Jones/James George

Lord's Table—Mark Bernhardt

Closing Prayer—Rob Schlachter/Dennis Cuckler

Birthdays This Week

Ruth Baker—March 19th

Pat Ledford—March 22

Grace Vogt—March 24th

Anniversaries This Week

Matt and Hannah Pryor—March 19th

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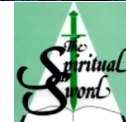
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Arnold Town Road Church of Christ—Darrell Broking
 Chalmette Church of Christ—Mark Lance
 South Anchorage Church of Christ—Michael Dale
 Czech Republic Missions —Tony/Heidi Orellana

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

The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:13-18

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Jesus Loves The Church

Ephesians 5:25-27

Ladies Bible Study-Friday

April 21st 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

EXCUSE MY EXCUSES

Allen Webster

Whenever the gospel is preached, you can rest assured that the devil is in attendance. He is not interested in supporting the truth but in destroying its effect on the hearts of men. He brings his bag of excuses (2 Cor. 2:11) and sits waiting for the gospel to enter the hearts of listeners. When one is about to obey, Satan tries to steal the word and replace it with excuses (Mat. 13:19). To equip us to meet him, we now note five of his most common excuses.

“WAIT, IT WILL BE EASIER TO OBEY LATER”

This is one of his favorites. After all, it has been effective for a long time. When Paul preached to Felix, the devil pulled it from his bag. “And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee” (Acts 24:25, emph. AW). So far as the Bible records the “convenient season” never came for Felix. Watch out for this excuse!

“WAIT, YOU ARE ALREADY A GOOD MORAL PERSON”

This is most likely true, but no one is good enough to save himself (Tit. 3:3-5). Trusting Christ is the only way to be saved (John 14:6) and humble submission to His Gospel puts one into God's grace (Rom, 5:2; Heb. 5:9). No one, no matter how good, will be saved without having his sins washed away (Acts 22:16). Watch out for this excuse!

“WAIT, YOUR RELATIVES WILL DISAPPROVE”

The terrible thing about the devil's tactics is that he can turn our good intentions into bad actions. It is proper to honor parents (Eph. 6:1-2) and God demands obedience to them. But God has never expected a person to put the wishes of his parents ahead of the will of the Father. Jesus said, “He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me” (Mat. 10:37). It is always in the best interest of your family to obey God. Perhaps, by your good example, they too can be led to walk more closely with God. Watch out for this excuse!

“WAIT, YOU COULD NEVER LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE”

Many sincere people feel so inferior that the devil preys on their humility. God does not expect His children to be perfect. If He did, no one would make it to heaven (1 John 1:8-10). And, without the Lord's help and longsuffering, no one could live the Christian life (Heb. 13:5). But by vigilance and God's providence the devil can be defeated and Christians can live the life that God expects (1 Pet. 5:8; 2 Tim. 4:8). Watch out for this excuse!

“WAIT, THERE ARE HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH”

Satan usually saves this one as the last resort, but often uses it very effectively. Let it first be stated that hypocrites make God sick (Rev. 3:15-17) and that they will be cast from the kingdom (Mat. 23:13). They are not to be defended nor ignored. But to allow another person to stand between you and salvation is very foolish. If you stay away from God, you will end up spending eternity with these hypocrites (Mat. 7:21-23). But, maybe, if you become a

Christian you can help them to change and go to heaven with you. Watch out for this excuse!

Did you notice what each excuse has in common? Each time the devil wants the sinner to WAIT. He knows that each time one sits through an invitation song it becomes easier. Each opportunity lost is one step closer to eternal damnation. Each day spent in the world is one less to be used to God's glory. Therefore, his constant refrain is “wait, wait, wait.” But remember the words of God, “...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor. 6:2, emph. AW) and “...To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts...” (Heb. 3:7-8, emph. AW). Please do not let the devil hand you an excuse from his bag and win the battle for your soul. It is your decision. **OBEY GOD NOW!!**

SALVATION IN CHRIST

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” (Eph. 1:3).

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace”(Eph. 1:7).

“In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will” (Eph. 1:11).

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus” (Eph. 2:4-7).

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Eph. 2:8-10).

Ten Minutes Before And After Services

Allen Webster

Recently members of our church moved to another city due to job transfer. They visited two congregations near their new home. Both congregations came highly recommended. They arrived early, stayed late, and made themselves available. Yet, despite their eagerness, no one from Congregation Number One greeted them or expressed any interest. They contacted the preacher during the week and shared their concern. The preacher apologized. The next month they visited Congregation Number Two. During the first two visits, dozens of people greeted them, two Bible classes invited them out to eat, four families had them into their homes, and they received numerous invitations to become part of that congregation.

Guess which church this couple decided to attend? The friendliness of Congregation Two made a deep impression. The ten minutes before and after each service are significant times for our guests. Friendliness must be constantly practiced. Each week, several people visit our congregation for the first time. Extend your hand. Put on a smile. Let us be friendly. Copied