Announcements and Church News Our Sick Activities

<u>Vicki Herman</u> for covid; <u>Cyndi Emery</u> in Largo Medical Rm 557 for a fall; <u>Joe Stabile</u> recently in the hospital; <u>Carol Untied</u>-upcoming tests; <u>Sandra Faver</u> is now home <u>James Miller</u> recovering from recent surgery; <u>Ronnie Sommerville</u> & <u>Teresa Broyles</u> cancer treatment; <u>Joyce Stanley</u>, <u>Kim Taylor</u>, <u>Guery & Nancy VanWinkle</u> health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Eve Chandler's-friend Kiki's husband and daughter/health issues; Marta Core's- sister for kidney removal surgery in April and biopsy of nodules in lungs; The Broyles- friend Tim Bolen for kidney stone surgery on March 26th; Val Clark's-friend Brittany Bartley/mass on her pancreas; The Herman's-sis-in-law Carol not well; Molly Burgess's -daughter, Carrie/kidney transplant; Dottie Curlsson 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:**

<u>Marta Core's</u> –sister for kidney cancer; <u>Lexi Cahill's</u>-grandfather; <u>Penny Bevaqua's</u> – sister Patricia; <u>Deb Methvin's</u>-cousin Melissa Clark; <u>Charlotte Bytheway's</u> cousin Janet Chaney; <u>Tim Martin</u> of Pinellas Park church of Christ; <u>Dyianna</u> <u>Thompson's</u> brother-in-law, Rodney; <u>Ranny</u> <u>Reeves</u> neighbor, Linda Wall; <u>Linda Hadsock's</u> niece, June McCray; <u>Carol Untied's</u> stepmother Emily; <u>Van Stewart's</u> sister Tracey and cousin Paula; <u>Sandy Caldwell's</u> bro-in-law Larry; <u>Kay</u> <u>Jessup's</u> friends, Pete Pepjess and Marie Woleck. **INMATES:** Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN: <u>Austin Reves</u> (Marine) <u>Mat-</u> <u>thew Holleran</u> (Army)

SHUT INS: Wayne Bishop (Coral Oaks), Delia Schlachter, Joyce Stanley and Guery & Nancy VanWinkle <u>NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS</u>— Tuesday, April 2nd at 10:00am.

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

<u>**Gospel Meeting</u>**—Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Dale Duverney begins today through Thursday the 28th. We are having a fellowship dinner today immediately after the morning service. If you are visiting today, please stay and join us. Flyers are in the foyer.</u>

SYMPATHY– Our deepest sympathy is extended to <u>Bill Lydic, daughter Lynn Samela and family and</u> <u>Bob and Linda Hadsock.</u> Bill's wife, Shirley passed away on March 18th. Visitation will be at Memorial Park Funeral Home in St Pete on March 25th at 5pm with the funeral service at 6PM.

Our deepest sympathy is also extended to <u>Max and</u> <u>Vicki Herman</u>. Their son George who lives in Tampa died this past Wednesday.

Our prayers and sympathy to *Jim and Val Clark*. Their cousin Bill Roberts died suddenly last week.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP— We extend a warm welcome to <u>Pauline Russell</u> who has placed membership with us. Please add her information to your directory: 1243 S Martin Luther King Jr Ave, Unit B-103, Clearwater, FL 33756. Phone: 727-434-2582.

Those Serving Today

Greeters– Debbie Methvin/Paula Davis Announcements—Joe Bonelli Song Leaders—Jesse Lancaster/James George Scripture Readers-John Core/David Jones Opening Prayer—James George/Charles Broyles Lord's Table—Max Herman Closing Prayer—Van Stewart/Joe Bonelli

BirthdaysThis Week

Grace Vogt—March 24th Eve Chandler—March 24h Wendy Williams—March 26th Joe Bonelli—March 28th Patrick Brazil—March 28th Carlos Fuentes—March 30th



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From the Preacher's Pen

God Still Says, "Preach The Word"

Roger D. Campbell

2 Timothy 4:2 -- How many times have we heard it quoted and mentioned in public lessons? Its clear message reads, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all

longsuffering and doctrine." What word is it that God wants His servants to preach? It is the message of the Holy Scriptures (2 Tim. 3:15), the inspired message of God's word (2 Tim. 3:16).

Despite the Lord's charge to "preach the word," and despite the command to "preach the gospel" (Mark 16:15), men are often not pleased with such an idea. Some who are listeners do not desire to hear the pure word of God. And, some that preach do not really desire to preach the word of God. Be that as it may, God still says, "Preach the word."

Man prefers to hear a "more modern" message, but God still says, "Preach the word." Man longs to hear a message that makes him feel good, but God still says, "Preach the word."

Man thinks that just any religious message is good enough to save the soul, but God still says, "Preach the word."

Man cries for a message that's more entertaining, but God still says, "Preach the word." Man despises the word of God that rebukes his sin, but God still says, "Preach the word." Man wants to hear jokes and funny stories, but God still says, "Preach the word." Man thinks that drama would be more moving, but God still says, "Preach the word." Man says that the Bible's message offends people, but God still says, "Preach the word." Man thinks the Bible's message is dry and boring, but God still says, "Preach the word." Man loves to hear stories about people's so-called "experiences," but God still says, "Preach the word."

Man says that if we would preach a message that was more appealing to the masses, we would grow more, but God still says, "Preach the word."

Man says if we don't water down the message, we will never attract people from the community, but God still says, "Preach the word."

God's way is always right. God says, "Preach the word." Since that is what the Lord wants, then that, my brothers and sisters, is just what we must do! Preaching the word is what the world needs in order to be saved. Preaching the word is also what the church needs in order be strong spiritually and prepared to meet the devices of the devil. Yes, man may say a lot of things, but God still says, "Preach the word."

CONFUSION AT EVERY LEVEL Dale DuVerney

Lowelll Kleiman correctly affirmed that, since most all individuals assume certain things are wrong (such as genocide), the true explanation is that such things are really wrong. Living in our relativistic society, there are many things which were once considered wrong and dangerous to an orderly and decent society which are now approved with enthusiasm. It used to be considered wrong to abort (kill) your baby. It was actually considered murder and carried a strong judicial punishment to keep it from happening. Homosexuality was once considered such a threat to society that it carried the death penalty. We now have as many "gender identities" as we have individuals. What has that brought us? Confusion at every level. So called "transgenderism" has become the catchword and phrase for every kind of sexual mental struggle one can imagine, and each is to be accepted and "pronouns" applied by everyone in our society - lest the one who refuses to "go along" gets cancelled, or worse. Euthanasia used to be considered murder as well, but has now been made legal in some states, and is accepted or ignored by others.

What we are seeing in our society is the path of mankind once God is denied. Once the standard giver is denied, the standard is denied. YOU CANNOT HAVE MORALITY WITHOUT GOD. Relativism has as its very basis a denial of any fixed standard of right or wrong. The words of Jeremiah have never rang truer than in our own present generation in America: "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). If you want to see where we are headed, read Romans 1:18-32. Understand that that nations are judged in real time...and God is NOT going to apologize to the many nations past who have been weighed in the balanced, judged and destroyed. If it was wrong for them, it is wrong for us. If they refused to repent and were destroyed, so will we. How far off that judgement is, who knows? However, it will be a painful process - and those who seek to trust in God need to have the faith to remain faithful and trusting. They need to remain active as salt and light where they reside, knowing God works all things for good according to His will. The faithful child of God will NOT support such things. If you want to judge between false religion (Christianity) and true, note that morality is one of the important factors.

Churches that support and defend immoral behavior are not the church Jesus built, but a false religion based on the god of this world. One cannot be a faithful child of God and stand opposed to what God has directed in His word. Be loving, kind and benevolent toward the sinner - but do not accept the behavior. Repentance is still the preaching God wants His people to preach. To call one to repentance is to acknowledge there IS a fixed standard of morality and objective truth. To have that, one must acknowledge there IS One Who has the authority, as creator and law-giver to make the standard of morality and objective truth. Who is that but the God of the Bible?

Quit making excuses and just own up to it. Good or bad just own it!

There are many people who possess very good hearts, but they have extremely poor boundaries.