

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Eva Jane Methvin—recently in the hospital; Molly Burgess for recent tests; Linda Haddock—upcoming test for anemia; Sandy Caldwell—pain from bursitis and knee surgery; Tim Miller—doing better; Debbie Adams—upcoming tests; Vicky Lube—cancer trmt; Alison Harris for cancer trmt; Teresa Broyles for cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Fran Barclay, & Nancy VanWinkle for health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Emily George's—friend Renee for loss of eyesight; Kelli Whapham—recent car accident; Carol Untied's—nephew, Andrew/recent cancer surgery; her dad, Tony and wife Emily/health issues. Sam York—now home in Missouri; Kadie Richmond's—dads wife, Shirley/recent hip surgey; David Sain's—wife Phyllis; 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; The Stingles—niece's baby; Paula Davis—niece for lupus; Carol Mitchell's—mother, Mary; Darrell Broking—health issues; Samantha Jones son, Joshua also friend Penelope health issues; Kyle/Kenzie May's—daughter Jayde, born early; Ashley Falcao—broken tibia from bike accident.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Linda Haddock's niece, June McCray; Debbie Methvin's co-workers father Vasilos and Michele Fuguero; 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)

Activities

NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS—Is on Friday, April 15th at 1:00pm in the small building. See Vicki Herman for any questions.

YOUTH RETREAT—At Weeki Wachee Christian Camp from April 29th to May 1st hosted by the Orange Street Church of Christ. For registration information please pick up a flyer in the foyer.

RESPONDED—Samantha Jones came forward last Sunday to repent and ask for forgiveness. Keep Samantha in your prayers for strength in her Christian walk as she strives to be a good example to family and friends. Dawn McFarland came forward Wednesday evening needing prayers for her work in teaching the gospel to others. Remember Dawn in your prayers for her efforts in sharing God's Word.

When You've Abandoned Hope

When you've abandoned hope
And feel you've lost your way,
Remember God above loves you
And waits for you to pray.
Before you ever seek Him,
He is seeking you
And hoping you will turn to Him
So He can strengthen you.

By: Jan Kilby

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—Matt Pryor/Van Stewart
Lord's Table—Mark Bernhardt
Closing Prayer—Bob Haddock/John Benson

Birthdays This Week

Lexi Broyles—April 4th

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http://gbntv.org YouTube
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SEARCH TV Channel 44 (WTOG) at 7:30am Sunday YouTube
watch & hear Phil Sanders

THE INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL HOUR YouTube (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey

House to House Heart to Heart fsop.net

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

FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME www.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

Paul Preaches To Felix & Drusilla

Acts 24:24-25

Sunday Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Blessed Are The Pure In Heart

Matthew 5:3

Ladies Bible Study—Friday

April 15th 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 YouTube Live!



From the Preacher's Pen

PARACHUTE MENTALITY

Tom Wacaster

Having never worn a parachute, and fortunately never having needed one, I do not know if I can appreciate what a paratrooper goes through in the exercise of his basic skills as a skydiver. While serving in the Coast Guard in Corpus Christi, it was my privilege to work in the field of aviation search and rescue. Those of us who went on search and rescue missions were never issued a parachute, never trained in the use of them, and seldom had one on board when we went out on search and rescue missions. I was told on one occasion that there were always a couple on board, but they were stored under the seats of the pilot and co-pilot (hmmm). I once asked one of my fellow workers if he felt a little uncomfortable flying several hundred miles out into the Gulf of Mexico not having a parachute. He answered in the negative, and then explained that the parachute was bulky, uncomfortable to wear, and interfered with movement around the plane. And, since it was not required that crew members wear the parachute, seldom if ever would you find someone with one strapped to his back. I once read (some years after my discharge from the military) of a sign that hung over the door of a parachute preparation room which read, "If you ever need it, and don't have it, you ain't ever goanna need it again." In time of need it might be great to have one close by, but, hey, who needs it now? Until and unless an emergency arises, we will just leave it stored under the seat. That, my friends, is what I mean by "parachute mentality." Do you suppose some members of the Lord's church have a "parachute mentality"? Think with me on this.

In every congregation there are a small number of Christians who are barely hanging on. There is little, if any, involvement in the work of the church. To them, Sunday morning worship is all that is required, and that only if something else does not interfere. Sunday morning Bible classes, Sunday evening worship, and Wednesday night are purely optional, and that only for the fanatical, right-wing fringe (which they want to avoid at all costs). Asked if Jesus were important they would answer in the affirmative, but if the truth were known, their definition of important is quite different than what God considers important. The faithful, humble, serving child of God realizes that when he was baptized into Christ he "put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27), but that child of God with a "parachute mentality" perceives of Christ as bulky, uncomfortable to wear, and an interference to his free-moving lifestyle that places a premium on business, pleasure, and self gratification. Jesus is stored under the pew at the local church building, ready to grab and strap to the back in time of emergency. But to wear it on a daily basis? Forget it! Sometimes I think we ought to hang a sign over the exit door on our buildings similar to the one referred to above. That sign might read something like this: "If you ever need Him, and don't have Him, you ain't never goanna need Him again."

The Christian with the "parachute mentality" makes at least two fatal blunders. First, he thinks that Jesus is something you put on and off depending on your need, but you know

as well as I do that Christianity is a daily walk. I read somewhere that Jesus said, "take up your cross daily." Second, he thinks that God can be ignored and spurned when things are going well, and then immediately come to the rescue when things turn sour. If I read my Bible clearly, it does not work that way. Dearly beloved, God wants your humble obedience and submission every second, of every minute, of every hour, of every day of the year. It is not that He needs you; it is that you need Him! To think otherwise is to possess a "parachute mentality."

TWO CRIPPLES

Two cripples entered the church one day;
Crippled—but each in a different way;
One had a body, strong and whole,
But it sheltered a warped and twisted soul.
The other walked with a halting gait
But his soul was tall and fair and straight!
They shared a pew. They shared a book.
But on each face was a different look.
One was light with hope and joy
And faith that nothing could destroy.
The other joined not in prayer and hymn,
No smile relaxed his features grim.
His neighbor had wronged him,
his heart was sore,
He thought of himself and nothing more;
The words that were read from the Holy Book
Struck deafened ears and forlorn look.
To one came comfort—his soul was fed.
The other gained nothing from what was said.
Two cripples left the church that day
Crippled—but in a different way.
A twisted foot did one body mar,
But the twisted soul was sadder far!

Author Unknown