

Announcements and Church News

Our Stork

Aurea Maravilla—recent eye surgeries; Ronnie Sommerville, Jr.—health issues; Dottie Curls—Is doing some better; Les Vasterling—recent eye surgeries; Gary VanWinkle heart issues; Delia Schlachter back issues; Susan Villoch recovering from recent surgery; Tammy Odom—recovering from kidney stone surgery; Teresa Broyles cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;
The George's—friend Ron Braddy for kidney surgery on April 11th; Kerry Wygal's—dad Gary for heart issues; Mattie Simmons—asks for prayers for the Dozier and Sapp families; Patrick Pinto's—nephew Joshua; Paula Davis—friend Tracey recovery of motorcycle accident; Les Vasterling's grandson, Michael/kidney issues; The Broyles stepmom Mary Jane Wright; 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 for tests; 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; 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. All ladies are invited. See Vicki Herman for more details.

RESPONDED—Last week during our Gospel Meeting Van Stewart, William McRoy, Dawn McFarland, Regina Hunter, Priscilla Miller and Queen Hooks came forward needing the prayers of the church. We also were blessed to have Montana Sterner asked to be baptized for the remission of her sins. Please welcome her into the family here at Central. On Friday Zack Stewart was baptized to remove doubt.

SYMPATHY—Our deepest sympathy is extended to Carol Untied and family for the loss of her mother, Georgianna Matusovich last Sunday, April 2nd. Remember Carol and family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their dear loved one.

REMINDER—Weekly sermons are available on CD, our website and livestream on Facebook and YouTube on 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

Greeters—Max and Vicki Herman
Announcements—Joe Bonelli
Song Leaders—Joe Bonelli/James George
Scripture Readers—Mark Bernhardt/Rob Schlachter
Opening Prayer—Van Stewart/Joe Bonelli
Lord's Table—Max Herman
Closing Prayer—Zack Stewart/James George

Birthdays This Week

Dottie Curls—April 10th

Anniversaries This Week

Tim and Debbie Adams—April 10th

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Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM
 Charles Broyles

Major Prophets—Daniel 2

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM
 Charles Broyles

The Message and The Man Jesus
 John 6:68-69

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM
 Charles Broyles

Giving God Our All
 Hebrews 12:22

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

OUR GOSPEL MEETING ENDED THIS PAST THURSDAY

I want to commend all of you for making this meeting such a success. It was by your presence and the inviting of many of your family, friends, and neighbors. We know that bro. Allen did his part and it was up to us to do our part. Thank You!

Allen Webster brought to us seven messages that has helped us “Reignite the Fire” within us. It is now up to us to take those messages and put them into action. It is up to us now to be that shining light for all to see in this community and surrounding areas.

The preaching of Allen Webster in our gospel meeting has stirred our hearts and made us think soberly about how we ought to be serving our God. As I listened to him talk about taking our spiritual temperature to see where we stood in our spiritual walk, I realized that maybe we might not be where we think we are in that walk. I hope and pray that you were able to realize where you personally stood with God.

Bro. Allen also helped us to revitalize our worship to Almighty God. Worship is an act of giving honor, reverence and praise to God (and as the Greek word indicates, “to kiss toward”). This is a very individual act. This is a very personal act. Do you “worship”?

When you sing in worship, do you actually worship God? When you pray in worship, do you actually worship God? When you give in worship, do you actually worship God? When you commune in worship, do you actually worship God? When you hear God’s Word proclaimed in worship, do you actually worship God? True worship takes effort! So, do you “worship”? We should strive to be true worshippers in our worship to God, (John 4:23-24).

He also helped us in understanding how we can increase our passion and zeal for Jesus. You and I need to examine ourselves and honestly measure two things: (1) am I zealous as a Christian? and (2) why? True zeal and passion as a Christian has nothing to do with me or what I get out of it for myself, but true zeal is all about Jesus. When “the love of Christ compels us” (2 Cor. 5:14), we will boldly speak His word (Acts 4:13-31) and be truly “zealous for good works” (Tit. 2:14). Are you burning with zeal? What about your passion?

Have you found your place in the body of Christ? What can we do to be an essential part when it comes to the church/body of Christ? God’s design for His FAMILY is that each member/part (old and young) work together with all the other members/parts (old and young) to “grow up into Christ.” (Eph. 2:19,21). Finding our place in the body of Christ isn’t limited to a certain age! Every Christian must continually grow and mature in Christ. So, what can the church do to help all parts (old and young) in this growth?

Jesus commanded, “Seek first His kingdom” (Matt. 6:33). So, which is supposed to be “first” in our lives—Christ or His church? The answer is, BOTH! One cannot be first in your life without the other being first! You can’t be putting Christ first if you’re not putting His church first!

REASONS TO REJOICE

The seventy sent out by Jesus rejoiced, but they rejoiced about the wrong things. “And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:17-20). Jesus gave the right reason for rejoicing. They were to rejoice because their “names are written in heaven.” Let us rejoice:

REJOICE BECAUSE YOU ARE NEW IN CHRIST. “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Cor. 5:17). The obedient believer has a new relationship— “in Christ.” A Christian is something new because being in Him gives us a reflection of Divine Glory.

REJOICE BECAUSE YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace” (Eph. 1:7). God’s forgiveness is that which enables the beginning of a new life or a beginning again for a Christian who has fallen. God’s love moved Him to send Jesus as a sacrifice for sins to make forgiveness possible. To become a child of God or to be restored to Christ sins must be forgiven. (Acts 2:36-41; 8:18-24). Forgiveness in Christ is our greatest blessing.

REJOICE BECAUSE YOU HAVE HOPE. “For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?” (Rom. 8:24). Christians are saved now, but there is salvation in a much larger sense when this earthly tabernacle is put off. Our eternal inheritance provides hope through the worst times of life. The Christians real possession is not what he sees, but what he hopes for.

REJOICE BECAUSE OF THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE. “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life” (1 John 5:11-12). Eternal life is a life exempt from every kind and degree of evil, trouble or misery. Eternal life is only granted by God and eternal life is only to those in Christ. Christians have reason to rejoice. Are you faithful in God’s service? If not get right with God today and you will have reason to rejoice.

Charles Box

SELF-JUDGMENT BY LEROY BROWNLOW

A man went to hear a visiting evangelist in a little town. The preacher preached that night on money, and presented the sermon under three points. First point: “Make all you can.” The man nudged his wife and said, “This preacher is the best I’ve ever heard. He is no nitwit. He knows what it’s all about. He is one smart man.” Second point: “Save all you can.” This excited the man, and he whispered again, “This beats anything I’ve ever heard. He’s smart enough to be President. This town has never had a preacher that could hold a candle to him.” The preacher commended hard work and thrift, denouncing laziness and waste. The man could not keep quiet. He whispered, “I’ve believed this all my life.” Third point: “Give all you can.” “Oh my,” exclaimed the man, “now he’s gone crazy. He has quit preaching and gone to meddling.”

Isn’t it strange that some people’s conception of great preaching is a sermon that compliments them and rebukes others? Remember—your preacher did not write the Bible. He is not responsible (as to source) for any word in it, but he is definitely responsible for preaching every word in it (Acts 20:27). And when it is preached, people judge themselves by their reaction to it. Deceased