

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Sick

Eva Jane Methvin—in Mease Countryside Hospital; Molly Burgess for recent tests; Linda Haddock—recent test; Sandy Caldwell—pain from bursitis and knee surgery; Debbie Adams—recent test; Vicky Lube—cancer trmt; Alison Harris for cancer trmt; Teresa Broyles for cancer trmt; Ron Sommerville, Jr needs prayers; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Fran Barclay, & Nancy VanWinkle for health issues.

### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Emily George's—friend Renee/loss of eyesight; Carol Untied's—nephew, Andrew/recent cancer surgery; her dad, Tony and wife Emily/health issues. Sam York—is 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/ 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—surgery last Friday on her leg.

### PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Linda Haddock's niece, June McCray; Debbie Methvin's—co-workers father Vasilos and Michele Fuguero; Deb Adams friends son, Jason; 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 Flores.

**INMATES:** Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

**OUR SERVICE MEN:** Sam Wagner and cousin Mark Wagner (Navy) Austin Reyes (Marine) Matthew Holleran (Army)

**OUR SHUT-IN AT HOME:** Winston Sandlin

## Activities

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS**—This 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**—Shea Owen came forward needing the prayers of the church. Zack Stewart rededicated his life back to Christ with repentance of sin.

**PLACED MEMBERSHIP**—We welcome Grace Ime Akpakpan to our family here at Central. Please add her information to your directory: 200 N Betty Lane, Clearwater, FL 33755; Phone# (424) 388-8140.

**BAPTIZED**—Jeanne Richardson put on the Lord in baptism last Monday, April 4th. Jeanne has been attending services and studying with Charles. Please welcome our new sister in Christ.

**FOYER TABLE**—The Financial Report for February can be found on the foyer table and also the latest issue of the Christian Courier.

**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*—Joe Bonelli  
*Song Leaders*—Joe Bonelli/James George  
*Opening Prayer*—James George/Mark Bernhardt  
*Lord's Table*—Max Herman  
*Closing Prayer*—Dennis Cuckler/David Jones

## Birthdays This Week

Dottie Curls—April 10th

## Anniversaries This Week

Tim and Debbie Adams—April 10th

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**Gospel Broadcasting Network**  
<http://gbntv.org> **YouTube**  
<https://spiritualsword.org/>

**SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY** 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** [www.HouseToHouse.com](http://www.HouseToHouse.com)

**CHILDHAVEN, INC.** Childhaven Children's Home in Cullman, AL [www.childhaven.com](http://www.childhaven.com)

**FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME** [fairhavenchildrenshome.com](http://fairhavenchildrenshome.com)

**SOARING FOR SOULS** [soaringforsouls.com](http://soaringforsouls.com)

**INDIA MISSIONS** [cocindia.net](http://cocindia.net)

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

The Gospel Of Growth

Acts 11:19-21

## Sunday Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Man With A Mission

Acts 26

## 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 Live!



**From the Preacher's Pen**

**WHEN YOUR CHILDREN ASK**

Jimmy Clark

"And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" (Gen. 22:7). Here is one among

many examples where a question was asked by a child to his parent. Isaac knew what was involved in worship and inquired about a lamb. Abraham gave the following response: "And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together" (Gen. 22:8). The scriptures encourage the asking of questions. "Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee" (Deut. 32:7). There are various passages which emphasize the questioning of children to their parents. Consider three examples and the principles to be learned for today.

**1. SACRIFICE.** "And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? .." (Exo. 13:14a). The answer is given in Exodus 13:14b-16. It is interesting to note that here, as well as in all the other examples, God gave the reply in which the parent was to respond. God did not want the parent to say just anything. The reply was to be thorough and the truth. The reply was to emphasize what God had done for them. This was to produce appreciation for God and his mercy toward them.

Though today animal sacrifices are not offered, living sacrifices are (Rom. 12:1). When a child asks a parent why he or she sacrifices for the cause of Christ, what is the response given? Paul wrote that the living sacrifice of the child of God was due to the mercies of God (Rom. 12:1). Paul wrote in another letter of such mercy and the proper response in these words: "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again" (2 Cor. 5:14-15).

**2. SCRIPTURES.** "And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgements, which the Lord our God hath commanded you?" (Deu. 6:20). The reply is found in Deuteronomy 6:21-25. It is interesting to note that the response again has to do with rehearsing what God had done for them. The phrases "for our good always" (Deut. 6:24) and "our righteousness" (Deut. 6:25) denote the benefits which come from the word of God when obeyed. What does a child understand about Bible study? "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). Read also 2 Timothy 3:14-17.

**3. STONES.** "And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones?" (Josh. 4:21). The stones in question were twelve stones set up as a memorial concerning the crossing of the Jordan by the Israelites (Josh. 4:7). The response to the question is found in Joshua 4:22-24. The stones would remind of what God had done for them and of the mighty power of God.

There are not such stones for the church today, but the Lord's Supper is a memorial observed every first day of the week to which correct response should be given. Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. In every response to the questions of children, or to anyone else for that matter, the word of God needs to be the answer.

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**10 QUALITIES OF A LIVE CHURCH**

1. Live churches are filled with folks with Bibles in hand; dead churches are not.
2. Live churches are intense and earnest about praise; dead churches are not.
3. Live churches have parking problems; dead churches do not.
4. Live churches have lots of "noisy youth"; dead churches do not.
5. Live churches move by faith; dead churches inch along by sight.
6. Live churches support missions very heavily; dead churches keep all their money at home.
7. Live churches focus on people; dead churches focus on problems.
8. Live churches are filled with givers; dead churches are filled with tippers.
9. Live churches have the fresh wind of love blowing; dead churches are given to bickering.
10. Live churches evangelize; the dead fossilize.

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**NEEDED: MORE ROPE HOLDERS**

We credit Paul for leading multitudes to Jesus, but he had to have help. For instance, he was nearly murdered in Damascus at the beginning of his career. He escaped because some unnamed disciples let him down outside the city walls in a basket, Thank God for those who held the rope!

Bringing a lost soul to Jesus is a tremendous accomplishment. Yet, one man cannot do it alone. Too many details must be tended. Someone has to invite the sinner to hear the Gospel, The message must be taught. The lost man needs to see people demonstrate the Christian character. When he meets with the church, the man of the world must be shown love and attention. He must feel the interest of others about his lost condition.

Not all Christians are equipped to teach the Scriptures to the lost. But, every Christian can do something to help bring about a conversion. You may not be a Paul... but you can hold the rope.