

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Sick

Yashika Williams for covid 19; Tim Adams treatment for bacteria in lungs; Teresa Broyles for cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Sandy Caldwell, Fran Barclay and Nancy VanWinkle for health issues.

### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Tom George—awaiting hernia surgery; Mattie Simmons daughter, Keysala for covid and niece Melissa Hicks (ICU) for covid-19; Kim Taylor's relative Melody for heart issues; The Follis's friend Ed for kidney transplant; The Bernhardt's relative Dustin/colon issues; Dianne Stewart's brother, Bobby Goodfield; Van Stewart's aunt Linda Parsons for health issues; The Stingles niece's baby; Paula Davis' niece for lupus; Carol Mitchell's mother, Mary; Pat Ledford's brother Tom; Jim and Val Clark request prayers for Delilah and Larry Roberts and Tyra Tackett.

### PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Edna Cudal's cousin Jeannette Greer; The Herman's friend Debbie Cherryholmes; Debbie Methvin's friend Debbie Decker; Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Penny Bevaqua's sister Pam; Ronnie Sommerville's dad, Ron; Kim Taylor's mother, Jayne; Chad and Tiffany Broyles neighbor Neil; Joyce Feazell's sister Donna; The Harris' daughter Kim; Mattie Simmons friend William; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry.

### INMATES:

Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

### OUR SERVICE MEN:

Sam Wagner and cousin Mark Wagner (Navy)  
Austin Reyes (Marine Corp)

## Remember Our Shut-ins

At Home: Winston Sandlin

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The person who expects to go to heaven must study the route that will get him there.

## Activities

**Ladies Bible Study**— On Tuesday, April 27th at 7PM Live Stream through the Facebook Group: FSOP Ladies Class. Flyers are in in the foyer.

**Moved**—Vincent and Carol Mitchell have moved back to their home in Georgia this past week. They will be greatly missed and we look forward to when they visit our area. If you would like to keep in touch their address is: 3830 Highway 92, Douglasville GA 30135-3014.

### He Lights Our Way

When we can't see the road ahead  
Or know which path to take,  
Our God is faithful and sincere  
To light our journey's way.

Our steps are lightened by His love  
And seasoned by His grace.  
Each new day belongs to Him,  
To Him belongs the praise.

Without God's touch upon our lives,  
Our future would be dim...  
But we have faith to see us through;  
We've placed our trust in Him.

By: Jill Lemming

**Reminder**—The weekly sermons are available on CD, our website and also livestream on Facebook Sundays at 10:30 and 5:00pm and Wednesday at 7:00pm. If you need the Bulletin, Christian Service List, Calendar or the Membership Directory please call the office — 727-446-4808.

## Birthdays This Week

Malisa Kropp—April 23rd  
Ranny Reeves—April 24th

## Anniversaries This Week

Charles and Teresa Broyles—April 21st

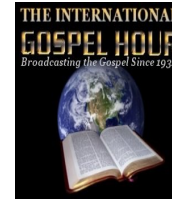


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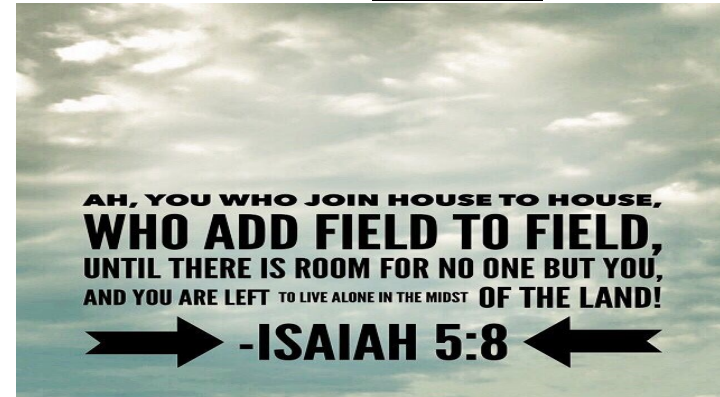
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TV Channel 44 (WTOG) at 7:30am Sunday watch & hear Phil Sanders - Speaker.



WTIS (1110 kHz) at 7:30 am Sunday hear Jeff Archey as speaker.



### Elders:

Joe Bonelli  
Charles Broyles  
James George

### Deacons:

Max Herman — Jim Follis  
Chad Broyles — Matthew Kropp

**Preacher: Charles Broyles**

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**Sunday Bible Study**  
**Postponed**  
Charles Broyles

**Sunday AM Worship—10:30**  
**Facebook Live**  
Charles Broyles  
**On The Brink of Disaster**  
Isaiah 5:1-2

**Pew Packers**  
**Postponed**

**Sunday PM Worship—5:00**  
**Facebook Live**  
Charles Broyles

**The Crown That Awaits Us**  
1 Thessalonians 2:13

**Ladies Bible Study**  
**Postponed**

**Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM**  
**Facebook Live**  
Charles Broyles



**From the Preacher's Pen**

**DID THE DISCIPLES STEAL THE NAKED BODY OF JESUS?**

Some explain away the resurrection by saying the apostles stole the body of Jesus from the tomb. His enemies were the first to suggest this (Matthew 28:11–15). Since the grave clothes were left in the tomb (John 20:5–7), they must have undressed Him and then stolen Him.

This theory cannot be true for several reasons. Jesus' enemies, with Pilate's cooperation, were determined that this not be permitted to happen (Matthew 27:62–66). Pilate sent guards to the tomb, and they would have reported the theft of the body.

The disciples' behavior does not fit this theory. When the news of Christ's resurrection first reached the apostles, they did not believe it (Mark 16:11–14; Luke 24:4–12; John 20:24–25).

If the apostles knew that Christ had not been raised from the dead, how did they regain their faith? It was a belief in His resurrection that begot them again unto a living hope (1 Peter 1:3). If the apostles had stolen the body, would they have subjected themselves to persecution and possible death to preach what they knew to be a lie?

Philip Schaff notes:

This infamous lie carries its refutation on its face: for if the Roman soldiers who watched the grave at the express request of the priests and Pharisees, were asleep, they could not see the thieves, nor would they have proclaimed their military crime if they, or only some of them, were awake, they would have prevented the theft. As to the disciples, they were too timid and desponding at the time to venture on such a daring act, and too honest to cheat the world. And finally a self-invented falsehood could not give them the courage and constancy of faith for the proclamation of the resurrection at the peril of their lives. The whole theory is a wicked absurdity. —Anonymous

*"He is not here; for He is risen, as He said."* Matthew 28:6

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**NO NEUTRALITY**

Pilate could wash his hands, but he could not wash Jesus' blood off his conscience.

We cannot be neutral about Christ. We are either for or against Him. There is no middle ground. Jesus said: "He who is not with Me is against Me" (Matthew 12:30).

Jesus is God's spokesman to man today: God has "in these last days spoken to us by His Son" (Hebrews 1:1–2).

He is the only mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5).

He is our perfect example. Christ left "us an example, that you should follow His steps: 'Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth'" (1 Peter 2:21–22).

He is man's only Savior (Matthew 1:21).

When a man like that stands before you, you do not just pass Him off with a shrug of the shoulders. You have to make a decision—a decision that affects the soul, judgment, and eternity. Jesus said: "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

Someday this will be reversed. Jesus now stands before us, and we have the right to decide what we will do with Him. The day will come when we will stand before Him, and He will decide what to do with us: "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Do unto Christ today as you would have Him do unto you in the last great day.

—Anonymous

*"Choose for yourselves this day"* Joshua 24:15

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**THE SWOON THEORY**

According to this theory, Christ merely fainted on the cross and later revived in the grave. Thus the physical life of Jesus was not extinct but only exhausted.

Jesus was restored by the tender care of His friends and disciples; after a brief period, He quietly died a natural death and was secretly buried.

The Jewish historian Josephus, Latin writer Valerius Maximus (author of a collection of historical anecdotes), and psychological and medical authorities have been consulted for examples of such apparent resurrections from a trance or asphyxia, especially on the third day, which is supposed to be a turning point for putrefaction.

If this theory were true, how did His emaciated body muster the strength to roll away the stone? Why did the guards fail to see Him as he left the tomb? How did He convince the apostles that He had risen from the dead? How did the professional executioners miss the fact that He was still alive?

Besides the inexplicable physical difficulties—the wounds, loss of blood, and the side (likely heart) pierced by the spear of the Roman soldier—this theory fails to account for the moral effect on His followers.

Imagine a brief, sickly existence of Jesus in need of medical care, terminating in His natural death and final burial, without even the glory of martyrdom, which attended the crucifixion. Far from restoring the faith of the apostles, this would have only deepened their gloom and driven them to despair. —Anonymous

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***Why is it that some people complain about a worship service that goes overtime, but don't complain about a ball game that goes into double overtime?***