

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Lori Williams for covid; Linda Hadsock—health issues; Sandy Caldwell—pain from bursitis and knee surgery; 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;

The Stewart's neighbor Rich Folger for health issues; The Kozola's son Tim needs prayers; Carol Untied's—dad, Tony for 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; 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; Ashley Falcao—recovering from surgery on her leg.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Linda Hadsock's niece, June McCray; Carol Untied's stepmother Emily; 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 Fiores.

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

NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS—Friday, May 6th 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—Carol Untied came forward last Sunday needing the prayers of the church for strength and to be a good influence to her family.

SYMPATHY—Our deepest sympathy is extended to Debbie and Doug Methvin and family for the loss of their mother, Eva Jane on Friday, April 22nd. Remember the Methvin family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their dear loved one.

FOYER TABLE—The *Calendar and Schedule of Those To Serve* for May can be found on the table in the foyer.

Always be honest...It will gratify some people, astonish all the rest and glorify our Lord!

I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book.

Abraham Lincoln

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—Joe Bonelli/James George

Opening Prayer—Van Stewart/Joe Bonelli

Lord's Table—Max Herman

Closing Prayer—David Jones/Dennis Cuckler

Birthdays This Week

Ranny Reeves—April 24th

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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-Chap 7

Sunday Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

**Don't Leave God Out
Of Your Plans**

Luke 12:15

Sunday Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Joy In The Lord

John 15:10-11

Ladies Bible Study—Friday

May 6th at 1:00pm

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

The Bible—How We Got It

All of our services are available



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From the Preacher's Pen

“I WAITED TOO LONG TO START ANY EARLIER”

Burt Jones

E. L. Whitaker, Jr., the formidable gospel preacher so instrumental in the growth of the great Knight Arnold church in Memphis, several years ago asked why I had waited so long to obey the gospel and begin training to become a gospel preacher. From somewhere inside came the senseless response, “I waited too long to start any earlier.” We both sat there a moment, then burst out laughing when we realized how deprived of intellect I appeared to be with such a meaningless statement. As the years have passed, it must have appeared to some that many have been driven to “catch up” with all those years they spent outside the Lord’s church. Perhaps that was their motivation. Have you ever stopped to consider the cost of the phrase, “Wait a minute?” If you are making only \$10,000 a year, every minute you wait costs nearly ten cents; at \$20,000 per year this figure doubles. And, if you reach \$100,000 a year, your minutes will each be worth more than one dollar. Now relate that principle to the saving of souls. I realize this may sound worldly, but I do set goals for the number of souls I want to study with and bring to Christ within a given time based on my temperament and work ethic (1 Cor. 14:40). If you have as your goal, to study with, and to convert one penitent believer per month, and you delay, or otherwise, I “wait a minute,” then at the start of the next month you have TWO souls that are still awaiting your instruction, persuading, and provoking (2 Tim.4:1; 2 Cor. 5:11; Heb. 10:24). If you fail in your objective again, then beginning your fourth month you have one quarter of one year’s work compressed into one month, because you “waited too long to start any earlier.” Brethren, there is a tiny, innocuous word, inertia, defined as “a property of matter by which it remains at rest or in uniform motion in the same straight line unless acted upon by some external force.” It is important whether you be an elder, a preacher, a personal worker, or whomever, charged with the responsibility of showing “diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises” (Heb. 6:11-12).

A locomotive must exert as much as thirty pounds of pull for every ton in a rail car to start it from a standstill. Once the car is in motion; i.e, has overcome inertia, only about three pounds per ton is needed to keep it moving. Once you have overcome inertia—once you have put into motion what you said for years you were going to do in laboring in His vineyard, then it will take only a fraction of that effort to continue. “Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:...How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?... The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason” (Pro. 6:6, 9; 26:16).

Good people, we in the church today may not be able to do everything at once, but we can at least attempt to do something at once. Every time you want to try something to motivate the congregation of which you are a part to spread the borders of His Kingdom, whether it be a visitation program, a young men’s training session, or a “Timothy or Priscilla” class, you will find ten people who have thought of it before you—but they only thought of it.

“Better try to do something and fail in the deed than to try to do nothing and always succeed” (adapted). As the sun sets across the far horizon of your life, what a torturous thought it will be as you gaze at what might have been to have to exclaim, “I waited too long to start any earlier.”

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Bobby Liddell

Christ is the Lord of the Supper for He instituted it, blessed it and proclaimed it (Luke 22:7-20; Mat. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:23-25). Since the Lord instituted the Lord’s Supper and blessed it to its purpose, our partaking of it is not a matter of human tradition or man-ordained rite, but obedience to His will.

The Supper of the Lord has as its elements: (1) unleavened bread (Mat. 26:26); and, (2) the fruit of the vine (Mat. 26:29). Of the bread, Jesus said, “this is my body,” and of the fruit of the vine, He said, “this is my blood.” The Catholic doctrine of “Transubstantiation” (a change in substance); i.e., of the elements into the literal physical body and blood of Christ is in error on a number of points. One of them is the obvious denial of the figurative language employed by Christ.

Jesus said, figuratively, “I am the door” (John 10:9), and “I am the vine and ye are the branches” (John 15:5). He was literally and physically neither a door nor a vine. Thus, His saying, “this is my body,” and, “this is my blood,” indicated the elements’ representation, figuratively, of His physical body and blood.

To partake of the Lord’s Supper; thus, communing with the Lord, requires the right attitude of heart and the right attitude toward truth (1 Cor. 11:27-ff; John 4:24). God, in His Word, teaches us concerning the time, purpose and action of our partaking, (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11).

Our partaking of the Lord’s Supper requires the right relationship with the Lord. Paul said, “The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?” (1 Cor. 10:16). Again, by inspiration, he wrote: “Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord’s table, and of the table of devils” (1 Cor. 10:21). Those in the kingdom, and only those in the kingdom, have the right to partake. “But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom” (Mat. 26:29).

The Lord’s supper, as a memorial, spans the gap between the first coming of our Lord as a sacrifice for sins and the coming of our Lord the second time without sin unto salvation (Heb. 9:26-29). Our partaking of it is a public proclamation of our faith in the Lord and in His promise to come again (1 Cor. 11:26). Only those who have been and continue to be cleansed by the blood of Christ may partake of the Lord’s supper and be right in so doing (Rev. 1:5; 1 John 1:6-10).