

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Ashley and Paul Wygal— out sick; Lynn Samela— recent headaches; Cyndi Emery— in Gulfport Rehab, Rm 214; Ronnie Sommerville & Teresa Broyles cancer treatment; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS:

Kay Jessup's— friends Roland Touges and Mulvine Kennedy both in Hospice; Dianne Stewart's brother Bobby Goodfield for hiatal hernia and upcoming procedure; Carol Untied's— nephew Spencer/injuries from car accident; Ron Sommerville's— brother Troy/health issues; Eve Chandler's—son Donovan/procedure this week; Marta Core's— sister for upcoming kidney surgery and cancer trmt on her lung; The Herman's—sis-in-law Carol not well; Molly Burgess's—daughter, Carrie/kidney transplant; Dottie Curls— son Douglas/serious health issues; Jackie Clark's mother Dorothy & grandmother Gayle health issues; Patrick Pinto's—dad/health issues; Lexi Cahill's—brother Jacob; The Stewart's—bro-in-law Russell Holt; The Kozola's son Tim; Van Stewart's—aunt, Linda Parsons; Dianne Stewart's—brother, Bobby Goodfield; The Stingles'—niece's baby; Paula Davis'—niece/lupus; Darrell Broking—health issues.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Marta Core's—sister for kidney cancer; Lexi Cahill's—grandfather; Penny Bevaqua's— sister Patricia; Deb Methvin's—cousin Melissa Clark; Charlotte Bytheway's cousin Janet Chaney; Tim Martin of Pinellas Park church of Christ; Dyianna Thompson's brother-in-law, Rodney; Ranny Reeves neighbor, Linda Wall; Linda Haddock's niece, June McCray; Carol Untied's stepmother Emily; Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry; Kay Jessup's friend Marie Woleck.

INMATES: Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN: Austin Reyes (Marine) Matthew Holleran (Army)

SHUT INS: Wayne Bishop (Coral Oaks), Delia Schlachter, Joyce Stanley and Guery & Nancy VanWinkle

Activities

LADIES BIBLE CLASS— Tuesday, May 7th at 10:00am. See Vicki Herman with any questions.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS— Thursday, May 9th at 6:30pm. See Van Stewart with any questions.

WEEKI WACHEE YOUTH RETREAT—Hosted by Orange Street church of Christ from May 3rd to the 5th for ages 13-18. Flyers are in the foyer.

WEEKI WACHEE CAMP K-5TH—From July 25 to 27th. Flyers are in the foyer with registration information.

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

RESPONDED— Dawn McFarland came forward last Sunday needing the prayers of the church and encouragement.

SYMPATHY— Our deepest sympathy is extended to Ashley Wygal and family on the passing of her grandmother this past week in Arkansas.

MISSION TRIP SUPPORT— If you would like to support Tim Simmons on his mission trip to the Czech Republic in June, please give to one of the elders or Mary.

HELPING THE NEEDY— David and Samantha Jones are collecting clothing and non perishable items for those in need. Please put your items in the library.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

*Greeters— Joe and Mary Bonelli
Announcements— Charles Broyles*

*Song Leaders— Joe Bonelli/Jesse Lancaster
Scripture Readers— Rob Schlachter/David Jones
Opening Prayer— Van Stewart/Joe Bonelli
Lord's Table— Mark Bernhardt*

Closing Prayer— Godfred Amparbeng/Randall Deily

Birthdays This Week

*Verla Krula— May 1st
Dawn McFarland— May 4th
Patrick Bonelli— May 4th*



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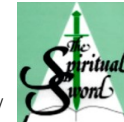
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Chalmette Church of Christ—Mark Lance
South Anchorage Church of Christ—Michael Dale
Czech Republic Missions — Tony/Heidi Orellana

Elders:

Joe Bonelli Charles Broyles
James George

Deacons:

Max Herman
Van Stewart

Preacher: Charles Broyles

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Sunday Bible Class—9:30AM
Charles Broyles
Book of Revelation-Chapter 17-18
Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM
Jesus Can Satisfy You
Psalm 90:14

Sunday PM Worship—5:00PM
Rapture & Signs Of His Coming?
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Wednesday Bible Study—7:00PM
Charles Broyles
Sanctification

Men's Bible Study—Thursday
May 9th at 6:30PM

Ladies Bible Study—Tuesdays
May 7th at 10:00AM

All services are available!



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From the Preacher's Pen

SEVEN ANTI-CHRISTS

Jim Waldron

What do we mean by anti-Christ? "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time" (last hour, 1 John 2:18, c.A.D. 69).

One should compare John's statement: "it is the last hour" with that of Jesus in Matthew 24 concerning the destruction of Jerusalem which came in A.D. 70. This is not to suggest that the "anti-Christ" that have arisen among us foretell of any imminent destruction of our land, but it ought to make us diligent as citizens of the kingdom of heaven to do more to leaven our society. It is written of our Lord, "Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened" (Matt. 13:33).

It is obvious that we are having very little effect in this matter and there are many anti-Christ in our land. Here are seven that seek to destroy America, but they are tools of Satan, whose ultimate goal is to eradicate the church of Christ from the earth.

1. Islamic Terrorism: On 9/11, Islamic terrorists in the name of their god murdered about 3,000 in New York City. They continued their murderous ways in the Boston Marathon; in Chattanooga, TN; in Philadelphia, PA and in San Bernardino, CA. In great contrast, Jesus said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matt. 19:19); and "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). See: Bing: Mosques on the front lines in the war against America. By Carol Brown.

2. Denominationalism: There are 9,000 sectarian bodies in the U.S. claiming to be of Christ (Bing: Denominations). Yet Jesus, shortly before He was crucified prayed, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17:21). Denominationalism is a major component of Satan's arsenal against Jesus and His kingdom (Matt. 16:18-19; Acts 2:1-4; 16-41, 47; 8:12; Col. 1:13).

3. The Destruction of the Nuclear Home: Jesus said, "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife..." (Matt. 19:5). 2.2 million men in America are incarcerated in jails and prisons (Bing: Men incarcerated), and 83% come from homes without fathers (See Bing, Homes without fathers).

4. Immorality: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 6:9-10). Most children will be born out of wedlock. The proportion of children born to unmarried mothers was 51.3% in 2021. The highest rate in the world in 2023 was in Iceland at 69.4%. The figure has risen from 25% in 1988 and just 11% in 1979 (Children Born out of wed-lock by Steven Swinford, The Telegraph, Wednesday 09 March 2016).

5. Idolatry: Gross Materialism: "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many

sorrows" (1 Tim. 6:10). On January 14, 2016, millions risked their money at a 1 to 292 chance of winning the \$1.5 billion payout in the power ball lottery. The Holy Spirit said "covetousness...is idolatry" (Col. 3:5). The idolatry of covetousness greatly over-shows the worship of images which is also rampant in our land.

6. The "Gay" Agenda: On June 25, 2015, the United States Supreme Court, without any authority from the Bible or the constitution, declared marriage can include two males or females living together. The Holy Spirit has said, "Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire" (Jude 7).

7. Abortion and Euthanasia: "These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren" (Prov. 6:16-19). The world was horrified when the Nazis, in the 1930s and 40's, destroyed 11,000,000 people in the holocaust in the most horrible ways (Bing: How many deaths in the holocaust?) Yet, the slaughtering pens of America, called, "abortion clinics," have since January 22, 1973, exterminated more than five times that number of the most innocent of humans: 58,586,256, by ripping them from their mothers wombs as though they were vermin.

These anti-Christ movements and others are the work of Satan. The apostle Peter by the Spirit warned, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

TIME DOES NOT WASH AWAY SIN

Time does not wash away sin. Twenty years or more may pass after a sin is committed, and men's memories may fade, but God's memory does not. Children of God can deceive themselves into thinking they are fine or someone they love is fine, even when repentance has not occurred, but the blood of Christ is the only thing that can wash away sin, and simply waiting a certain length of time does not make one contact the blood. Contacting Christ's saving blood is conditioned upon penitent believers being baptized into Christ's body (where His blood is) and then remaining faithful members of that body, walking in the light of God's Word. If they fall away, repentance and confession of sins in prayer is required to contact the blood once again. If the sin is public, it should be repented of publicly, so others will know to forgive, and so the bad example will be "replaced" by the good example of repentance. No, time will not save anyone, but time is precious, because once it ends, so will opportunities to contact the saving blood.

References: 2 Kin. 17:22; Psa. 119:11, 105; Mt. 4:4; 18:14-35; 26:28; Lk. 3:8; 17:3, 4; Jn. 19:33, 34; Acts 2:38-41, 47; 8:12-24; 20:28; 22:16; 26:20; Rom. 6:3-5; 1 Cor. 5:1-13; 12:13; 15:33; 2 Cor. 2:6-11; Eph. 5:23; 2 Thess. 3:6; Heb. 10:22-31; Jam. 1:18-27; 4:14; 5:16-20; 1 Pet. 3:20, 21; 2 Pet. 2:20-22; 3:9-12; 1 Jn. 1:6-2:6; Rev. 1:5.