

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Molly Burgess— eye surgery last week; Susan Villoch —being treated for infection; Alison Harris—blood clot in her leg; Pat Ledford—feeling better; Ronnie Sommerville, Jr—cancer on his nose; Delia Schlachter back issues; Tammy Odom—recovering from surgery; Teresa Broyles cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;
Dwayne Allen—recent hip replacement; Lexi Cahill's— brother Jacob; Rick Mirra's—bro-in-law needs prayers; Sonia Borings—father/heart issues; Carol Untied's—neighbor Rick/health issues; The George's— friend Ron Braddy recovery from kidney surgery; Paula Davis— friend Tracey recovery of 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; 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 & Rose Fiore and 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

LADIES BIBLE CLASS— This Friday, May 5th at 1:00pm in the small building. All ladies are invited. See Vicki Herman for more details.

YOUTH RETREAT— At Weeki Wachee Christian Camp from May 5th to the 7th. For more information please pick up a flyer in the foyer.

RESPONDED—On Sunday William McRoy came forward needing the prayers of the church. William needs our encouragement and prayers for health issues his mother is having and the recent loss of his uncle.

FOYER TABLE— The Calendar and Schedule of Those To Serve for May has been prepared for you and is on the table in the foyer.

KINDNESS

*Kind hearts are the Gardens,
 Kind thoughts are the Roots,
 Kind words are the Flowers
 Kind deeds are the Fruits.*

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— Deb Methvin/Deb Adams

Announcements—Joe Bonelli

Song Leaders—Jesse Lancaster/James George

Scripture Readers—David Jones/Zack Stewart

Opening Prayer—Mark Bernhardt/Joe Bonelli

Lord's Table—Van Stewart

Closing Prayer—James George/Bob Hadsock

Birthdays This Week

Verla Krula—May 1st

Dawn McFarland—May 4th

Patrick Bonelli—May 4th

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7:30am Sunday YouTube

watch & hear Phil Sanders



YouTube (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey



soaringforsouls.com



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 www.childhaven.com



fairhavenchildrenshome.com

www.christiancourier.com

Arnold Town Road Church of Christ—Darrell Broking
 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 Study—9:30AM
 Charles Broyles

Major Prophets—Daniel 2-3

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM
 Charles Broyles

A Complete Change
 Ephesians 4:22-24

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM
 Charles Broyles

Good Soldiers of Jesus Christ
 2 Timothy 2:3-4

Ladies Bible Study-Friday
May 5th at 1:00PM

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM
 Charles Broyles

The Providence of God

All services are available!

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From the Preacher's Pen

DYING TO SELF LOOKS A LOT DIFFERENT THAN YOU THINK

Everyday denial — Let's say you're 17 years old.

Adulthood lies before you. Who are you going to be? What are you going to do? What is your life going to look like?

Let's take a look at your life through the lens of the prevailing wisdom of our day.

Before you even graduate, you need to know the most important thing you can do in the next 10 years. What is that?

Travel and have experiences! You need to see the world and marriage and maybe even career-building would just be an inconvenience. (Don't worry about that sexual temptation thing. It'll work itself out.)

Ok, you got married. But don't have kids. You still have a life to build and experiences to make. They'd be an inconvenience.

Ok, so you had kids. But you'll want to bottle feed. Don't worry about the nutrition though, just go with what's convenient.

They don't sleep well? That's ok, experts say it's fine to let them scream themselves to sleep. You wouldn't want to let them inconvenience you.

They won't stop trying to get your attention? Just stick an iPad in their hands or turn on the TV. That way they won't be an inconvenience.

They act up sometimes? Well, administering consistent discipline is both difficult and time-consuming. Sometimes they throw temper tantrums when you try to crack down on them. That's super inconvenient, especially around other people. So, don't discipline. Just try to appease them to get it to stop.

You want more time and money? Just stick them in daycare. Kids aren't very convenient for getting two incomes.

Time to start their education? Yeah, the godless socialists have their tentacles in the teachers unions and textbook makers. But picking your own curriculum and teaching your own kid is inconvenient.

Yeah, you're probably supposed to be teaching them the Bible at home. But family devo time is so inconvenient. And kinda awkward. The Bible class teacher and youth minister will make them follow Christ.

Your son found his way into a porn addiction? Hand him a book. That oughta do it. Talking it out is so uncomfortable for you, and accountability checks are just too inconvenient.

Your daughter wants to walk out of the house half-dressed? Telling her to go change and throwing out the clothes would cause a serious meltdown. After all, you're not letting her be like all of her friends. You're the mean parent. Dealing with that fallout isn't very convenient, so just look the other way.

At odds with your spouse? Just bury it and hope it goes away. Honest communication and making concessions to find a middle ground? That's anything but convenient.

Not in a good place with your parents, siblings, or in-laws? That's ok. You can just label them "toxic," which is a fancy, expert word that means everybody else is the problem and you're perfect. You don't need to exert any effort to mend the relationships and build unity. Loving them is hard, and anything hard isn't convenient.

Reading your Bible and praying is so important. For sure. But life is really busy and it's hard to fit it in after the 3 hour football game, half a season binge of Stranger Things or Yellowstone, and the 2 hour checkup of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and your favorite news sites. Devo time after all of that is kinda inconvenient.

After all, that's what really matters here - that you, as the protagonist of reality, live a life of perfect convenience.

Thank goodness we have so much modern wisdom that guards us from all of these worthless inconveniences.

Obviously, this was a rather tongue-in-cheek exercise aimed at pointing out one truth: the god of our day is self.

We've brilliantly convinced ourselves that everything we want to do is good and everything we don't want to do is bad and can be easily dismissed. At best we tell ourselves that none of these decisions are likely to matter much and so any choice we make is equal to any other.

You might quibble or outright disagree with one or two of the examples. That's fine. Just don't miss the collective point:

Dying to self means a mindset shift in which we stop living for our own pleasure and convenience and start putting God and others first.

Stop thinking "what makes me happy" and start asking "What makes God happy?" That's what Jesus did (John 8:29). Take up your cross, die to self, and follow in His footsteps.

—Jack Wilkie

THINKING THAT WORSHIP IS RIGHT DOESN'T MAKE IT RIGHT!

David Sproule - Thought for the Day

While Moses was with God on Mount Sinai, the Lord told Moses that the people had "corrupted themselves," in that they "made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it" (Ex. 32:7-8). Moses descended to deal with the people, meeting Joshua who had gone up with him (24:13). Joshua heard noise that he thought was the "noise of war in the camp" (32:17), but Moses knew better. Moses said it was "the sound of singing" (32:18). They came near the camp and Moses "saw the calf and the dancing" and his "anger became hot" (32:19).

The people THOUGHT that they were doing right. They were told, "This is your god" (32:4). They were told to offer "burnt offerings" and "peace offerings" on the altar that had been built, as a worshipful "feast to the Lord" 32:5-6). But their worship provoked God's "wrath" (32:10).

CALLING something "worship" does NOT make it worship! THINKING that something is acceptable to God does NOT make it acceptable to God! May God help us to worship HIM exactly as HE has directed (John 4:23-24), not as man might find appealing!