

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Sick

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;

John Benson's—sister Alberta in Hospice care; The Broyles' friend— Dale Duverney, Sr recently in the hospital but doing better; Tiffany Broyles—father, Bill Bolinger; Tom George—hernia surgery; Mattie Simmons niece Melissa Hicks; Kim Taylor's relative Melody for heart issues; The Follis' 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. Darrell Broking-health issues.

### 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

## Activities

**Placed Membership**—Please welcome Bill and Shirley Lydic to our family at Central. Bill and Shirley have been worshipping with us for some time. Please add their information to your directory: 1350 Barry St, Clearwater, FL 33756-4275; Phone: 727-447-4954.

**Farewell Get Together**— On May 30th, after the evening service we will have a get together in the small building to say good bye to Joyce Feazell and also the Kropp Family who are both moving the beginning of June. We will have pre-made sandwich platters and sides (not a potluck). Please put your name on the sign up sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. If you would like to contribute towards the food purchase please give to one of the elders or Mary.

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**“The mother’s heart is the child’s schoolroom.”**  
 -Henry Ward Beecher



**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

Matt Pryor—May 12th  
Lori Williams—May 12th  
Jo Ellen Willis—May 14th  
Joyce Stanley— May 14th



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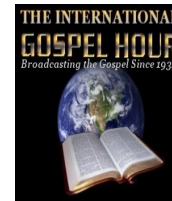


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 http://gbntv.org

Bi-Monthly Publication



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.



**Colossians 1:23 (KJV)** If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

### 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**  
 Mark Bernhardt  
**Hope**  
 Colossians 1:23

**Pew Packers**  
**Postponed**

**Sunday PM Worship—5:00**  
**Facebook Live**  
 Mark Bernhardt  
**Eternal Life**  
 Matthew 25:46

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

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



**From the Preacher's Pen**

**LIVESTREAM IS A GREAT OPTION, BUT NOT "OPTION A"**

Adam Faughn

We were so thankful for Central livestreaming its worship services this past Sunday. Let me give you the quick backstory.

I preached at Central Sunday morning and then our family took off on a trip. Our elders were gracious in giving me a few days off to travel to Texas to meet our new nephew, who was born last week. Our plan was to drive about half-way, go to worship somewhere locally, and then finish our trip Monday morning. However, our "timing" was off in one place to stop for worship (partially because many congregations in that area have not restarted Sunday evening services yet) and, as we continued down the road, we got caught in a horrible traffic jam. We were literally sitting on the interstate (to the point that I got out and walked around for a few minutes). It was obvious that we were not going anywhere anytime soon. So, thankful for technology, we found Central's Sunday night service and watched it in our car! We were so thankful to be able to worship in such a weird set of circumstances (and to hear dad preach!!!).

But it got me thinking, too. All along, we had talked about where we were going to be in time for worship. One of our kids kept saying, "We can just watch the livestream." (Of course, we had to remind that child that we would still have to stop to do that. Little did we know we would be stopped—right on the road!) We told them that we knew that was an option, but we were not going to make it "option A."

Now, for some, livestreaming needs to be "option A." Right now, there are some who have to stay home due to quarantine from the virus (or exposure to it). There are always those who are recovering from surgery or who are sick. There are other circumstances that are totally out of our control that make watching a worship service via livestream "option A" for many people, and it is totally understandable. For them, a congregation should be doing its best to provide a good livestream so they can worship even when they are unable to be in the building.

However, I fear that for a great number of other people, livestream has become "option A" for no other reason than it is just convenient. That, to me, is unnerving.

We oversleep a bit, so "we'll just watch the livestream."

We stay up really late on Saturday night so we CAN sleep in and just watch the livestream.

We have guests for the weekend and, instead of "inconveniencing" them by going to worship, we watch the stream at home.

We leave for a trip and catch the livestream (or watch the recording at some point) instead of planning our trip around worshiping God.

We worship in person on Sunday morning, but prop our feet up in our living room on Sunday night and watch the livestream because we're a little tired.

Now, again, I am thankful we have livestreaming! It was invaluable to us this past Sunday night and provided my little family with an opportunity to worship when circumstances had made it where being in-person with a local congregation was literally impossible.

But here's the thing: it wasn't "option A." And, for most of us, now that churches are meeting again and doing what they can to keep us safe, it should not be "option A" very often for very many Christians anymore. It should be for those who are truly homebound or caught in very odd circumstances. But if it is just "easier" or "more convenient" ;or "comfortable," it shouldn't be an option at all!

Just consider how many "one another" passages cannot be fulfilled if we are intentionally making livestreaming "option A" in our home. Consider what we are teaching our children if we could go in person, but choose to take the easier way out. Consider those who are leading in worship or teaching Bible classes while you take the easier way unnecessarily. Consider the elders who are watching for your soul and wondering if you are okay...or just doing what's easy.

Livestreaming is a great option, and I'm glad we have it. But, for you, have you made it "option A" for reasons that need to be reconsidered...and changed?

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**TRUE CONTRADICTIONS?**

One of the lessons that I taught in logic class was the nature of contradiction. True contradictions are rare because they depend upon very specific details conflicting with each other. For example, suppose someone came running into the building and said that there was basketball size hail coming down outside. We would immediately think about the weather. Was it sunny when we walked in? Cloudy? What was the temperature like? Did the forecast even call for a storm? Some might panic and start running to get their cars under cover. What would we do when we looked out the window and discovered that it wasn't hailing at all? We would turn to the crier and brand him a liar! He might then say, "But I meant that it hailed in Vivian, South Dakota, July 23, 2010." The time and place make all the difference.

Sometimes we overgeneralize and jump to conclusions. This is a bad practice. We must remember that truth is granular, and circumstances may be different between one person and the next. Jesus told us not to judge according to appearances, but to judge righteously (John 7:24). This means that we listen carefully to what a person has to say, ask a lot of questions, and then wait for more information before rushing to judgment. When we overgeneralize and jump to conclusions the consequences can be embarrassing for us because we will have to admit to being wrong. Jumping to conclusions can also cause division where there need not be any, and we don't want to do that. Proverbs 18:13 says, "He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him." Let's seek to be precise in our words and actions.

—Kevin Cauley