

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Paula Davis— recent fall needing stitches; Vicki Herman— unable to be out with a cold; Samantha Jones—for sciatica and David for toothache; William Foster—recovering from wrist surgery; Ashley Wygal— treatment for infection; Susan Villoch— treatment for infection; Alison Harris—blood clot in her leg; Ronnie Sommerville, Jr—cancer on his nose; Delia Schlachter back issues; 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; Sonia Borings—father/heart issues; Carol Untied's—neighbor Rick/health issues; 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, Kim Taylor and Guery & Nancy VanWinkle

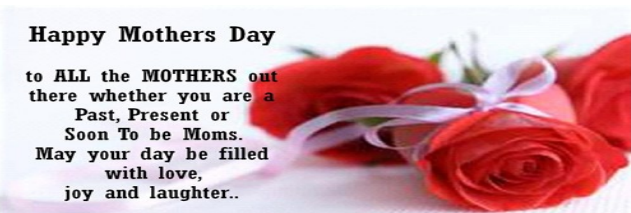
Activities

LADIES BIBLE CLASS— This Friday, May 19th at 1:00pm in the small building.

RESPONDED—Regina Hunter is needing prayers of the church to be the right example to those at work. Queen Elder needs our prayers for her family. Randall Deily needs our prayers and encouragement.

NEW ADDRESS— Jackie Williams has recently moved to: 2000 Gandy Blvd., N. Apt 1, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2102. Please make this change in your directory.

NEW PHONE NUMBER— Kay Jessup has a new phone number 727-272-9091. Please make this change in your directory.



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— Max/Vicki Herman
Announcements— Charles Broyles
Song Leaders— Joe Bonelli/James George
Scripture Readers— Dennis Cuckler/Joe Bonelli
Opening Prayer— Van Stewart/Mark Bernhardt
Lord's Table— Max Herman
Closing Prayer— John Benson/Bob Hadsock

Birthdays This Week

Joyce Stanley—May 14th
Charlotte Bytheway—May 20th



GBN Gospel Broadcasting Network
<http://gbntv.org> **YouTube** <https://spiritualsword.org/>

SEARCH IN TV Channel 44 (WTOG) at 7:30am Sunday **YouTube** watch & hear Phil Sanders

THE INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL HOUR **YouTube** (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey

www.HouseToHouse.com
House to House Heart fsop.net

Childhaven Children's Home in Cullman, AL www.childhaven.com

FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME 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
 Office: 727-446-4808 Cell #: 423-240-9075

Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM
 Charles Broyles

Major Prophets—Daniel 3
Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM
 Charles Broyles

The Greatest Inheritance We Can Leave Our Children
 2 Tim. 1:1-5

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM
 Charles Broyles
Words of Hope When Death Comes
 1 Thess. 4:13-19

Ladies Bible Study-Friday
May 19th 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

TO MY CHILD

Just for this morning, I am going to smile when I see your face and laugh when I feel like crying.

Just for this morning, I will let you choose what you want to wear and smile and say how perfect it is.

Just for this morning, I am going to step over the laundry and pick you up and take you to the park to play.

Just for this morning, I will leave the dishes in the sink and let you teach me how to put that puzzle of yours together.

Just for this afternoon, I will unplug the telephone and keep the computer off and sit with you in the backyard and blow bubbles.

Just for this afternoon, I will not yell once, not even a tiny grumble when you scream and whine for the ice cream truck, and I will buy you one if he comes by.

Just for this afternoon, I won't worry about what you are going to be when you grow up, or second guess every decision I have made where you are concerned.

Just for this afternoon, I will let you help me bake cookies, and I won't stand over you trying to fix them.

Just for this afternoon, I will take us to McDonald's and buy us both a Happy Meal so you can have both toys.

Just for this evening, I will hold you in my arms and tell you a story about how you were born and how much I love you.

Just for this evening, I will let you splash in the tub and not get angry.

Just for this evening, I will let you stay up late while we sit on the porch and count all the stars.

Just for this evening, I will snuggle beside you and miss my favorite TV shows.

Just for this evening, when I run my finger through your hair as you pray, I will simply be grateful that God has given me such a great gift. I will think about the mothers and fathers who are searching for their missing children, the mothers and fathers who are visiting their children's graves instead of their bedrooms, and mothers and fathers who are in hospital rooms watching their children suffer, and screaming inside that they can't handle it anymore.

And when I kiss you good night, I will hold you a little tighter, a little longer. It is then that I will thank God for you, and ask Him for nothing, except one more day.

"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate" -- Psalm 127:3-5

WHEN I FIND TIME

The most valuable commodity you'll ever have in this world is TIME.

It is a commodity of equal amounts: 168 hours each week. We waste time, and kill time; we say that time flies, we're short on time, I wish I had more time, it's time to go, take all the time you need, and we're running out of time. We even start a story with, "Once upon a time . . ."

Today, time is important. Why? Because time on this earth is running out. We are drawing closer to when time on earth will be no more. Are you ready?

Paul was in Caesarea on trial when he encountered Felix and Drusilla. Their religious discussion was about one of the most important in scripture; they discussed judgment in relation to TIME (Acts 24:24-25). Felix was afraid, but he waited for a convenient time. Paul quoted Isaiah 49:8 when he wrote to the Corinthians; he wanted to give them a sense of urgency (2 Corinthians 6:2). God has an acceptable time for us to work with His grace. God has a day of salvation that will not last forever. Thus, the window of opportunity in regard to salvation will not always be open; it will one day close.

We must devote our time to the pursuit of righteousness. Paul addressed Felix and Drusilla about the need for moral purity. We must pursue righteousness in our homes: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right" (Ephesians 6:1) and in our hearts: "These will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (Matthew 25:46). We will have righteousness in heaven: "We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13).

We must dedicate our time to the practice of self-control. We practice self-control with our temper. Many people struggle with a quick or fiery temper. Although society often encourages people to express themselves and not hold back, God's Word teaches that giving in to one's temper is a sin (cf. James 1:19: swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger). We practice self-control with our tongue. Is there someone you know who seems to be religious but just can't keep his tongue under control? (cf. James 1:26). We practice self-control with our treasures (Matthew 6:19-21). Let us never forget that earthly treasure is temporary and fading, but heavenly treasure is secure.

We must determine the time necessary to prepare for judgment to come. Paul stresses eternal accountability before God. Judgment is coming and all will stand before the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:10). Notice Luke 16:19-31. The rich man learned many lessons after death, but it was too late. Felix responded two ways: first, he trembled; second, he postponed obeying the gospel. We can only hope that sometime in the future, Felix did find the time to do what was most important – obeying Jesus; however, on this occasion, he failed miserably. Let this never be said of us.

Felix neglected so many wonderful opportunities to be saved; he neglected them to remain lost. Let that never be said of us! Hebrews 2:3 asks, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" —Mark N. Posey