Announcements and Church News Our Sick Activities

<u>Alison Harris</u>- has been moved to Hospice; <u>William Foster</u>-recovering from wrist surgery; <u>Ronnie Sommerville, Jr</u>-cancer on his nose; <u>Delia Schlachter</u> back issues; <u>Teresa Broyles</u> cancer treatment; <u>Joyce Stanley</u>, <u>Kim Taylor</u>, <u>Guery & Nancy VanWinkle</u>, health issues.

PRAYER REOUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS: The Kozola's- son-in-law Terry Keenan had a heart attack but doing better; Kelly Sarver'sfather-in-law Don Sarver for health issues; Kim Tavlor's- uncle Bob had tracheotomy surgery last week; Dwayne Allen-had hip replacement; Lexi Cahill's- brother Jacob; Carol Untied'sneighbor Rick/health issues; Paula Davisfriend 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-inlaw Russell Holt; Clifton Revnold'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:

<u>Tim Martin</u> of Pinellas Park church of Christ; <u>Dyianna Thompson's</u> brother-in-law, Rodney; <u>John Benson's</u> friend, Wendell; <u>Ranny Reeves</u> neighbor, Linda Wall; <u>Linda Hadsock's</u> niece, June McCray; <u>Carol Untied's</u> stepmother Emily; <u>Van Stewart's</u> sister Tracey and cousin Paula; <u>Mattie Simmons</u> friend William; <u>Sandy</u> <u>Caldwell's</u> bro-in-law Larry; <u>Kay Jessup's</u> friends, Lou & Rose Fiores and Marie Woleck. **INMATES:** Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN: <u>Austin Reves</u> (Marine) <u>Matthew Holleran</u> (Army)

SHUT INS: Alison Harris, Delia Schlachter, Joyce Stanley and Guery & Nancy VanWinkle

<u>Next LADIES BIBLE CLASS</u>— Friday, June 2nd at 1:00pm in the small building. All ladies are welcome to attend. See Vicki Herman for more details.

<u>**Responded**</u>—<u>Mattie Simmons</u> came forward last Sunday for forgiveness of sin and needing the prayers of the church for Demetria and all of their family.

<u>New Phone Number</u>— <u>Jan Lavern</u> has a new phone number 727-250-9079. Please make this change in your directory.

<u>BAPTIZED</u>—We welcome our new sister in Christ, <u>Alexis Cahill (Lexi)</u> who was baptized on Wednesday, May 17th. Lexi has been studying with Charles through Bible Courses and attending services at Central for several months.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, If Anyone is in Christ, He is A New Creation; Old Things Have Passed Away; Behold, All Things Have



<u>Reminder</u>—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– Joe/Mary Bonelli Announcements—Joe Bonelli Song Leaders—Jesse Lancaster/Joe Bonelli Scripture Readers-Rob Schlachter/Patrick Pinto Opening Prayer—Mark Bernhardt/James George Lord's Table—Van Stewart

Closing Prayer—David Jones/John Benson



Van Stewart

Cell #: 423-240-9075

James George

Office: 727-446-4808

Preacher: Charles Broyles



From the Preacher's Pen

BIBLE BASICS ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hiram Kemp

Few things are more important and central to the Christian life than the Lord's Supper. Here are some things to keep in mind as you prepare to partake at the Lord's table.

1. The supper is taken in view of Jesus' return (I Corinthians 11:26).

2. If we partake of the Lord's supper in an unworthy manner we bring judgement on ourselves (I Corinthians 11:27)—No one is "worthy" to take the Lord's Supper but we can take it in a worthy manner (i.e., with the right focus and intent).

3. The Lord's supper is designed to be taken in a congregational setting with other Christians and not in isolation (I Corinthians 11:17, 20, 30-34—notice the "when you come together" statements).

4. The Lord's Supper was only taken on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7).

5. The early church took the Lord's Supper every first day of the week (Acts 2:42, 20:7).

6. The bread represents Jesus' body which he gave for us (Matthew 26:26).

7. The cup (i.e., its contents) represents the blood Jesus shed for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:28).

8. Jesus promised to partake of the supper with us in God's kingdom (Matthew 26:29) —He's present when we take it today.

9. We should be thinking of Jesus and remembering His sacrifice as we partake of the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:19).

10. We should examine ourselves as we eat and drink (I Corinthians 11:28). We are examining ourselves not to see if we are perfect, but to be sure our hearts and minds are in the right place as we take it (cf. I Corinthians 11:27-32).

11. We should wait for each other and be considerate of one another during the partaking of the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 11:33).

12. The Lord's Supper is not a meal to satisfy our hunger. The focus is Jesus' sacrifice for our souls (I Corinthians 11:34).

13. The background of the Lord's Supper is Israel's Passover meal to commemorate their deliverance from Egyptian bondage (Mark 14:12-16, 22-25; Luke 22:15; see Exodus 12:14-26).

14. Christ is our Passover Lamb who has been sacrificed for us (John 1:29; I Corinthians 5:7).

15. The bread is unleavened because no leaven was allowed in the homes of the Jews during the Passover, so the bread would have been unleavened when Jesus instituted the

meal (Exodus 12:14-20).

16. Remember Jesus died for us while we were still sinners and unworthy of His love (Romans 5:6-8).

17. Communion means to share or have fellowship (joint participation). The Lord's Supper is referred to as communion because as we do it we share the body and blood of Jesus (I Corinthians 10:16-17).

18. Jesus instituted the meal on the night he was betrayed but He remained faithful to us in dying for our sins (I Corinthians 11:23).

19. The Lord's Supper foreshadows the meal we will eat together in the heavenly kingdom of God (Isaiah 25:6-12; Matthew 8:11; Luke 13:29; Revelation 19:9).

20. We proclaim or announce the death of Jesus and our faith in what it accomplished every time we partake of the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 1:26).

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She Invited a Friend

This is the "true story" of a four-year-old girl! Each Sunday morning and Wednesday night a little girl named Becky would skip out of her front door and over to the next door with a tender knock. Becky's question was simply, "Can Mary come to church with us today?" Most of the time the answer was, "Yes." The invitations continued. The visits continued. One day something was different. Becky made her Sunday morning journey next door, but the answer was, "No." However, the words that followed were music to her ears. "No," the father answered, "Mary will be going with us this morning. We will see you at worship, Miss Becky." The family visited, studies followed, and Mary's mother and father were baptized into Christ!

What is the magic, the mystery, the awe? There is none! Just an invitation given over and over. Some things we make too hard. Some of the easiest things in life we conjure up into difficult messes. Some want sophisticated mail-outs to do it for us. Some believe that carefully designed programs will do it for us. Some want others to do it for us. Some, sadly enough, do not care. Please understand: the benefits of mail-outs, programs, and other avenues are wonderful when used wisely. However, nothing dismisses our personal responsibility to invite folks. Who? My neighbor, postman, doctor, mechanic, coach, teacher, friend, parent, child, uncle, aunt, co-worker, partner, boss, banker, on and on. Jesus freed the man who had legions of evil spirits. He was changed and grateful and wanted to go with Jesus. Jesus refused to let him go saying, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee" (Mark 5:19).