#### Announcements and Church News Our Stak Activities

Tim Adams treatment for bacteria in lungs; Teresa Brovles for cancer trmt; Tom Georgerecovering from hernia surgery; Jovce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Sandy Caldwell, Fran Barclay and Nancy VanWinkle for health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS; The Broyles' cousins, Jim Arnett and Danna Stevens and her grandson; Yllka Bejo's- mother in the hospital for an infection; Les Vasterling'sfather in Hospice care; Harm Wilder-in Belleair Health Care; Kim Taylor's relative Melody for heart issues; The Follis's 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; Pennv Bevaqua's sister Pam; Ronnie Sommerville's dad, Ron; Kim Taylor's mother, Javne; Chad and Tiffanv Brovles neighbor Neil; Joyce Feazell's sister Donna; The Harris' daughter Kim; Mattie Simmons friend William; Sandy Caldwell's broin-law Larry.

#### **INMATES:**

Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

#### **OUR SERVICE MEN:**

Sam Wagner and cousin Mark Wagner (Navy) <u>Austin Reyes</u> (Marine Corp)

# Remember Our Shuthins

At Home: Winston Sandlin

Farewell Get Together -- Next Sunday, May 30th, after the evening service we will have a get together in the small building to say good by to Joyce Feazell and the Kropp Family. We will have pre-made sandwich platters and sides (not a potluck). A sign up sheet is in the fover, please have your name on the list by today. If you would like to contribute towards the food purchase please give to one of the elders or Mary.

Responded-Last Sunday evening Priscilla Miller and Mattie Simmons came forward asking for the prayers of the church to help them in being an encouragement and Christian example to their families and friends. Remember Priscilla and Mattie in your prayers.

Special Thank You— We would like to recognize and thank Don Stingle for his dedication during the past 10 years for putting all those great messages on our sign out front. Unfortunately Don is having some shoulder issues and is unable to continue. Thank you again Don!

# ALL I NEED

His grace to hold securely, His light to show the way; His love to bind me always, His strength for every day; His power to give me courage, His wisdom for my guide; His mercy for my sinfulness, He has every need supplied From: Bulletin Digest

#### God gives us the ingredients for our daily bread, but He expects us to do the baking.

*Reminder*—Weekly sermons are available on CD, our website and 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 Member Directory call the office - 727-446-4808.



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> Sunday Bible Study **Postponed** Charles Broyles

Sunday AM Worship—10:30 **Facebook Live** Charles Broyles In Marriage: Be Ye Kind Hebrews 13:4

**Pew Packers** Postponed

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 **Facebook Live** Charles Broyles Let The Bible Guide Proverbs 3:4-5

> Ladies Bible Study **Postponed**

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

#### From the Preacher's Pen

## Marriage is no joke!

### David Sproule

In our culture today, there is an increasing disrespect and disdain for marriage and for God's perfect plan for it. Some today view marriage as optional, yeah, even old-fashioned. Is marriage one of

those things that we should let go—in the same way that we have let go of bell bottom pants, black and white television, and Pluto as a planet? Let's consider some Bible truths.

First, God created man in the beginning. On the sixth day, God made mankind (Gen. 1:26-27). Without God, man would have no existence at all! So, does it not make sense that TO GOD—i.e., to the revelation He has given to us—we must go for all knowledge about life and existence on this earth?

Second, God created male and female in the beginning. When God created the male, He determined to create a close companion for him, for it was "not good that man should be alone" (Gen. 2:18). The God who created the male then created the female to complete the male, as a "helper" who was "suitable for" (or corresponding to) the man. Thus, there is something unique to the male/female relationship that can only be achieved therein.

Third, God created marriage for man and woman. Only a male/female couple may enjoy marriage together. God said that "a man (i.e., a male) shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife (i.e., a female)" (Gen. 2:24). God created marriage and God created sex (between a male and female), and He inseparably joined marriage and the enjoyment of the sexual relationship (Heb. 13:4). Only a husband and his wife may acceptably engage in any and all sexual activity. God created marriage for the purpose of procreation and population the earth (Gen. 1:28). Only a husband and his wife, once married to each other, are intended to have children. God created marriage to provide completion to the man and the woman (Gen. 2:18, 23), and to help man to have a vivid illustration of the beautiful relationship that exists between Christ and His bride, the church (Eph. 5:22-33).

Let's go back and ask and answer this question: "Is marriage out-of-date and a thing of the past?" Not in the least! 4,000 years after God created marriage, Jesus Himself (God in the flesh, Matt. 1:23; John 1:1-3) pointed back to God's creation of male and female and the marriage relationship "in the beginning" as the firm and unalterable foundation for understanding God's design for mankind (Matt. 19:3-9). If nothing had changed in the first 4,000 years of man's existence, why would we think that it would be any different after another 2,000 years?

Marriage is no joke! God designed it! Let's respect it!

# One Dozen Verses Every Marriage Needs

David Sproule

God created man and woman, and He brought them together, creating the marriage relationship. It should not surprise us, then, that He provides a "manual" for how to succeed in our marriages.

Many passages specifically address the topic of marriage, but we also find numerous godly principles throughout Scripture that have ready-made application for husbands and wives. While the specific context may not be addressing marriage, consider how much better, stronger and more godly your marriage can be if each of you practiced these precepts toward each other in your marriage.

1. Matthew 6:33—"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

2. Philippians 2:3—"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself."

3. Matthew 7:12—"In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you."

4. Acts 20:35—"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."

5. Romans 12:10—"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love…Outdo one another in showing honor."

6. Galatians 6:2—"Bear one another's burdens."

7. Proverbs 15:1—"A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger."

8. Colossians 4:6—"Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person."

9. Ephesians 4:31—"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you."

10. Ephesians 4:32—"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you."

11. Luke 17:4—"And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

12. Colossians 4:2—"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving."

The list of Bible verses that can enhance your marriage could obviously be multiplied a hundredfold, for the principles for Christian living, outlined in God's book of "all things that pertain unto life" (2 Pet. 1:3), will enrich every part of your life and every relationship that you enjoy.

Is Christ at the center of your marriage? Do His laws (all of them) govern your relationship with each other?