

Announcements and Church News

Our Story

Jan Lavern-fell last week and broke her nose; Bob Haddock and Karen Stallings- not feeling well; Kay Jessup-for recent chest scan; Wendy Williams- back issues; Ronnie Sommerville, Jr-cancer on his nose; Delia Schlachter back issues; Teresa Broyles cancer treatment; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS; Mattie Simmons-brother Joe for a mass; Kelly Sarver's-father-in-law Don Sarver for health issues; Kim Taylor's- uncle Bob had tracheotomy surgery last week; Lexi Cahill's- brother Jacob; 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 Haddock'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 Fiores 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 and Guery & Nancy VanWinkle

Activities

LADIES BIBLE CLASS— This Friday, June 2nd at 1:00pm in the small building.

WEEKI WACHEE CHRISTIAN CAMP—Week of June 11th to the 17th for ages 11 to 18. Flyers are in the foyer.

RESPONDED—Dawn McFarland came forward last Sunday needing prayers and encouragement of the church.

BAPTIZED—We welcome our new sister in Christ, Jacklyn Clark who was baptized last Sunday, May 21st. Jackie has been studying with Charles and Dawn and attending services at Central with her two daughters, Hope and Faith. Please add her information to your directory: 1433 S Belcher Rd, Apt F8, Clearwater, FL 33764-2865; Phone# 727-906-1555.

SYMPATHY— Our deepest sympathy to the family of Alison Harris who passed away on May 23rd. Keep her son Dick and his wife Pam in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their dear loved one. There is not a date for a service at this time.

FOYER TABLE— Please pick up the Calendar and Schedule of Those To Serve for June.

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.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters—John Benson/Paula Davis

Announcements—James George

Song Leaders—Jesse Lancaster/James George

Scripture Readers—Bob Haddock/David Jones

Opening Prayer—Joe Bonelli/Van Stewart

Lord's Table—Max Herman

Closing Prayer—Dennis Cuckler/Rob Schlachter

Birthdays This Week

Max Herman— May 31st



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watch & hear Phil Sanders



YouTube (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey



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Childhaven Children's Home in Cullman, AL

www.childhaven.com



cocindia.net



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 5

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

One Soul Is Invaluable To God

Luke 15:8-10

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

The Indispensable Word

Psalm 119:15-16

Ladies Bible Study-Friday

June 2nd 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

“My kid is...”

David Sproule

“My kid is cute.” “My kid is smart.” “My kid is funny.” “My kid is athletic.” “My kid is talented.” “My kid is musically gifted.” “My kid is artistic.” “My kid is a math whiz.” “My kid is really popular.” “My kid is at the top of the class.” “My kid is on the honor roll.” “My kid is going to college.” “My kid is attending a premier university.” “My kid is going to school on a scholarship.” “My kid is succeeding in business.” “My kid is highly qualified in that field.” “My kid is making it in the real world.” “My kid is doing wonders for the community.” “My kid is focused on home and family life.” “My kid is retiring early with plans to travel the world.”

Ask any parent, old or young, to complete this sentence (“My kid is...”), and the variety of the responses will be overwhelming. Yet, none of the accolades in the first paragraph are worth much of anything if a parent cannot also say—“My kid is growing in Biblical knowledge and love for the Lord.” “My kid is a Christian.” “My kid is a faithful Christian.” “My kid is going to heaven.” May God help us to focus more on these goals than earthly ones.



Demetria Akins is a graduate from Richard O. Jacobson High School and their nursing program.

She received certification in First-Aid and CPR. She also received certification in a entrepreneur class. .

This summer she will be working locally and in the fall she will be going to Saint Petersburg College with Business Management as her major.

We wish her well in her studies and expect to hear many good things of her being an entrepreneur.

We hope and pray as a N. T. Christian that she will always remember God and His word and be the best influence to her classmates and others around her.

“IS THE UNIVERSE AN ACCIDENT?”

Years ago while traveling by train from Dallas to Houston, I became acquainted with a young man about 25 years of age. He was finishing his PhD work in psychology. As we introduced ourselves and having learned I was a minister, he seemed pleased to let me know he did not believe in the existence of God. As we traveled on, I took advantage of his comment and asked him a simple question, “Do you believe the universe came about by accident?” I could tell by his hesitation and the wondering look on his face that he had never been asked this question. After a moment he said, “Well, I wouldn’t put it that way.” I then asked, “Why not?” He paused, trying to find an answer. I followed up by asking, “If the universe did not come about by accident, then how would you explain its existence?”

I told him that from a materialistic point of view, it seems the only explanation for the existence of the universe is that it just somehow happened—it was just a happenstance. Yet, he could not bring himself to accept this. But why? Because to him, the term “accident” would cast a doubtful reflection on the atheistic view of origins. I went on to ask him if he believed it was possible that the universe could have never existed. He thought a moment and answered yes. I followed by saying, “Then there was a 50/50 chance of its existence—it could have or could not have existed.” He agreed. So I said, “Then the universe was really just an accident wasn’t it?” But he was still reluctant to agree. I then told him why using the term “accident” was relevant; because there is only one other possible explanation for the existence of the universe—that it was planned. I asked if he agreed with this. He didn’t want to, but I knew he could see the logic of my point. Then I asked him which was the most rational: a planned universe or an accidental universe? I then pressed him to explain the logic of the universe just accidentally occurring. He told me he would have to think about that.

I then switched to the idea of eternal existence. I asked him if he believed there was ever a point at which nothing at all existed—absolutely nothing. Not having ever faced such a question, he was not sure how to respond. I told him that I had no trouble answering it—that there could have never been a time when there was nothing. Then I asked him if he believed it was possible for something to literally come from nothing. After another moment he said no. I then suggested that since something cannot come from nothing, there must be something that has always existed, something that never had a beginning. He said he had never thought about it like that. So I offered him yet another question. “What could it be that has always existed?” I suggested the only opposite views: it was either eternal mind or eternal matter. I asked him which view seemed to be more reasonable? He did not respond. So I then asked him to explain the rationale of believing that lifeless, dead matter is somehow, of itself, eternal. He continued pondering.

Then I asked him if he believed the popular “big bang” theory—that the universe began with a super-gigantic explosion. As I suspected, he said yes. But when I showed him how this theory contradicts the view that matter is eternal, his confused look was obvious. He could see that he was believing two contradictory ideas. As we arrived at Houston, I asked him if we could continue our discussion by mail. He avoided giving an answer.

I’ve sometimes thought about him, wondering if our discussion had caused him to question his belief in atheism. This young man is only one of many people who fall under Paul’s indictment of being “without excuse” and possessing a darkened, “foolish heart” (Rom. 1:20-21). No wonder that two times the Bible says, “The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God” (Psa. 14:1; 53:1).

It is so uplifting and encouraging to believe in an eternal God and to trust in Him. With such a belief, as Christians, we are kept strong and faithful. And it is this kind of belief that can lead lost people to salvation.

Jon Gary Williams