

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;

Tiffany Broyles—sister, Tennille for upcoming surgery; The Broyles' cousins, Jim Arnett and Danna Stevens and her grandson; Yllka Bejo's—mother home recovering; Les Vasterling's— father 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; 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

Live Stream Ladies Bible Study—On Tuesday, June 8th at 7PM. Join at FSOP Ladies Class. Monthly topic is: Our Responsibility to the Bride of Christ. Flyers are in the foyer.

K-5 Camp—Jesus Loves Me —From June 17th to the 19th at Weeki Wachee Christian Camp. Registration is due by June 4th. Contact Chad or Sabrina Tagtow at 863-412-0022 or go online to: wwcc.camp/k5-weekend. Flyers are in the foyer.

New Address—Joyce Feazell's new address in Ohio is: 3900 Rhodes Ave, Apt 815, New Boston OH 45662-4959. Her phone number has not changed.

Directory Update— Please add Bob and Linda Haddock's cell phone numbers to your directory as they no longer have a land line. Bob's is: 727-600-7010 and Linda's is: 727-600-7023.

Financial Report—The Financial Report for April can be found on the table in the foyer. Please pick up a copy today.

Thoughts To Ponder...

No Christian is strong enough to carry a cross and a prejudice at the same time.

Love looks through a telescope; envy through a microscope.

The man that trusts God is the man that can be trusted.

Our greatest freedom is freedom from sin.

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.

Birthdays This Week

Link Jurado—June 8th
Winston Sandlin—June 12th
Jim Follis—June 12th



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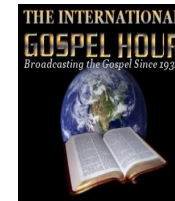


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Bi-Monthly Publication



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.



Elders:

Joe Bonelli
Charles Broyles
James George

Deacons:

Max Herman — Jim Follis
Chad Broyles

Preacher: Charles Broyles

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Sunday Bible Study

Postponed

Charles Broyles

Sunday AM Worship—10:30

Facebook Live

Charles Broyles

Have You Lost Your Focus In Life?

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Pew Packers

Postponed

Sunday PM Worship—5:00

Facebook Live

Charles Broyles

In The Face of Temptations

Genesis 39:1-2

Ladies Bible Study

Postponed

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Facebook Live

Charles Broyles



From the Preacher's Pen

IN DEFENDING THE FAITH

"Be Wise As Serpents And Harmless As Doves"

Jesus said to the twelve, *"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves"* (Matt. 10:16). Jesus warns that in the midst of enemies, His servants must be prudent, cautious, and careful as serpents, yet maintain the gentleness and peacefulness of a dove. This admonition still serves the followers of Christ well, even today. The church of our Lord is threatened with various extremes. Both radicalism and liberalism have harmed the body of Christ in a significant way. This has caused some to react with an unbecoming attitude. A wise older preacher once said to me, "Despite many departures from the faith, those who are faithful must always behave like Christians." The current digression has caused many to be skeptical of others and to sometimes begin questioning the integrity and soundness of brethren, often unnecessarily. Those who love God's truth and want to defend it should remember the following.

1. BE FIRM, BUT NOT FACTIOUS. It is important that God's people hold true to their convictions. Never is there any room for compromise on that which is sacred. Such is condemned in the Bible repeatedly. However, one should never confuse his conviction with his opinion. An opinion can sometimes be elevated above Scripture, and many are willing to break ties with faithful brethren over an opinion. While remaining true to our beliefs, let us never promote division, but let us always be *"endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace"* (Eph. 4:3).

2. BE CAUTIOUS, BUT NOT CONSPIRING. The Bible teaches us to be watchful for the Lord's cause (Ezek. 3:17; 1 Cor. 16:13). However, we are not to hang on another's every word just to try and catch someone in error. Often because of petty jealousies or misunderstandings, "Christians" engage in character assassination under the guise they are protecting God's truth. Even after a brother may clarify or even repent of something he has stated, many will keep a distance from him or continue to conspire against him, unwilling to forgive. Sometimes it is easy to identify a false teacher. When the evidence is there, and one fails to repent, such should be made known to the entire brotherhood (Rom. 16:17). If you are not sure about another's specific doctrinal stance, be quiet until you are sure. Be willing to give the individual the benefit of the doubt, instead of saying, "There is something wrong with that fellow, I just can't place my finger on it." Such an attitude is certainly not in accord with the lovely description of a Christian (1 Cor. 13:7).

3. BE NARROW-MINDED, BUT NOT CLOSED-MINDED. Jesus said, *"And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free"* (John 8:32). Truth by its very nature is narrow. Salvation comes to those who walk the narrow way (Matt. 7:14). I am thankful for airline pilots, doctors, pharmacists, etc., who are narrow-minded. But to be closed minded is a very dangerous attitude to possess. If you have already made up your mind about a specific Bible subject, and are unwilling to change your thinking, even

when proven wrong, you should be alarmed about yourself because of pride, some refuse to open their minds and listen to others.

4. BE BOLD, BUT NOT BRASH. Joshua was encouraged to be *"strong and of a good courage..."* (Josh. 1:6). Likewise, Christians are to exhibit the same in the Lord's service. (1 Cor. 16:13). This is particularly true when one considers the following admonition, *"...that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints"* (Jude 3). This is a command, not an option. While contending earnestly for the faith demands our boldness and courage, it does not entail our being brash and caustic. Never be hasty or rush to judgement in condemning another; and, for sure, do not resort to sardonic statements that are meant to hurt an individual personally (Gal. 5:15).

5. BE STUDIOUS, BUT NOT SNOBBISH. To know the truth demands our study (2 Tim. 2:15). The only way Christians can teach others is by being diligent students of the Book themselves (1 Pet. 3:15). Every Christian should be grateful for those who have sacrificed time and money to be educated and skilled in God's Word. How beautiful is the picture of the one who has collected a vast knowledge of the sacred Scriptures, faithfully teaches the truth to others, maintains his integrity, and still walks humbly before his fellow man. Always be willing to share what you have learned, but never let the devil cause you to think, because of your knowledge, that you are superior to your other brothers and sisters in Christ.

May we ever be diligent in combating error of any stripe. Christ, His church, the truth of God, are definitely worth defending. However, we must always maintain the proper conduct, or else our efforts in defense of the faith will become futile. —Barry Grider

I'M JUST A PASSING THROUGH

David Sproule

Have you ever been walking through a marketplace or similar place where there are a lot of vendors vying for your attention and, especially, your business? "Come over here and look at this!" "Have I got a great deal for you!" "You have gotta have one of these!" Have you ever tried to get through there without stopping or getting sidetracked and tried to shoo vendors away by saying, "I'm just passing through here to get over there"? It can be a tough challenge.

Isn't that a lot like life? We are walking through this life and there are "vendors" of the devil vying for our attention and, especially, our "business." The devil tries all he can to trick us, sell us on something, pull one over on us and make us think (1) that we can't live without something, (2) that everyone else is doing it, or (3) that we're getting a really good deal.

Watch out today! The devil is going to try to swindle you and rip you off. Don't fall for it! Tell him, "I'm just a passing through here to get up there!" (1 Pet. 1:13-17; 2:11-12; 4:7; 5:8-9).