

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Sick

Pat Ledford—not feeling well; Jan Lavern—healing from a fall and broken nose; 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;**  
Jackie Clark's mother Dorothy/health issues; The Broyles—friend Tim Bolen/recent heart surgery; Jan Lavern's—nephew Kevin Ward/ recent heart surgery; Patrick Pinto's—sister Angelina and nephew Joshua; Mattie Simmons—brother Joe for a mass; Kelly Sarver's—father-in-law Don Sarver/health issues; 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 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, Pete Pepjess and Marie Woleck.

**INMATES:** Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

**OUR SERVICE MEN:** Austin Reyes (Marine) Matthew Holleran (Army)

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

## Activities

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS**— This Friday, June 16th at 1:00pm in the small building.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**— A memorial service for Dick and Alison Harris will be held on Saturday, June 24th at 2:00pm here at the building.

**RESPONDED**—Last Sunday Van Stewart came forward asking for forgiveness and prayers of the church. David Jones came forward also needing encouragement and prayers of the church.

**SYMPATHY**— Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Broyles Family. Teresa's cousin, Wanda Wiley's husband Jim passed away last Sunday. Remember the Broyles and Wiley families in your prayers for the loss of their dear loved one.

**THANK YOU**— To Max Herman and Dennis Cuckler for installing hand rails in the baptistry and also replacing the railing in front of the small building.

**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*—Max/Vicki Herman  
*Announcements*—Joe Bonelli

*Song Leaders*—Jesse Lancaster/James George  
*Scripture Readers*—Dennis Cuckler/Bob Hadsock  
*Opening Prayer*—James George/Mark Bernhardt  
*Lord's Table*—Max Herman  
*Closing Prayer*—John Benson/David Jones

## Birthdays This Week

Joy Ingram— June 17th  
 Wayne Bishop— June 17th

## Anniversaries This Week

Roy and Verla Krula— June 13th

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 watch & hear Phil Sanders

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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 5-6

**Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM**  
 Charles Broyles  
**Faith To Face Giants**  
 1 Samuel 17:3-7

**Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM**  
 Charles Broyles  
**Faith To Face Giants 2**  
 1 Samuel 17:42-47

**Ladies Bible Study-Friday**  
**June 16th at 1:00PM**

**Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM**  
 Charles Broyles  
**Our Love For God**

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**From the Preacher's Pen**

**FORGIVENESS—WITHOUT REPENTANCE?**

Guy N. Woods

Children of God should love all men, even their enemies, and when they repent, forgive them. Occasionally, I am asked if it is our duty to forgive those who sin against us when they neither ask for nor desire forgiveness. It is not only not our duty to do so, were we so disposed, but it is an utter impossibility.

The question recurs because many people persist in disregarding what the Scriptures teach is involved in genuine repentance and by substituting their concept of what they feel for- giveness should include. Those who do this imply, whether they intend to or not, that forgiveness is simply the cancellation of all bitter, revengeful, and uncharitable feelings toward those who sin against us, and the substitution of a disposition of kindness, love, and warm regard for the offending one or ones—a disposition, they urge, which should always be characteristic of faithful Christians.

But many devoted and dedicated disciples of the Lord never experience bitter, revengeful, and uncharitable feelings toward those who sin against them, however cruel and heartless such actions may have been. This attitude of a kind disposition is not forgiveness, anyway. God never entertains “bitter, revengeful, and uncharitable” feelings toward even the most vile of sinners, but He forgives only those who repent.

Our Lord, in the shadows of Gethsemane, prayed for those who hated Him so much they sought and obtained His execution, but He did not forgive them until they repented. Amid the agonies of the cross, He said to His Father, “forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34), a petition not unconditional in nature, since by His own words first uttered in the Great Commission (Mark 16:15-16) and later applied by Peter it was intent that pardon be bestowed only on the basis of repentance and obedience to the commandments He gave (Acts 2:36-38).

The words “remission” and “forgiveness” often translate to the same Greek word aphesis, the meaning of which is “release,” and “sending of sins away” and the consequent restoration of the peaceful, cordial, and friendly relationship formerly existing. Unless the offender wants this “peaceful, cordial, friendly” relationship, it is impossible for the offended to affect it, however much he may desire and seek it.

It is this point people often say, “Yes, but we must be ready to forgive always,” as indeed we ought, but it should be recognized that such readiness is not forgiveness. Our Lord made crystal clear our obligation in all such cases when He said, “Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times...turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him” (Luke 17:3-4). Thus, the divine edict is, if one sins against us, we are to rebuke him; and when he repents, we are to forgive him.

It is the duty of all children of God to love all men, even their enemies, actively to seek their good, and pray for their well-being; and, when they repent, to forgive them. It should ever be borne in mind that reconciliation is an integral and essential element of the relationship resulting from penitence on the part of the offender and forgiveness on the offended, and that is occasioned by an adjustment and settlement of all differences that led to the alienation. We must be sure that no action or attitude of ours deters the proper response of others to us because our fellowship here on Earth and our salvation in Heaven are matters intimately involved. Deceased

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**DOES JESUS LIVE HERE?**

The continued knock brought the mother to the door. A man stood there with a Bible in his hand. Without a word of introduction, he asked, “Does Jesus live here?”

Although she was a member of the church, the woman was so upset by the unexpected questions that she did not answer. She did not even remember that he slowly walked away. All daylong, the man’s question kept going through her mind. That evening when her husband came home, she told him about it.

He laughed and said, “Why didn’t you show him the church directory with our names in it? You could have told him that we nearly always send the children to Sunday school and sometimes attend ourselves several times. Why didn’t you tell him that we give a little to the church and look upon ourselves as a respected Christian family?”

“Yes,” she said, “all that you said is true, and I could have told him all that, but I am still troubled because he didn’t ask me if our name was on the church roll; he did not ask me if we sent our children to Sunday school, or if we were respected Christians. That wasn’t his question. He asked me, ‘Does Jesus live here?’ and all day long, I have been wondering if He does.” Author Unknown

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**“AS THOUGH HE HEARD THEM NOT”**

W. C. Anderson

We talk often about the faults of others, but seldom about our own. When a person tells you about another’s faults, do you act interested? Do you add your vain thoughts to the conversation? Would it not be better to refrain from discussing the faults of people present or not present? Not many will discuss another’s faults if he is present. If we let the gossip by himself, he will soon quit.

Observe the action of Jesus toward some men who told Him of a woman’s sin: “He stooped down and wrote on the ground.” The Authorized Version interprets the Lord’s action in italicized words: “Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not” (John 8:6). Deceased