

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Staff

Vicki Lube—Doing better; Grace Vogt—recovering from surgery; William McRoy—In Keningston rehab; Ashley Wygal—for covid; Sandy Caldwell—for pain Teresa Broyles, Alison Harris and Vicky Lube—for cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Fran Barclay, Nancy VanWinkle & John Nickl for health issues.

### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Charles Broyles—mother, Joyce/gall bladder surgery; Joyce Feazell's—friend Carol VanDyke; The Stewart's—brother-in-law Russell Holt/serious injuries; Matt Pryor's—brother Nick; Clifton Reynold's son Bryce; Debbie Cooper—heart issues; Susan Villoch's dad James/heart issue; The Stewart's neighbors Rich & Betty Folger/health issues; The Kozola's son Tim for prayers; Carol Untied's—dad, Tony and friend Danielle Krebs/health issues; Sam York—getting stronger; David Sain's—wife Phyllis; Yllka Bejo's—mother; The Bernhardt's—relative Rustin Osburn; Van Stewart's—aunt, Linda Parsons; Dianne Stewart's—brother, Bobby Goodfield; The Stingles—niece's baby; Paula Davis'—niece/ lupus; Carol Mitchell's—mother, Mary; Darrell Broking/health issues; Samantha Jones son, Joshua for prayers;

### PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Ranny Reeves neighbor, Linda Wall; Linda Hadsock's niece, June McCray; Carol Untied's stepmother Emily and Aunt Karen; Debbie Methvin's—co-workers father Vasilos and Michele Fuguero; Deb Adams friends son, Jason; Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Ronnie Sommerville's dad, Ron; Mattie Simmons friend William; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry; Kay Jessup's friend, Lou Fiore.

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

**OUR SERVICE MEN:** Sam Wagner and cousin Mark Wagner (Navy) Austin Reyes (Marine) Matthew Holleran (Army)

**OUR SHUT-IN AT HOME:** Winston Sandlin

## Activities

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS**—This Friday, July 1st at 1:00pm in the small building.

**K-5 CAMP**—At Weeki Wachee Christian Camp from July 21st –23rd hosted by the Orange Street Church of Christ. Flyers are in the foyer.

**RESPONDED**—Mark Bernhardt came forward last Sunday asking for forgiveness and needing the prayers of the church.

**FOYER TABLE**—The July *Calendar* and *Schedule of Those To Serve* can be found on the table in the foyer.

### Five Firsts To Give

1. Give God the FIRST HOUR of the day.
2. Give God the FIRST DAY of the week.
3. Give God the FIRST PORTION of your pay.
4. Give God the FIRST CONSIDERATION in every decision.
5. Give God the FIRST PLACE in your heart.

**REMINDER**—Weekly sermons are available on CD, our website and livestream on Facebook and YouTube 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

*Announcements*—James George

*Song Leaders*—Jesse Lancaster/James George

*Opening Prayer*—Matt Pryor/Van Stewart

*Lord's Table*—Max Herman

*Closing Prayer*—John Benson/Bob Hadsock

## Birthdays This Week

*Kerry Wygal*—June 26th

*Regina Hunter*—June 27th

## Anniversaries This Week

*Chad and Tiffany Broyles*—June 28th

*Claude and Sandy Caldwell*—June 29th

*Guery and Nancy VanWinkle*—June 30th

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TV Channel 44 (WTOG) at 7:30am Sunday YouTube watch & hear Phil Sanders



YouTube (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey



fsop.net



soaringforsouls.com



Childhaven Children's Home in Cullman, AL  
www.childhaven.com



fairhavenchildrenshome.com

www.christiancourier.com

Arnold Town Road Church of Christ—Darrell Broking  
Chalmette Church of Christ—Mark Lance  
South Anchorage Church of Christ

### 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: Ezekiel-Chap 16-17**

**Sunday Worship—10:30AM**

Charles Broyles

**Jesus Is My Everything**

Colossians 1:12-14

**Sunday Worship—5:00 PM**

Charles Broyles

**Living With The Presence of God  
In My Life**

James 4:13-15

**Ladies Bible Study—Friday**

July 1st at 1:00pm

**Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM**

Charles Broyles

**The Bible—How To Study It**

All of our services are available  
on Facebook Live and



YouTube Live!





**From the Preacher's Pen**

**SHERMAN'S STORY – A LESSON FOR ALL OF US**

David Sproule

The Sunday morning that Sherman responded during the invitation song will be remembered for a long time by those who were present. That little country church building had been there for generations and was showing its wear: discolored windows, rotting doors and a hollow-sounding wooden floor that made for noisy assemblies.

With the congregation singing “Just As I Am,” the old man stepped out from his seat and started down the center aisle to the front. Interestingly, no one in this small, close-knit congregation had ever seen him before that morning. Who was this Sherman fellow? This 84-year-old widower shuffled his feet all the way down the aisle, but the sound that stuck in the worshiper’s memories for years was the tap-tap-tap-tap of Sherman’s metal-tipped cane on that hollow wooden floor.

The preacher slowly escorted the elderly man to the front pew and asked why he had come. He listened intently through the rest of song, visibly intrigued by whatever the man was saying. At the conclusion of the hymn, the preacher did something very unusual for him—he introduced Sherman to the congregation and then handed the mic over to let Sherman tell his story. Here’s what he shared:

“I was baptized in this church when I was 12, right out there in that creek. I remember this building when it was in much better shape. I attended here with my parents until I was 16, and I never came back...until today. Here’s why.

“One Sunday, while walking home from church (we didn’t have a car), I was throwing rocks at the ducks in the pond and kicking up dust onto my sister’s dress. My parents were talking, rather animatedly, but they didn’t think I was paying attention. Like most parents, they didn’t realize how much kids pick up on things, almost instinctively. I can vividly, even to this day, hear my mother sniping to my father, ‘What is wrong with this church? That was the worst mistake ever!’ Then, again, later that night, when I was supposed to be asleep in bed, I heard them talking again: ‘Maybe we should just take our membership somewhere else. If they can’t make better decisions than that, then...’

“The ‘mistake,’ believe it or not, had something to do with the entry steps right outside this front door. That was it! Not such a big deal in retrospect! But, my parents’ angry comments about the church and the elders made an impression on me, so much so that I gave up on the church at a young age and never looked back. Until yesterday, when my sister died. She also became disenchanted and left the church...for good.

“I don’t blame the church anymore or any of those men. I was the one who was wrong. My parents were wrong in how they handled it. If He will, I beg God to forgive me.”

**JESUS AND THE FATHER IN THE BOOK OF JOHN**

Dan Jenkins

What word comes to your mind when you think of the writings of John? I suppose that the first word which comes to mind is that the disciple whom Jesus loved speaks so much about love. He does. He uses the word love, in its various forms, almost sixty times as he writes about the life of Jesus. *The remarkable thing is that there is a far greater emphasis in this book.* He uses the word father 132 times, and in all but eleven passages he uses the word to refer to Deity!

In this fourth gospel John records the words of Jesus. Jesus used the phrase “My Father” 34 times. He not only thought of God as a father, but He thought of Him personally. There is a profound difference in thinking of God as a father, and viewing Him as “my” father!

**Jesus knew that His Father was one who loves.** After describing Himself as the good Shepherd, Jesus said, “Therefore My Father loves Me . . .” (John 10:17). This was the nature of the Father! God is love and Jesus lived His life cognizant of the fact that our Father is one who loves!

**Jesus knew that His Father is one who gives.** When he taught the Jews about true manna He said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven” (John 6:32). When our Master lived on this earth He was comforted knowing that His personal Father is one who gives! We all should live every day remembering this trait of the nature of God.

**Jesus knew that His Father was one who had a house of many mansions.** Who does not think of His words when we face death? “Let not your hearts be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions . . .” (John 14:1-2). What difference does it make about our dwelling places on this earth when we have a Father’s amazing house awaiting us!

**Jesus knew His Father in a way no other one has ever known Him.** He is a righteous Father (John 17:25) and a holy Father (John 17:11). He is one who seeks men to worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). He is a Father who works in the lives of men (John 5:17) and one who should be honored (John 8:49).

**So how do you know your Father?** The way we view God determines how we serve Him. How do you see the God you serve? The right way to think of God is to think of Him as Jesus did. He saw Jesus as a Father. More importantly, He saw Him as a personal Father. Don’t ever forget, we have the same Father!

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*A great test of a man’s character is how he treats the person who can be of no possible benefit to him.*