

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Dave Coombs—hand injury; Regina Hunter—surgery this Thursday the 18th; James George—knee replacement surgery July 22nd; Gordon Methvin Palm Gardens Rehab Rm. 311; Helen Stingle for tests; Jane Cuckler for chemo trmt; Steve Sarver under Hospice care; Sandy Caldwell recovering from back surgery; Judy Cole—in rehab.

Prayer requests for family/friends;

Wm McRoy's mother in rehab; Deb Adams sister, Janet for cellulitis; Debbie Methvin's cousin Larry broken back, Joe Methvin health issues; Don & Sheri Blackwell healing of injuries; Jean Allison's—daughter, Robin; **Prayers for cancer**— Max Herman's brother for bladder cancer; The Harris's daughter Kim for final chemo; Mattie Simmons friend William Thompson; Kim Taylor's relative Diane; Sandy Caldwell's—bro-in-law Larry.

Remember the Shut-ins

Manor Care: Hazel Franck,

At Home: Jean Allison, Winston Sandlin

Those to Serve Today

Greeters

Max/Vicki Herman

Announcement

Charles Broyles

Song Leaders

Joe Bonelli/Brian York

Wed.—Ben Follis

Readers

Chad Broyles/Max Herman

Lead Prayer

James George/Matthew Kropp

Serve at Lord's Table

Mark Bernhardt/Jim Follis

Tim Adams/William McRoy

Activities

Ladies Bible Class—This Tuesday, July 16th at 10AM in the small building.

Ladies Day— 20th Street Church of Christ in St. Pete on Saturday August 17th. Flyers are in the foyer.

Heart to Heart, Soul to Soul

Lord, let me live in harmony
With those You send my way;
Let me be a blessing in all I do or say.
Take away the blinders
That are hindering my view;
Let me see through eyes of love
The way you want me to.
Forgive me for prejudging
The outer shell of man;
Let me see inside the heart
Where innocence began.
Let me be convicted
When I fail to reach the goal
To love without exception,
Heart to Heart, soul to soul.

“DAILY PRAYERS LESSEN DAILY CARES”

Pray for our service men— Sam Wagner and cousin Mark Wagner both are serving in the United States Navy.

Birthdays This Week

Don Stingle—July 14th

Mattie Simmons—July 16th

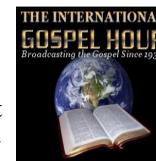
Anniversaries This Week

Brian and Samantha York—July 20th



Gospel Broadcasting Network
<http://gbntv.org>

Bi-Monthly Publication



WTIS (1110 kHz) at 7:30 am Sunday hear Jody Apple as speaker.

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

Church of Christ
Its Worship In Spirit and Truth

Communion 1Cor.10;16; 11;20-30
singing Eph.5;18-19;Col.3;16
Praying Acts 2;42;1 Thess.5;17;9;7
Giving 1 Cor.16;1-2; 2 Cor.9;7
Teaching, Acts 2;42; 1 Tim.3;15.

Elders:

Joe Bonelli
Charles Broyles
James George
Gordon Methvin

Deacons:

Max Herman
Jim Follis
Chad Broyles
Matthew Kropp

Preacher: Charles Broyles

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Sunday Bible Study—9:30

Charles Broyles
Major Prophets
Isaiah 61-62

Sunday AM Worship—10:30

Charles Broyles
ABC'S of Christianity—Worship
John 4:23-24

Pew Packers— 5:40pm

Sunday PM Worship— 6:00

Charles Broyles
Songs In The Night
Just As I Am
Matthew 11:28-30

Ladies Bible Study-Tuesday

10:00am—July 16th

Wed. Bible Study— 7:00pm

Charles Broyles



From the Preacher's Pen

OUR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY

He Is the Propitiation for Our Sins.

Jesus mediates, presenting His atonement for us.

Lawyers in court frequently deny allegations brought against their clients. If they admit the charge, then they try to justify it. They plea ignorance, accident, or self-defense. Christ does not enter a plea of innocence for sinners. He does not appeal to justice. He never reflects negatively on the law or the Lawgiver. He offers no excuse.

So, what does Jesus do? He openly acknowledges His client's sin without giving mitigating circumstances. He commends the law, admits the court's claims against His lawbreaker, and confesses the accused's guilt.

Yet He still obtains a discharge from the bar for the client. How? He pleads that the penalty has been pre-paid. He has already paid the price for this sin—every sin—at Calvary. God set Him forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood (Romans 3:25). On the cross, God saw Jesus' soul's travail and was satisfied. There, Jesus bore our iniquities. "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:5-6). "He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:11-12). "With His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption" (Hebrews 9:12-14).

Jesus is uniquely qualified. Christ's propitiatory sacrifice was . . .

- * necessary. God loved His Son too much to make Him suffer unnecessarily.
- * vicarious. He took our place, the just for the unjust.
- * sufficient. Therefore it is final (Hebrews 10:18).

With Christ as the propitiation for sin, the law is upheld, the sin punished, God's love is satisfied, and the sinner set free. God's wisdom thus deciphered an amazing solution to the problem man created. Christ is the

- * selected victim,
- * sacrifice offered,
- * sacrificing priest (Hebrews 2:17),
- * altar on which the sacrifice was offered, and
- * propitiation made for sin.

Propitiation was predicted in prophecy (Isaiah 53:6) and taught by the apostles (Galatians 3:13; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 John 4:10). Propitiation was prefigured in all the sacrifices of the Levitical system, but especially in the scapegoat ceremony when Aaron laid both

hands "on the head of the live goat," and confessed over him "all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat," and sent "it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man" (Leviticus 16:21).

Sins cry out for vengeance, but Christ's blood cries louder for mercy. It speaks louder than Abel's blood (Hebrews 12:24) that refused to be covered. Propitiation turns away wrath. Propitiation has no meaning unless God's wrath is real. The anger of a dishonored Deity may be fierce, but the heart of a Father is never drained of love for His children. In this contest, the latter wins.

"Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us" (Romans 8:33-34).

And also for the Sins of the Whole World. Does man really require an advocate? Many today think they can go to heaven by their own way. There is no other way to go to Heaven except through the mediation of Jesus (John 14:6).

God is unapproachable. He "alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see" (1 Timothy 6:16). His perfect nature cannot be approached by sinful humanity.

It is commonly said in law courts that "he who appears as his own advocate has a fool for his client." Yet this is the office which those who reject Christ try to fill for themselves. He who is arraigned at God's bar is altogether unfit to plead his own case. He is mostly ignorant of

- * God's law,
- * his own sin,
- * the ruin which sin brings, and
- * the holiness and justice of God.

Jesus Christ knows all of these things. He only can serve as mediator for obedient souls (Romans 6:17; Hebrews 5:9; Revelation 2:10). Paul wrote, "You who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

Remember, Jesus is not our Mediator, Intercessor, or Advocate if we do not believe He is God's Son, have not repented of sins, and have not been immersed in water for forgiveness (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16). Jesus is not our Mediator, Intercessor, and Advocate if we are unfaithful Christians (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9). Unbelievers have no advocate; unfaithful ones have forsaken theirs. God's court-appointed Advocate can be rejected. Propitiation does not save, but it makes it possible.

More personally, have you retained Him? By your own consent, have you made Him your Advocate? The fee He requires is your heart.