

Announcements and Church News

Our Stak

Les Vasterling—for covid; Grace Vogt—recovering from surgery; William McRoy—Is home; Sandy Caldwell—for pain Teresa Broyles, Alison Harris and Vicky Lube—cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Fran Barclay, Nancy VanWinkle, Kerry Wygal, John Nickl - health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Charles Broyles—mom, Joyce/gall bladder surgery; Joyce Fezell's—friend Carol VanDyke; The Stewart's—brother-in-law Russell Holt/serious injuries; Clifton Reynold's son Bryce; 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/health issues and Uncle David/health issues and depression over loss of his wife; 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; Debbie Methvin's—co-workers father Vasilos and Michele Fuguero; Deb Adams friends son, Jason; Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Ronnie Somerville's dad, Ron; Mattie Simmons friend William; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry; Kay Jessup's friend, Lou Fiores.

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

NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS— Friday, August 5th 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.

NEW ADDRESS— Dick and Alison Harris have recently moved to: 2155 Montclair Road, Apt #123, Clearwater, FL 33763-4289. Their phone number is the same. Please make this change in your directory.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS— Sandy Caldwell has a new mailing address— P O Box 5353, Largo, FL 33779 -5353. Please make this change in your directory.

90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY— For Irene Bernhardt on Thursday, August 4th at 6:00pm in the small building. If you are able to attend, please put your name on the sign up sheet in the foyer. See Mark with any questions.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER...

One thing you can give and still keep is your word.

Talking comes by nature; silence by wisdom.

We never get all of God until He gets all of us.

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—Matt Pryor/Joe Bonelli

Opening Prayer—Van Stewart/David Jones

Lord's Table—Max Herman

Closing Prayer—Dennis Cuckler/Jesse Lancaster

Birthdays This Week

Grace Akpakpan—July 22nd

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http://gbntv.org **YouTube**
https://spiritualsword.org/

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

THE INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL HOUR **YouTube** (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey

House to House Heart to Heart **FSOP**
www.HouseToHouse.com

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

FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME
fairhavenchildrenshome.com **Soaring for Souls**
soaringforsouls.com

INDIA MISSIONS **cocindia.net**
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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

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 18 & 19

Sunday Worship—10:30AM
Charles Broyles
Lessons Learned From Beyond The Grave
Luke 16:27-31

Sunday Worship—5:00 PM
Charles Broyles
The Strength and Weakness of Samson
Judges 16:4-5

Ladies Bible Study—Friday August 5th 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 **YouTube Live!**



From the Preacher's Pen

HEAR YE HIM!

David Sproule

Who are the most common people that we “listen to” today? For some of us, it’s our mom and dad, or our grandfather or grandmother. The wisdom of those generations is something we ought to cherish. For some of us, we listen to what our friends have to say. We care about what they think. For some of us, we listen carefully to what a teacher says or what some scientist has discovered. We respect those who are trained in certain fields. For some of us, we listen to what police officers or judges say. We hold up those individuals who have been charged with keeping and enforcing the law. For some of us, we listen to what politicians say. We expect our local, state and national leaders and representatives to look out for our best interests and communicate with us about what is happening. For some of us, we listen to the media. We look to those who have insight and access into matters that we do not and assume they will tell us the details of what we need to know. For some of us, we listen to our inner voice. We do those things that seem right to us in the moment. There are certainly a lot of different “voices” that we listen to and pay attention to today. However, are these the most trusted sources? How can we be certain that we are not led astray down the wrong path?

In Luke 9, Jesus’ three close friends, Peter, James and John, were listening to Him and Moses and Elijah talk about Jesus’ impending death (9:31). While listening to them, Peter apparently saw three equals in the conversation and suggested building three tabernacles for them to stay and continue talking, “not knowing what he said” (9:33). The voice of God redirected Peter’s misstep and said, “This is my Son, my chosen; hear ye him” (9:35, ASV). There were other great and powerful voices to hear that day (the voice of Israel’s lawgiver and the voice of the mighty prophet), but there was only one voice that mattered! Hear ye JESUS!

There are many powerful voices out there that desire to be heard (and even demand to be heard, in some cases). But, when it comes to those matters of ETERNAL consequence—such as holiness, righteousness, faith, salvation, baptism, the church, worship, morality, homosexuality, fornication, the sanctity of life, abortion, sin, etc.—the ONLY voice that matters is JESUS! He has authority (Matt. 28:18)! Hear ye Him! His Word thoroughly equips us for all things (2 Tim. 3:16-17)! Hear ye Him! He is King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:16)! Hear ye Him! He will judge all mankind, at the end of time, by the standard of His Word (Acts 17:30-31; John 12:48). Hear ye Him!

Don’t get caught up listening to the wrong voice! There are so many loud ones, it’s easy to do! Hear ye Him!

DENOMINATIONALISM OR PLURALISM?

Barry M. Grider

I once heard the late, great evangelist Andrew M. Connally say, “Denominationalism is of the devil and all who remain in such until death will be lost.” While this may offend many,

including some members of the Lord’s church, it is a most accurate and compelling Bible truth. Simply stated, our Lord did not die for denominationalism. He built His church (Mat. 16:18), shed His blood for His church (Acts 20:28; Eph 5:23), is the Head of His church (Eph. 5:25; Col. 1:18), reigns over His church (Acts 2:30-32), and will save His church (Eph. 5:25). Since there is only one body (Eph. 6:4), faithful preachers have always condemned divisive and devilish denominationalism.

However, within the ranks of denominationalism itself, there has long been much to debate as various religious groups sought to defend their erroneous doctrines by means of Scripture. At least these proponents of error should be commended for trying to prove their beliefs by the Bible and for being convicted enough to try to win people to their way of thinking.

Today, however, there is a growing tendency away from denominationalism to something perhaps even worse: pluralism! Instead of religious bickering and infighting, all the religious groups are being persuaded to put unity ahead of doctrine and come together on “common ground.” While it would be a most marvelous thing to see all the denominations give up their errors and unite together on God’s truth, this is not what is in mind. Pluralism calls for all religious groups, including those outside of “Christendom,” to see the value in each existing group and to tolerate all opinions in our diverse culture, that one might see the benefits offered by each group. This is not to say there has never been unity in diversity before. For example, various denominational groups have always stood united in their opposition toward the Lord’s church. Yet, in recent times we see more toleration and acceptance of error and more retaliation toward the Truth.

Unfortunately, the church of Christ has not been spared from the evil doctrine of pluralism. Notorious statements that have been made by heretical teachers, such as, “Anytime I hear someone call God ‘Father,’ I see a brother,” demonstrate how far astray some have gone in order to attain pseudo-unity. More and more, we have brethren who are involved in the ecumenical movement through sharing pulpits with various denominational preachers, conducting youth devotionals with other religious groups, etc. These meetings, for sure, are not intended to teach the lost the truth. Such brethren must be reminded of the words of the apostle Paul, “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Eph. 5:11).

Often these promoters of union with every denominational stripe appeal to Jesus’ prayer for unity in John 17. Yet, this so-called unity movement stands in direct contrast to Jesus’ prayer. No, it was not the intention of the Lord to have everyone just getting along, respecting the whims and opinions of each other, and forgetting allegiance to His divine truth. Truth is exclusive, not inclusive. It is, by its very nature, narrow (Mat. 7:13-14).

So what should be our attitude toward pluralism? The same as it has been toward denominationalism. Remember these words, “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds” (2 John 9-11). May our constant plea be unity, but unity that is authorized by the God who says, “the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable” (Jam. 3:17).