

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Sick

Emily George— not feeling well; Regina Hunter — out with a cold; The Wygal Family— not feeling well; Shirley Lydic—Is doing better; Les Vasterling recent eye surgery; Jan Lavern—at Oak Manor Rehab in Largo; Ronnie Sommerville, Jr—chemo/radiation trmths; Delia Schlachter back issues; Teresa Broyles cancer treatment; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

James Dale— had a heat stroke; Tawana Dixon's —granddaughter in the hospital; The Adam's—granddaughter Trinity; Nikki Headley— fractured femur; Jackie Clark's mother Dorothy and grandmother Gayle/health issues; Patrick Pinto's— sister Angelina and nephew Joshua; Lexi Cahill's— brother Jacob; Carol Untied's—daughter Kayla; Paula Davis— friend Tracey; 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

**NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS**— Will be on Friday, August 4th at 1:00pm in the small building. All ladies are invited to attend. See Vicki Herman for more information.

**MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS**— The first class will be on Thursday, August 3rd in the small building from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. The theme is Spiritually Balanced In A Upside-down World. See Van Stewart for any questions.

**TEEN RECHARGE**— At Weeki Wachee Christian Camp on August 4th-6th for ages 12 to 18. For more information flyers are in the foyer.

**RESPONDED**— Last Sunday Randall Deily came forward needing the prayers of the church for strength and encouragement. Remember him in your prayers as he strives to be strong in his Christian walk and a good example to others.

**SYMPATHY**— Our deepest sympathy to Mattie Simmons and family for the recent loss of a family member. Keep the Simmons, Dozier and Sapp families in your prayers.

**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. If you need the Bulletin, Christian Service List, Calendar or Directory call the office at (727) 446-4808.

### THOSE SERVING TODAY

*Greeters*— Deb Methvin/Deb Adams

*Announcements*— Joe Bonelli

*Song Leaders*— James George/Joe Bonelli

*Scripture Readers*— Dennis Cuckler/Max Herman

*Opening Prayer*— Rob Schlachter/James George

*Lord's Table*— Mark Bernhardt

*Closing Prayer*— John Benson/Patrick Pinto

## Birthdays This Week

Pat Barton— July 24th



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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 9

**Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM**

Charles Broyles

**The Gospel Is Good News**

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

**Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM**

Charles Broyles

**Looking at Life Differently**

Colossians 3:1-4

**Ladies Bible Study-Friday**

July 21st at 1:00PM

**Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM**

Charles Broyles

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**From the Preacher's Pen**

**BIBLE PUZZLE:**

**TWENTY-FIVE (25) BOOKS OF THE BIBLE IN THE PARAGRAPH.**

This is a most remarkable puzzle. Someone found it in the seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping himself occupied for hours. One man from Illinois worked in it while fishing from his john boat. Roy Clark studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Vicks mentioned it in her column once. One woman judges the job to be so involving that she brews a cup of tea to calm her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot... that's a fact. Some people will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. The truth is, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of the m at the worst. Something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation may help. Books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. And punctuation or spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete. Remember, there are 25 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph.

**HERE IS THE LIST OF BOOKS:**

ACTS—AMOS—ESTHER—GENESIS—HEBREWS—HOSEA—JAMES—JOB  
JOEL—JOHN—JUDGES—KINGS—LAMENTATIONS—LUKE—MALACHI  
MARK—MATTHEW—NUMBERS—PETER—REVELATION—ROMANS —RUTH—  
SAMUEL—TIMOTHY—TITUS

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**APPAREL DOES SAY SOMETHING**

Tom Wacaster

There was a most interesting editorial in the Dallas Morning News on May 2, 2001. It was entitled: "You're right to be wary of gangsta chic," by Leonard Pitts. I must admit that there were two words that caught my attention, mainly because I was unfamiliar with the meaning. Gangsta is slang for "gangster" (the "r" has migrated to who knows where), and chic means "style or urban fashion in clothing." The gist of the article was avoidance of certain contact with strangers who dress in a style that classifies them with a specific element in society; in this case, youth gangs. He writes, "Kids always have outfitted themselves according to every shifting ideas of what constitutes cool. But gansta chic is about more than cool. The universal perception and frequent reality is that it also is about sending an implicit threat." And then he makes this most astute observation: I often hear kids insist that dress is neutral and how dare you stereotype them based on what they wear. Fine. It is the argument you would expect them to make. But it is an abrogation of responsibility for adults to encourage them in that delusion. Better to explain to them that what you show the world, how you allow yourself to be perceived, will have profound implications for the way people treat you.

The world judges us by the way we dress. If a woman dresses like a harlot she is going to be propositioned. If a young person dresses like a gansta, he or she should not be surprised if otherwise cautious folks avoid any contact or association with them.

Now, lets apply this rather obvious truth to some other areas beside gansta chic. First, the principle is true with regard to "modest apparel." Scanty clothing says something to those who see us. It is a come on to the opposite sex. Some of you may remember the hijacking of T.W.A. Flight 847 back in July of 1985. The Houston Chronicle carried this interesting bit of news about that event. One lady passenger was being molested by one of the hi-jackers. Fortunately, for her, he was restrained by his leader. The leader, after restraining his fellow hi-jacker explained to her that the short pants she was wearing was inappropriate and had conveyed to the terrorist that such advances might be welcomed by her. A few minutes later he brought her a blanket and told her to wrap it around her waist. In spite of the 100 degree temperature in the airplane, she kept the blanket on the rest of the ordeal. But I can hear someone say, "Well, this is a free society, and I can dress the way I want." Evidently some think that what is lawful in the eyes of society is automatically acceptable to God. Evidence suggests that some of our sisters in Christ have bought into this lie. The Bible still says that we are to dress in "modest apparel." Meanwhile, let a man gaze after a scantily clad woman, and she will be the first to cry "foul" should she become aware of his gazes (or worse).

But I must address another area that concerns me no little. There is an increasing trend toward sheer sloppiness in what we wear to worship. It used to be that we had our "Sunday-go-to-meeting" clothes and the first day of the week was one of those rare occasions when you could tell that a person was going to church by the way he dressed. Neatness tells us that we respect ourselves and others, but sloppiness says we just do not care. While there may be some who can- not afford a nice dress shirt and tie, or a nice dress, this is the exception rather than the rule in our affluent society. I have attended high school graduation exercises, and Baccalaureate services where young people were dressed in decent, neat, and respectful clothing, only to see them appear the following Sunday morning in rags, blue jeans, and baggy, and sloppy dress as they come to worship God. We are witnessing young ladies wearing shorts, loose blouses, and skin tight jeans as they gather to worship their God; and that with the parents consent (or at least without any voice of opposition from mom or dad). Mr. Pitts was right on target when he pointed out that it is "an abrogation of responsibility for adults to encourage them in that delusion." Unfortunately, parents are often derelict in this area as well. When we come before God in worship we are to have a contrite spirit (Isa. 66:2). That spirit is reflected in the way we dress and conduct ourselves in our worship, as well as our every day behavior. Brother Mack Lyons hit the nail right on the head: No! God does not have a dress-code for worship and work! Of course He does not. He assumes the humble, worshipping heart will dictate proper attire and behavior. A true spirit of awe, reverence, and worship dictates dignity and propriety in dress and demeanor. God does not command us to kneel or stand or bow our heads when we pray, but doing so manifests a humility of heart that honors and respects the sovereign God whom we praise and petition. So does proper dress. Before you dismiss this as so much "preacher talk," why not stop and think seriously and soberly about it.