

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Sick

Dottie Curls-recent fall; Kay Jessup- thyroid biopsy; Les Vasterling-for covid; William McRoy-health issues; 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;

Carol Mitchell- for tumor on her liver; Joyce Feazell'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-health issues; 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 in the hospital; Samantha Jones son, Joshua

### PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

John Benson's-grand nephew Nick Clinkscale; 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 and wife Rose

**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.

**NEW ADDRESS**— Kim Taylor recently moved to: 2419 Gulf to Bay Blvd., Lot #1119, Clearwater, FL 33765-4355. Kim's phone number is the same. 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.

**RESPONDED**—We rejoice with the angels in heaven as Isabelle Broyles came forward on Wednesday night asking for prayers of the church for strength and the need of encouragement in her Christian walk. We appreciate her courage and love for the Lord to be the right example for family, friends and others.

**SYMPATHY**— Our deepest sympathy is extended to Dottie Curls for the loss of her sister, Peggy Fickle last Thursday in Chattanooga, TN. Remember Dottie and family as they mourn their loss.

**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—Charles Broyles

Song Leaders—Jesse Lancaster/James George

Opening Prayer—Matt Pryor/Joe Bonelli

Lord's Table—Mark Bernhardt

Closing Prayer—John Benson/Bob Hadsock

## Birthdays This Week

Pat Barton —July 24th

Hannah Pryor—July 29th

William Foster—July 30th

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**Gospel Broadcasting Network**  
http://gbntv.org YouTube  
https://spiritualsword.org/

**SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY** TV Channel 44 (WTOG) at 7:30am Sunday YouTube watch & hear Phil Sanders

**THE INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL HOUR** Broadcasting the Gospel Since 1934 YouTube (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey

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

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

**FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME** fairhavenchildrenshome.com www.christiancourier.com

**SOARING FOR SOULS** soaringforsouls.com

**INDIA MISSIONS** cocindia.net

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 20**

**Sunday Worship—10:30AM**  
Charles Broyles

**The Greatness of Salvation**  
Hebrews 2:3

**Sunday Worship—5:00 PM**  
Charles Broyles

**King David's Relationship With The Lord**  
Psalms 63

**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 Live!



**From the Preacher's Pen**

**WOE TO THEM WHO CALL EVIL GOOD**

Ben F. Vick Jr.

Isaiah proclaimed, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; That put darkness for light, and light for darkness; That put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isa. 5:20.)

The overturning of Roe vs. Wade has caused the abortion-rights people to march in the streets all over this country. The media gives these marchers most of the attention. They carry signs that say, "Abortion Is Healthcare." These advocates cry that the Supreme Court on June 24 took away a woman's right to choose. They claim it is a constitutional right to choose abortion.

To call abortion healthcare is absurd. It is calling evil good. Murder is not healthcare. That is precisely what abortion is. It is intentionally taking the life within the womb. The Bible and science teach that at conception, a new life begins, regardless of how small. The life in the womb has its own DNA, different from the mother. What does the Bible teach? Of course, those wanting abortions do not concern themselves with what the Bible says.

Moses wrote, "If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life." (Ex. 21:22–23.) If her fruit departs, yet no mischief follows, the child is born prematurely and lives. But if any mischief follows means the child dies, then life for life. The life in the womb is just as valuable to God as the life outside the womb. The response is often, "Suppose the mother's life is at stake?" Then a choice has to be made, but those are rare occasions. What if the woman is raped and becomes pregnant? Two wrongs never make a right. There is still a child within the womb. Murder is just as wrong as rape.

Life begins at conception. The baby begins its life at conception. It is a life before 15 weeks. Every woman knows it. It is "unnatural affection" (Rom. 1:31) for a woman to take her child's life. Job, in his distress, cried, "Let the day perish wherein I was born, And the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived." (Job 3:3.) He was a child at conception. How did he know that? The Holy Spirit inspired him to write those words. Jeremiah wrote, "Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." (Jeremiah 1:4–5.) Jeremiah was Jeremiah while in his mother's womb. Who said so? God did!

The representative who recently said that abortion was compared to child sacrifice was right on target, the media to the contrary notwithstanding. The only reason most women have an abortion is that the child born would disrupt their lives. They sacrifice the life of the child for their own wants and desires. Suppose an ultrasound shows the baby is not normal? Abortion is still murder. Children born with various health issues are still a blessing. Suppose the ultrasound shows the baby will be stillborn? In that case, it would not be the

woman's fault if the baby were born dead. She would not be guilty of killing the baby and having the guilt for the rest of her life. Grief would be better than guilt.

Luke records, "And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:" (Luke 1:41.) Elizabeth, by inspiration, said to Mary, "... with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy." (Luke 1:42–44.) The word "babe" in verses 41 and 44 is translated from a Greek word (βρέφος) which is defined as "a child that is still unborn, fetus, child." It is also applied to a child born. Mothers brought their children (same word but in the plural) to Jesus (Luke 18:15).

Paul was a person before he was born. To the churches of Galatia, Paul wrote, "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace," (Gal. 1:15.) He was a "me," not an "it" before he was born. He was a person, not a mass or a glob.

Abortion is NOT a right found in the United States Constitution. Judge Robert Bork stated it well:

From the beginning of the Republic until that day, January 22, 1973, the moral question of what abortions should be lawful had been left entirely to state legislatures. The discovery this late in our history that the question was not one for democratic decision but of constitutional law was so implausible that it certainly deserved a fifty-one-page explanation. Unfortunately, in the entire opinion there is not one line of explanation, not one sentence that qualifies as legal argument. Nor has the Court in the sixteen years since ever provided the explanation lacking in 1973. It is unlikely that it ever will, because the right to abort, whatever one thinks of it, is not to be found in the Constitution. (The Tempting of America, 1990, p. 112.)

It is murder, plain and simple. Millions of babies have been murdered since 1973. That is calling evil good. No one should go into the voting booth and vote for someone who supports murder. Abortion is a moral issue, brethren. But we are told that we take a woman's choice away. No, in most cases, she made that decision before conception. Planned Parenthood? In some cases, it should be called Planned Murder.

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*“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and [that] there be no divisions among you; but [that] ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them [which are of the house] of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?” (1 Corinthians 1:10-13)*