

Announcements and Church News

Our Stick

Regina Hunter—feeling better; William McRoy—unable to be out; Shirley Lydic—Is doing some better; Jan Lavern—is now home; Ronnie Somerville, Jr—for chemo/radiation trmts; Delia Schlachter back issues; Teresa Broyles cancer treatment; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

The Broyles'—friend Dale DuVerney, Sr for stage 4 liver cancer; James Dale—recovering from heat stroke; 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—stepmom Emily for shoulder issue; 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

LADIES BIBLE CLASS— This Friday, August 4th at 1:00pm in the small building. All ladies are invited to attend.

MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS— This 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 Dawn McFarland came forward needing the prayers of the church for strength and encouragement.

FOYER TABLE— The Calendar and Schedule of Those To Serve for August can be found on the table in the foyer. The latest issue of the Christian Courier just arrived.

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—John Benson/Paula Davis

Announcements—Charles Broyles

Song Leaders—Joe Bonelli/James George

Scripture Readers—Randall Deily/David Jones

Opening Prayer—Mark Bernhardt/Van Stewart

Lord's Table—Max Herman

Closing Prayer—Rob Schlachter/Dennis Cuckler

Birthdays This Week

William Foster—July 30th

Anniversaries This Week

Max and Vicki Herman—March 3rd



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Childhaven Children's

Home in Cullman, AL

www.childhaven.com



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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

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Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM

Charles Broyles

Major Prophets:

Daniel 10

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Moses And The Burning Bush

Exodus 3:1-5

Men's Bible Study—Thursday

August 3rd at 7:00PM

Ladies Bible Study—Friday

August 4th at 1:00PM

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

Salvation

All services are available!



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From the Preacher's Pen

MUST CHRISTIANS TITHE?

Bob Prichard

The custom of giving a tithe, which means a tenth, to priests and kings is a very ancient custom. Genesis 14 gives the first Bible reference to a tithe. After a great military victory Abram [Abraham] gave a tenth of the plunder, or a tithe, to Melchizedek, the king of Salem. Years later, Abraham's grandson Jacob promised to give God a tithe:

“If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.” (Genesis 28:20-22).

These patriarchs gave a tenth, the same percentage that the Lord required when tithing began under the law of Moses.

Leviticus 27:30-34 gave specific instructions concerning the tithe as given to the priest. The tithe, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: it is holy unto the LORD.” The tithe included a tenth part of the seed of the land, the fruit of the tree, the herd, and the flock. As the herd or flock passed under the rod, every tenth animal was counted as holy to the Lord. The owner could not search among the animals to determine if the animals of the tithe were better or worse than the rest of the flock. He simply had to accept things as they came. A second tithe was also set aside to be enjoyed by the people in the place which he shall choose to place his name there [Jerusalem] (Deuteronomy 14:23).

Deuteronomy 14:28-29 mentions a special tithe every third year for the Levites, strangers, fatherless, and widows. Some count this as a third tithe, while others count this as a special use of the second tithe every third year. Despite the many difficulties they faced, the Jews, including the poorest, almost always paid their tithes, except for the period immediately following the return from Babylon.

Jesus spoke only one time about tithing. He condemned the Pharisees, saying, “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.” (Matthew 23:23). Their hearts were not right before God, so Christ condemned their attitude.

Jesus never taught directly on tithing. It was an accepted and important of the Mosaic law, under which Christ lived. The Levitical priesthood was still in place, and the old law was in effect. Christians today, however, do not live under the old law, but the new law of Christ as revealed in the New Testament.

Under the New Testament law, there is no command for the Christian to give exactly a tenth, as was required of the poorest of the Jews. Christians must give, however, and frequently can give much more than a tenth. Paul expounded the principle of giving that God expects of the Christian: “He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver .” (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

WHAT ABOUT CLAPPING IN WORSHIP?

Todd Clippard

There is no Bible authority for clapping in worship, either in time as part of the singing, or in the form of applause.

Clapping during singing is a form of percussive accompaniment. What is the difference between striking our hands together and striking a drum with our hands? Musically speaking – nothing. The only accompaniment for our singing is to come from the heart (Ephesians 5:19). Also, God is not worshiped with men's hands (Acts 17:25).

Clapping as applause brings glory and recognition to men, and is not directed toward God. All worship and praise is to be directed toward God. Do they clap when the preacher says something funny or something with which they agree? Will they clap when the song leader does a good job? Will they clap when someone says a good prayer? And what about those for whom no clapping is done? Will they think their worship is inferior or unacceptable because it didn't warrant applause?

Why not let God reward us for our deeds like the Bible says (Colossians 3:23-24)? Worship is a time to focus our attention and affection upon God, not men. Worship is a time to give reverence and glory to God, not men.

MEASURING WITH GOD'S YARDSTICK

J. A. McNutt (Deceased)

“And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.” (Rev. 11: 1).

The Holy Spirit instructed John, through the words of an angel, to take the divine measurement of these three vital things:

1. The Temple symbolizes the Lord's church (2 Cor. 6:16).
2. The Altar represents the worship service (John 4:24).
3. The Worshipers, or all Christians (Phi. 2:14-15).

What about the church of which you are a member? Is it identical to the New Testament church in name, origin, doctrine, and practice? Do you worship God in “spirit and truth”? Have you allowed the enthusiasm of your devotion to be overcome by meaningless formalities? Do you engage in unauthorized acts in religious worship? If so, Jesus said all such worship is vain (Mat. 15:9).

Friend, are you keeping your life “unspotted from the world” (Jam. 1:25-27)? We are all so weak that human comparisons are unwise. Perhaps you are a better person morally than some church members, but how does your life compare with that sinless Son of God, who left us an example that we should follow in His steps (1Pet. 2:21)? Let each one of us measure ourselves with God's yardstick, and “Let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing” (Phi. 3:16). “And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God” (Gal. 6:16). The unity for which Jesus prayed, and Paul uttered such an earnest plea, can never be realized until mankind is willing to walk by the same rule.