

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Tim Miller-In Morton Plant, he's doing better and hopes to go home soon; Marta Core-upcoming surgery on 8/21; William McRoy-health issues; Shirley Lydic-doing some better; Jan Lavern-recovering at home; Ronnie Somerville, Jr- cancer trmt; Delia Schlachter back issues; Teresa Broyles cancer treatment; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;
Bill Ingram- health issue; Linda Hadsock- son Steve/health issues; The Adam's-granddaughter Trinity; 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/ 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 had a fall; 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 18th at 1:00pm in the small building.

LADIES DAY PROGRAM— At 20th Street Church of Christ, Saturday, August 19th. It is onsite and virtual. Flyers are in the foyer.

NEXT MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS— Thursday, September 7th in the small building from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. See Van Stewart for any questions.

RESPONDED- Last Sunday Randall Deily came forward needing the prayers of the church for strength in his Christian walk. William McRoy also came forward needing our prayers for health issues and his living environment.

SYMPATHY— Our deepest sympathy is extended to Van and Dianne Stewart for the recent loss of Van's uncle. Keep the Stewart family 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— Max/Vicki Herman
Announcements— Joe Bonelli

Song Leaders— James George/Jesse Lancaster
Scripture Readers— Dennis Cuckler/David Jones
Opening Prayer— Rob Schlachter/Van Stewart
Lord's Table— Mark Bernhardt
Closing Prayer— John Benson/Randall Deily

Birthdays This Week

Irene Bernhardt— August 18th
John Benson— August 19th

Anniversaries This Week

John and Shirley Lydic— August 16th



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



YouTube (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey



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fsop.net



soaringforsouls.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

Deacons:

Max Herman
Van Stewart

Preacher: Charles Broyles

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Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM

Charles Broyles

Major Prophets:

Daniel 12

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

Holiness Is Not An Option

1 Peter 1:13-17

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Developing A Good Prayer Life

James 5:13-16

Men's Bible Study—Thursday

September 7th at 7:00PM

Ladies Bible Study—Friday

August 18th at 1:00PM

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

Salvation

All services are available!

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From the Preacher's Pen

A CHURCH WHERE VISITORS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO GIVE

Allen Webster

Money can be a sensitive topic.

Many have been turned away from Christianity because of religious leaders' attitudes toward money. Not a few had bad personal experiences in churches due to it. It is not uncommon to hear things like these:

- * I don't go to church because when I do, they want me to empty my pockets. They make me feel guilty if I don't donate.
- * For once I'd like to see a church where they didn't ask for money as soon as I walk in the door.
- * Why do churches keep asking for money all the time? Frankly, it turns me off and I think it does a lot of other people, too.
- * It's just one scandal after another.

Jesus was angry with such abuses in His day (cf. Mark 3:5). True Christians oppose this as strongly—if not more so—than those on the outside. Bad apples and false teachers block the path for people to find God's love, grace, and truth.

It is fair to say that most religious groups are not trying to bilk innocent people, but no one would deny that it is important to emphasize God's standards. God's way is always the best and only safe course in religion (2 John 1:9–11).

Let's explore how money issues are handled by those seeking to restore New Testament Christianity. This is what you can expect if you come for a visit.

In the church of Christ, guests are never expected to give. If you honor the church with a visit, you are not expected to put anything more than an attendance card in the plate. Why should nonmembers support the church? Would we invite someone to our house for dinner and then ask him to pay for it?

When one becomes a member, then giving is a personal worship decision. God set up His work to be fully supported by His people giving freely in their weekly meetings (1 Corinthians 16:1–2). Since there is no Bible authority (Colossians 3:17) for other funding models (such as cake sales or car washes), we do not solicit funds from nonmembers by sales or donations.

WAITING FOR THE OLD WAYS TO DIE

Robert Lupo

In many organizations, great value is placed in new ideas. A company that once was stagnant may find revitalization from the perspective of a young, visionary mind. However, recently we have seen with companies, that when "fresh, new ideas" lead a company from its original mission, it can be detrimental.

Sometimes we bring this mentality into the church. We say things like, "I hope our next elder is a little younger," or "Someday he's going to step down and we can start making some changes around here." Some may even wish the old guard would just die out and stop holding us back.

This kind of thinking demonstrates a fundamental lack of respect for the men and women who worked diligently to pass on the ways of Christ. New ideas can be a great advantage in our rapidly changing culture. But, without our older members and leaders to guide us, we may lose sight of our mission and irreparably damage the congregation they worked so hard to preserve.

Do we not realize that we owe our salvation to our older generation? Who taught us to believe? Who taught us how to worship God? Who taught us how to evangelize? It was our elder brethren, who laid the work that we might stand on their shoulders and reap the reward of their faithful teaching.

In 2 Timothy 1:5, Paul reminded his disciple where his faith came from. He wrote, "...when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also." Timothy's faith was not something he could boast of in himself. His faith was taught by the mother and grandmother that came before him and strived to teach him the ways of God. Because of their dedication to the Lord and their love for their child, Timothy inherited a true faith that saved him from sin and led him to be a powerful worker in the church.

Sometimes, changes need to be made. But change for the sake of change has never been encouraged in Scripture. The Bible warns us to reject rebellion from His statutes and cling to what our forefathers taught us. "Thus says the Lord: 'Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls'" (Jer. 6:16)

Instead of getting excited at the thought of what changes we might make once our elders are gone, why don't we thank God for those who taught us the old paths and have worked tirelessly to make sure that we walk in them. If we have a godly respect for our elders, only then will we have the wisdom necessary to carry on the work they entrusted us with.

FAITH

Give me the faith that asks not why,
 I shall know God's plan by and by,
 Give me the faith that looks at pain
 And says all will be right again;
 Give me the faith to bow my head,
 Trustfully waiting to be led;
 Give me the faith to face my life,
 With all its pain and wrong and strife,
 And then, with the day's setting sun
 I'll close my eyes when life is done:
 My soul will go without a care,
 Knowing that God is waiting there.

Author Unknown