

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Regina Hunter—knee surgery on Aug 17th; Alison Harris for cancer; Bob Haddock—for upcoming tests and Linda Haddock for recent cataract surgery; Tim Adams treatment for bacteria in lungs; Teresa Broyles for her cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Sandy Caldwell, and Nancy VanWinkle for health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Lori Williams son, Dylan; Penny Bevaqua's friend, Candy in the hospital; Dyianna Thompson's friend Betty Spencer in Hospice care; Bill Ingram's—wife Joy recent surgery; Yllka Bejo's—mother; Les Vasterling's—father/Hospice care; Kim Taylor's relative Melody/heart issues; The Bernhardt's relative Dustin/colon issues; Dianne Stewart's brother, Bobby Goodfield; Van Stewart's aunt Linda Parsons/health issues; The Stingles niece's baby; Paula Davis' niece for lupus; Carol Mitchell's mother, Mary; Darrell Broking—recently in the hospital; Dawn McFarland's—sister Debbie; Fran Barclay's—son, Eric Wogeman for lung infection.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Lori Williams brother Robert Knox; Debbie Methvin's friend Debbie Decker and neighbor Grace Hillman; Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Penny Bevaqua's sister Pam; Ronnie Sommerville's dad, Ron; Kim Taylor's mother, Jayne; The Harris' daughter Kim; Mattie Simmons friend William; Sandy Caldwell's brother-in-law Larry.

INMATES:

Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN:

Sam Wagner and cousin Mark Wagner (Navy)
Austin Reyes (Marine Corp)

Remember Our Shut-ins

At Home: Winston Sandlin

Activities

Ladies Bible Class—is postponed until further notice. See Vicki Herman for any questions.

Virtual Ladies Day Seminar— Hosted by the 20th Street Church of Christ on Saturday, August 21st at 10:00am on Facebook Live. For more information please pick up a flyer in the foyer.

Youth Seminar— At South Florida Avenue Church of Christ in Lakeland on Saturday, September 18th. Flyers are in the foyer.

Sympathy— Our deepest sympathy to Pat Ledford for the recent loss of her brother, Tom Chaffin. Also our deepest sympathy to Dyianna Thompson for the loss of her cousin Allen Hamilton last week. Remember both of these families in your prayers for the loss of loved ones.

Foyer Table—The Financial Report for July and the latest Christian Courier can be found on the foyer table.

Reminder—Weekly sermons are available on CD, our website and livestream on Facebook Sundays at 10:30 and 5:00pm and Wednesday at 7:00pm. If you need the Bulletin, Christian Service List, Calendar or the Directory call the office —727-446-4808.

Those Serving Today

Announcements—Joe Bonelli
Song Leaders—Matt Pryor/James George
Opening Prayer—Van Stewart/Joe Bonelli
Lord's Table—Mark Bernhardt
Closing Prayer—Bob Haddock/John Benson

Birthdays This Week

Irene Bernhardt—August 18th
John Benson—August 19th
Teresa Broyles—August 21st
Linda Haddock—August 21st

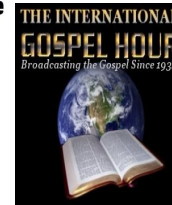
Anniversaries This Week

Bill and Shirley Lydic— August 16th



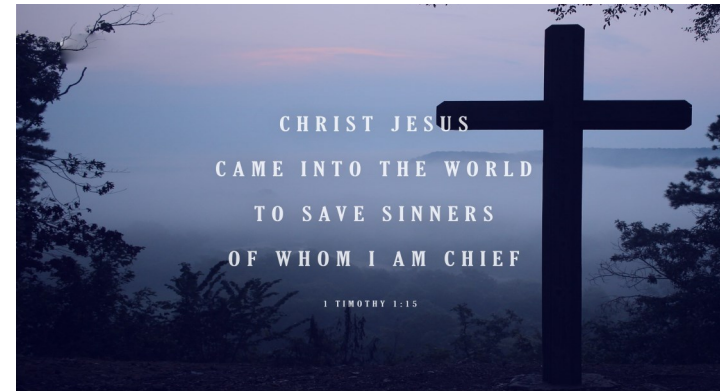
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Now on YouTube
(24/7) to hear Jeff Archey as speaker.

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



Elders:

Joe Bonelli
Charles Broyles
James George

Deacons:

Max Herman
Chad Broyles

Preacher: Charles Broyles

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Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM

Major Prophet—Jeremiah
Charles Broyles

Sunday Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles
His Grace Reaches Me
1 Timothy 1:12-15

Sunday Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles
The Ascension of Jesus
Mark 16:15-20

Ladies Bible Study
Postponed

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles
Types and Anti-Types

All of our services are available on Facebook Live and YouTube Live!





From the Preacher's Pen

UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM

Dan Jenkins

Our world is so blinded by the teaching of many about the kingdom of God. It has always been this way. When Jesus was on this earth, many expected Him to establish a kingdom like those kingdoms they had known in the past and like those physical kingdoms in the first century world.

Herod the Great did not understand the kingdom. His slaughter of the infants was because he was fearful that someone outside his household would be the next earthly king of the Jews. Another Roman official, Pilate, was equally ignorant and perplexed about Jesus and asked about His kingdom. Jesus simply told this Roman governor that His kingdom was not an earthly kingdom where its citizens were armed to force men to surrender to the king (John 18:36).

Just after Jesus had fed a multitude of 5,000 men (not counting women and children), they did not understand His kingdom. They tried to take Jesus and force Him to become their earthly king (John 6:10, 15).

Even the apostles, on the day of His ascension, showed their ignorance of the kingdom. Their earthly view of the establishment of a physical kingdom was shown in the question they asked Him that day. "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6).

Now, the first century world did understand that the message was being proclaimed as a kingdom which would soon be established. Deep Bible students could have figured out Daniel foretold the kingdom was to be established in the fourth world kingdom in Nebuchadnezzar's dream. They would have known that this fourth kingdom was Rome. However, even the most simple-minded person would have understood the preaching which began in the days of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist called on the Jews to repent because "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2). They could understand this and also the word of Jesus who said, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17). He preached this in "every city and village" (Luke 8:1). The twelve apostles and the seventy disciples were sent by Jesus to tell others the kingdom was about to be established (Matt. 10:7; Luke 10:9).

How could anyone misunderstand the clarity of the message that the kingdom was about to be established? In fact, Jesus said it would definitely come in the lifetime of many who heard Him preach (Mark 9:1). The Jews knew the kingdom was about to come, they just did not understand the nature of the kingdom. Tragically, many today do not understand its nature, and some even deny that it has come.

In life, the main thing is to make the main thing, the main thing.

UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM'S NATURE

Dan Jenkins

There were eighty-four divinely sent messengers who proclaimed that the kingdom of heaven was about to be established. Beginning with John the Baptist (Matt. 3:2), then with Jesus (Matt. 4:17), then the twelve apostles (Matt. 10:7), and finally the 70 disciples Jesus sent out, the message was, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." No one can deny that those in the first century expected the kingdom to come during their lives (Mark 9:1). To understand this message and the place of the kingdom in God's eternal plan, look at the parables of Jesus.

The kingdom is like a man who goes out sowing seed in his field. Matthew 13 and Luke 8 record this message from the Son of God. That seed was the word of God, and when sown in the hearts of men, it produced the children of the kingdom. The book of Acts shows exactly how this happened. The Lord never described the kingdom as Jesus sitting on a throne in Jerusalem. The preaching about Jesus produced the kingdom!

The kingdom is like a man sowing good seed in his field and his enemy (the devil) sowing weeds in the same field. Jesus wanted those who saw the kingdom in their lifetime to understand that Satan would come and seek to hide the kingdom from mankind by confusing them. He would make it hard to see the difference between the pure seed (the gospel) and counterfeit seeds he would sow. Jesus wanted us to understand the importance of knowing the word and following it so we could be the children of the kingdom.

The kingdom of heaven is also a mustard seed, leaven, a hidden treasure, a man seeking one good pearl and a fishnet. All these are described in Matthew 13. Jesus told five other parables to help men understand the kingdom. When it began, it was a like a tiny seed that grew into a large tree. There were only 12 men in the upper room, but soon the whole world knew of the kingdom. It spread like leaven into the lost world. Its worth was so great that every honest man should invest everything when he finds the treasure of the kingdom. Those in the kingdom search the world to find a soul to teach (a pearl of great price) and then give their all to gain that soul. Jesus also wanted men to know that in the kingdom there would be great and godly individuals, but there would be some evil men (bad fish) which would be dealt with on the last day.

Do you want to understand the kingdom? Then read Matthew 13 two or three times, and you will see its nature. Having read this chapter, then read the book of Acts. When you get to the end, you will see how Jesus proclaimed the kingdom. It is tragic so many do not teach this today!

You know you're getting old when, as you lean over to tie your shoes, you try to figure out what else you can do while you are down there.