

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Sick

Lori Williams in the hospital with pneumonia and covid; Regina Hunter— recovering from knee surgery; Alison Harris for cancer; Bob Hadsock— for upcoming tests; Tim Adams treatment for bacteria in lungs and Debbie for migraines; Teresa Broyles for her cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Sandy Caldwell, and Nancy VanWinkle for health issues.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

The George's neighbor Jeff for covid; Lori Williams father James Knox (ICU) and mother for covid; Penny Bevaqua's friend, Candy in the hospital; Dyianna Thompson's aunt 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 mother, Jayne in the hospital for fluid on lungs and baby William for health 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;

## PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Lori Williams brother Robert Knox; Debbie Methvin's cp-workers father Vasilos; 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.

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

Baptized—Hannah Taylor put on the Lord in baptism last Sunday afternoon. Hannah has been attending services here for some time and is the girlfriend of Matt Pryor. Please welcome our new sister in Christ to our family at Central.

Foyer Table—The Calendar and Schedule of Those to Serve for September can be found on the foyer table.

Sympathy— Our deepest sympathy is extended to Chad and Tiffany Broyles. Tiffany's father, Bill Bolinger wife, Donna passed away suddenly last week. Please keep Bill Bolinger and the family in your prayers. Tiffany has gone to be with family in Alabama.

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—Charles Broyles

Song Leaders—James George/Joe Bonelli

Opening Prayer—Joe Bonelli/Matt Pryor

Lord's Table—Max Herman

Closing Prayer—William McRoy/Mark Bernhardt

## Birthdays This Week

Linda Kozola—September 5th

## Anniversaries This Week

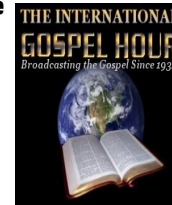
Dick and Alison Harris—August 29th

Lee and Linda Kozola—August 30th



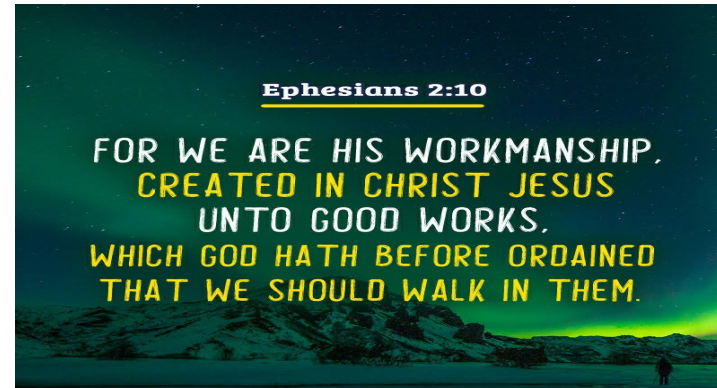
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Now on YouTube  
(24/7) to hear Jeff Archey as speaker.

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*

**Accentuating The Grace of God**

*Ephesians 2:8-10*

**Sunday Worship—5:00 PM**

*Charles Broyles*

**Laboring Much In The Lord**

*Romans 16:22*

**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

## SHOW TIME OR WORSHIP?

Ivie Powell

Church buildings were once looked upon as places of worship. Now these same structures are viewed as places that “meet the needs” of the whole person. Many religious groups are marketing their church through means of recreation and entertainment. Everything to accommodate the family including “Family Life Centers” (gyms) to playgrounds is on the “drawing card” for the 21st century church. The mega-churches have really gone all out to capitalize on the craving for modern man: Theaters, bowling alleys, cafes, and large auditoriums to accommodate the “gospel” rock groups to entertain the young people which draws thousands to satisfy the flesh.

The instrument (piano, organ) which made its entrance into the assembly without Scriptural authorization (Col. 3:17) has now expanded to orchestras. Not only are people entertained by choruses, and solos, now drama and dance have been accepted in many places as acceptable expressions of “worship.”

Friends, there simply is no Scriptural authorization for recreation and entertainment as a work of the church! The only drawing power that has heaven’s approval is the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15-16; Rom. 1:16). Some have attempted to justify the use of dramatic reading, drama and dance as simply a method of presenting the Gospel. This cannot be the case for the following reasons:

1. In order for any method to be used it must first and foremost be Scriptural. Dramatic reading, drama and dance fail the test since there is no authorization for them in the Scriptures (Col. 3:17)! It isn’t unusual after a “performance” that many will burst forth in a resounding applause. Actually, these things cheapen worship; making it a spectator event, and takes away the praise and honor due only to the Almighty!

2. All worship must be directed to God “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24) and not for the purpose of elevating or exalting man! The simplicity of God-approved worship consists of Singing praises unto God (Eph. 5:19, without the use of instruments of music), Prayers (Acts 2:42), Preaching (Acts 2:42), partaking of the Lord’s Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-29; Acts 20:7), and Giving of one’s means as God has prospered them (1 Cor. 16:1-2). Remember, friends, additions to God-ordained worship results in “vain worship” that God rejects (Matt. 15:8-9; Gal. 2:21-23)!

John informs us of the great AWE (reverence) demonstrated in heaven toward Almighty God when he wrote: “...And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshiped him that liveth forever and ever. ... And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders, and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God” (Rev.5:14; 7:11). My friends, the atmosphere of the assembly must reflect Him whose presence we are to honor and praise!

As we enter the assembly let us remember we are in the presence of God. We are not there for a show or to be entertained, but to worship the great I AM (Exodus 3:14). His holiness, His greatness, His goodness, and His severity, demands we worship Him and Him alone “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24)! PO Box 92 West Plains, MO 65775

## “THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST SALUTE YOU” (ROM. 16:16)

Ivie Powell

In this age of marketing the church, many denominations, and unfortunately some churches of Christ have decided to change their name. Their reasons vary: a new emphasis, a Different location, a new “face lift,” a merger, a Division, Doctrinal barriers, etc. It is interesting to note many have dropped “church” from their new identity; e.g. The Branch, The Crossing, Grace Pointe, The Grove, The Mount, The Journey, etc. Others have the idea that any name is acceptable such as: The Cowboy Church, Endurance Church, The Bikers Church and even the Church of Schizophrenia. It is very apparent that many are of the persuasion that there is nothing in a name. Yet, their inconsistency is readily seen when it comes to marriage, naming of children, name of a business, one’s beneficiary, and identifying of criminal’s names.

We are exhorted to “speak as the oracles of God” (1 Peter 4:11), and in so doing we will call “Bible things by Bible names!” Denominations and denominational names are without biblical authority (Col. 3:17) because they are not speaking as the oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11)! The inspired words of Paul in 1 Cor. 1:10-13 is a riveting denunciation of party names which create division!

As one searches the Scriptures he will discover that “the church” has no given name. In other words, there is no one exclusive name for the church, but is spoken of in many scriptural designations: “the church” (Acts 8:1), “the house of God” (1 Tim. 3:15), “the temple of God” (1 Cor. 3:16), “the church of God” (1 Cor. 1:2), “the church of the living God” (1 Tim. 3:15), “the general assembly” (Heb. 12:23), “the church of the firstborn” (Heb. 12:23), and “the churches of Christ” (Rom. 16:16). All of these designations have reference to the one church of the New Testament which clearly identifies the church belonging to deity!

Paul’s letter to the Romans was written in 57 or 58 A.D. Toward the close of the epistle he wrote, “The churches of Christ salute you” (Rom. 16:16). Friends, there was not one denomination on the face of the earth when Paul wrote those inspired words! There was only the one church that Christ established on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:37-47)!

The word “churches” in Romans 16:16 has reference to local congregations of the Lord’s one church. Another example is “the seven churches which are in Asia” (Rev. 1:4). Meaning, the one church that belongs to Christ is found in these locations. Therefore, each congregation would be a “church of Christ!” Again, Christ is the head of the church which is His body (Eph. 1:22-23), and He purchased the church with His own blood (Acts 20:28). One cannot separate Christ from His church!

Without question, “Christ’s church” or “the church of Christ” is a Scriptural designation of “the church” that belongs to Christ! Let us therefore wear the designation “the church of Christ” with dignity and honor to our risen Savior, Jesus Christ! “The churches of Christ salute you” (Rom. 16:16). P.O. Box 92 West Plains, MO 65775