Announcements and Church News Lori Williams in the hospital but doing better;

Summer Hall and son Kaden for covid; Regina Hunter- recovering from knee surgery; Alison Harris for cancer; Bob Hadsock- for upcoming tests; Tim Adams treatment for bacteria in lungs; Teresa Broyles for her cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Sandy Caldwell, Fran Barclay, 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 co-workers father Vasilos: Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Ronnie Sommerville's dad, Ron; Kim Taylor's mother, Jayne; The Harris' daughter Kim; Mattie Simmons friend William; Sandy Caldwell's brotherin-law Larry.

INMATES:

Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN: Sam Wagner and cousin Mark Wagner (Navv) Austin Reves (Marine Corp) Remember Our Shut-ins At Home: Winston Sandlin

AGUNUTURES

Youth Seminar-South Florida Ave Church of Christ, Sat., Sept.18th. Flyers are in the foyer.

Sympathy— Our deepest sympathy is extended to Penny Bevaqua and family. Penny's sister Pam Sellars passed away last Wednesday. Remember Penny and family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

Baptized—Susan Villoch put on the Lord in baptism last Sunday. Susan is the girlfriend of Ranny Reeves. We welcome our new sister in Christ to our family at Central. Please add her information to your directory: 6320 N Velveteen Pt, Dunnellon, FL 34433-6406- Phone# 727-776-3643

Directory Information— Please add Hannah Taylor's information to your directory: 2000 7th Ave. W. Palmetto, FL 34221-3118-Phone# 941-538-8615.

New Address- Pat Ledford has a new address: 8203 132nd St. N. Seminole, FL 33776-3114. Please make this change in your directory.

Responded— Last Sunday evening Demetria Akins came forward needing encouragement and prayers of the church for struggles she's having. Van Stewart came forward needing prayers and encouragement of the church as he strives to do more for the Lord.

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—John Benson/Bob Hadsock

Birthdays This Week

Linda Kozola—September 5th Shea Owens—September 7th Edna Cudal—September 11th Anniversaries This Week

Bill and Jov Ingram—September 11th

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> Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM Major Prophet—Jeremiah Charles Broyles

Sunday Worship—10:30AM Charles Broyles **Stumbling Block of Apathy** Revelation 3:14-16

Sunday Worship—5:00 PM Charles Broyles Labour of Love Acts 14:20-21

> 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

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From the Preacher's Pen

WHERE IN THE BIBLE WILL I FIND: THAT ONE CHURCH IS As Good As Another?

By Gary Colley

Newspapers and billboards often advertise "Attend the church of your choice." These suggest and many tell us, that one church is as good as another. To those who are moving into new communities and searching for churches to attend, it may be an impressive building that attracts their attention or a friend might invite them, but most seem to believe that one church is as good as another. If one church is as good as another, then to attend the church of one's choice would be correct, BUT WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES (Romans 4:3)? The Lord said he would build His church (Matthew 16:18).

Could a man-built church be as good as the church Christ built? Christ is the foundation of His church (I Corinthians 3:11). Could any other foundation be as good as this foundation? Christ established His teaching in His church (Matthew 28:18-20). Could the division and confusion of denominationalism made by the creeds of men be as good as the "unity of the Spirit" (Ephesians 4:1-6, Matthew 15:13)? Christ shed His blood to save man and purchase His church (Hebrews 2:9, Acts 20:28). Can any man claim that his blood could purchase his church and cleanse as Christ's blood does? Christ proclaims that He is the Head of His church (Ephesians 1:22-23, Colossians 1:18).

Now, men claim to be the head of their churches and one even claims to be the pope of his, but who would claim that a human head is as good as the Divine Head Jesus Christ of His church? The Lord commanded His apostles to teach people who obeyed the Gospel by faith, repentance, confession, and baptism, "to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:20). This included the commands for His worship. The five items He commanded in worship were singing, preaching, giving, partaking of the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day, and praying (Acts 2:42, Acts 20:7). There are many different kinds of worship in the many man-made churches. Would any be foolish enough to contend that what man has commanded in worship equals what Christ commanded in worship (John 4:24, Matthew 15:9)? No, one church is not as good as another! Let us choose the church of Christ's choice!

HAVE WE BECOME TOO BUSY?

It was Ben Franklin who said, "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of." What is time? Einstein said it is what the clock read. There is solar time, Atomic time, daytime, nighttime, local time, good times, and old times. The Bible says that Felix waited for a "convenient time." Paul said that "now is the accepted time" (2 Cor. 6:2) and that the "time is short" (1 Cor. 7:29). James said "life is but a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14). Every birthday is a milestone of the relentless march of time and a reminder that we are quickly passing through the sands of this world. "As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them." (Psa. 103:15-18). We have learned that we can never go back, only forward in time.

Time comes from God, though God himself lives outside the boundaries of time. "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (2 Pet. 3:8). Time began when God created the universe—"And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day" (Gen. 1:5). God created the stars in their courses that determine our hours, days, months, and years (Gen. 1:16). As the one who has control over time, God gives it out to us a moment at a time. Someday, we shall stand before God and turn in, as it were, a time card accounting for how we have used His gift (cf. 1 Cor. 4:2; Lk. 16:2). Are we good stewards of the "time" we have been given by God? We should all say with Moses, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psa. 90:12).

We are to look to Jesus for our example (1 Peter 2:21). Jesus was never too busy, and He did not waste time. He always took time to pray and mediate (Lk. 9:18), to go to worship services (Lk. 4:16) to give attention to the sick (Gal.6:9), to rest (Lk. 8:22-25), to give attention to the children (Mt. 19:13, 14), and even found time to attend a social event, the wedding feast in Cana (Jn. 2:1-10). Jesus was certainly the example we should imitate. Jesus was master over His time, and we should ever strive to be the same. "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph 5:14-16).

We should learn to prioritize the things in each of our lives, so that, our ultimate goal is fulfilled—to bring glory and honor to God through our service and daily offering (Rom. 12:1-2). ~Wayne Rodgers

I'M GONNA...

"I'm gonna convert somebody someday!"

Three things are wrong with this statement.

"Gonna is not in the dictionary.

"Somebody" is not in the phone book.

"Someday" is not on the calendar.