

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Fran Barclay unable to be out with foot problems; Pam Reeves undergoing tests; Gordon Methvin Palm Gardens Rehab Rm 311; Jane Cuckler for chemo; Sandy Caldwell recovering from back surgery; Judy Cole— continues in rehab. **Prayer requests for family/friends;** Carol Vincent's mother, Mary Edwards for health issues; Wm McRoy's mother in rehab; Deb Adams sister, Janet; The Methvin's cousin Larry and uncle Joe health issues; Jean Allison's daughter, Robin; **Prayers for cancer—**Irene Bernhardt's son Wayne; Rachel Payne's neighbor Neil; The York's friend David Kern; Joyce Feazell's friend Jack Adkins; Priscilla Miller's sis-in-law Mary; Max Herman's brother Frank; The Harris's daughter Kim; Mattie Simmons friend William Thompson; Sandy Caldwell's—bro-in-law Larry. Also inmates Antwuan Thompson and Willie Newton.

Remember the Shut-ins

Manor Care: Hazel Franck,
At Home: Jean Allison, Winston Sandlin

Those to Serve Today

Greeters

Debbie Adams/Carol Mitchell

Announcement

Charles Broyles

Song Leaders

Joe Bonelli/Brian York
Wed.—Brian York

Readers

William McRoy/Ben Follis

Lead Prayer

Jim Follis/Matthew Kropp

Serve at Lord's Table

Max Herman/Mark Bernhardt
Tim Adams/Joe Bonelli

Activities

Next Ladies Bible Class— Tuesday, September 17th at 10AM in the small building. All ladies are welcome. See Vicki Herman with any questions.

Door Knocking Day!—On October 5th, everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in.

Upcoming Ladies Days—South Florida Ave Church of Christ in Lakeland, Saturday, October 5th. Flyers are in the foyer. Palm Harbor Church of Christ on Saturday, October 19th. The theme is Sowing Seeds of Kindness with speaker Barbara Barnes.

Fall Harvest Party—Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 26th from 5pm to 8pm at the small building. More details to come, see Samantha York for any questions.

Came Forward— Last Sunday Pam Reeves came forward needing the prayers of the church for strength. She is going through a difficult time with her health and needs our support.

Financial Report— The August report has been prepared for you and is on the table in the foyer.

Christian Courier— The latest issue is on the table in the foyer. Please pick up a copy today.

Pray for our service men— Remember Sam Wagner and his cousin Mark Wagner who are both serving in the United States Navy.

Birthdays This Week

Edna Cudal— September 11th

Anniversaries This Week

Don and Helen Stingle—September 12th

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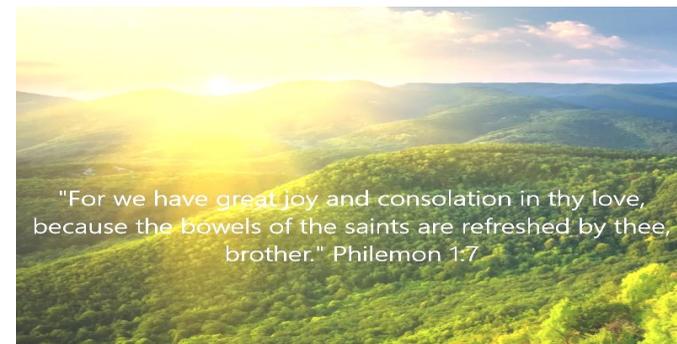
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TV Channel 44 (WTOG) at 7:30am Sunday watch & hear Phil Sanders - Speaker.



WTIS (1110 kHz) at 7:30 am Sunday hear Jody Apple as speaker.



Elders:

Joe Bonelli
Charles Broyles
James George
Gordon Methvin

Deacons:

Max Herman
Jim Follis
Chad Broyles
Matthew Kropp

Preacher: Charles Broyles

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Sunday Bible Study—9:30

Charles Broyles
Major Prophets
Jeremiah 2 & 3

Sunday AM Worship—10:30

Charles Broyles
Foolish To Look At A Fake Snake
Numbers 21:5-9

Pew Packers— 5:40pm

Sunday PM Worship— 6:00

Charles Broyles
Refresh
Philemon 1:4-7

Ladies Bible Study-Tuesday

10:00am—September 17th

Wed. Bible Study— 7:00pm

Charles Broyles
Doctrine of Reformed Theology



From the Preacher's Pen

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN CHRISTIANS SIN?

When we are baptized for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38), in order to be saved (Mark 16:16), God takes away every sin we have ever committed (Acts 22:16). He wipes our slate clean (1 Corinthians 6:11). He gives us a new beginning and we are born again (John 3:3,5) and we are raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-4).

But after we have been baptized and God has taken away all of our sins, what do we do when we commit other sins? How do we get forgiveness of these sins? For the answer to this let us look at the Epistle of First John. First John was written to Christians who had been baptized for the forgiveness of their sins, just as you and I have been.

1 John 1:7 says, "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." Here this verse says we must be doing two things so that the blood of Jesus Christ will continue to cleanse us of all our sins. 1) We must "walk in the light", that is we must be following God's word in the Bible. 2) Also must "have fellowship one with another", that is we must be regularly worshipping God in His church and working with other Christians. The original Greek word that is translated "cleanses" in this verse means that there is a continual cleansing going on. Herein lies the problem with those who have become unfaithful in their worship. Because they are not having fellowship one with another, they are not longer receiving forgiveness of their sins.

But notice the next verse 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We must repent and ask God to forgive us, and He will. When we stand before the Lord on Judgment Day we will have no sins and we will go to Heaven. This can be very comforting to know that we are being continually cleansed.

WHY HAVE BIBLE STUDY CLASSES?

We want to commend Bible class teachers for the great job you are doing and especially those teaching children. Teaching others is a very important responsibility in grounding our children, young people, and adults in the faith to help them to go to heaven. The eternal destinies of many souls are involved. We are only one generation away from apostasy. If we don't teach our children the truth of God's word while they are under our guidance, they will apostatize and be lost. This is very serious.

God wants His word to be taught diligently. We read in Deuteronomy 6:6-7, "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." Teaching God's word is one of the most important things we can do. In 2 Timothy 3:15 Paul told Timothy, "From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation." Timothy was taught as a child but what happens when God's word is not studied and taught? God says in Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge." If we fail to study and teach God's word both our children and we will be destroyed for a lack of knowledge.

Why do people fall away? Hebrews 3:12 says, "Beware brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." How do we build our faith so we will

not have "an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God"? Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." And as James 1:21 says, "Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." Only by knowing God's word can our children and our souls be saved so we can go to heaven. Besides our study at home, let's take full advantage of our Bible study classes on Sundays that meets at 9:30am and Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

WHY IS SIN DECEITFUL?

Sin is very deceitful, alluring, and ensnaring. Hebrews 3:13 says that we are to "Exhort one another daily...lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." With many people sin is first abhorred, then as people become more comfortable with it, sin is tolerated, and then it is embraced. But why is sin so openly embraced by so many? It is because they have not been properly taught the word of God. People, who become so involved in sin, do not want to listen or receive God's word. People, because of sin become "past feeling" (Ephesians 5:19), because they have "their conscience seared with a hot iron" (1 Timothy 4:2). As the morality level of this nation declines, the church is also affected and has become more comfortable with sin. As Paul says in 2 Timothy 3:13, "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse." Satan wants us to become complacent with sin so he can help us to be lost with him in the burning fires of a real Hell.

There seems to be no shame today by those who participate in sin. Jeremiah 6:15 says, "Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed, nor did they know how to blush." The modern world is rapidly casting aside all moral restraints. They want to "call evil good and good evil" (Isaiah 5:20). As our Lord says in Matthew 13:15, "For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed." Sin first has its beginning with lust. "Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin when it is finished brings forth death" (James 1:15). This is spiritual death, which is eternal separation from God.

There are no little sins or big sins. In God's eyes all sin is sin. There is no difference. Homosexuality and adultery (1 Corinthians 6:9-11), murder and lying (Revelation 21:8), or prejudice (James 2:9) are all sins that will cause us to be lost. But these and any other sins which are not forgiven will cause us to be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone along with Satan and "tormented day and night forever and ever" (Revelation 20:10, 15). Also we dare not try to justify anyone in their sin because, "He that justifies the wicked and he that condemns the just, even they both are an abomination to the Lord" (Proverbs 17:15).

But how do we protect ourselves from sin? We are to "Lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us" (Hebrews 12:1). We must "Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good" (Romans 12:9). We are not to be "conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2). How do we renew our mind to protect ourselves from sin? "Your word have I hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you" (Psalms 119:11). And then we must "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22), because "To him that knows to do good and does not do it to him it is sin" (James 4:17). The terror of the Lord awaits those who because of sin are unprepared to meet Him in the Judgment. Judgment is an appointment that we all will keep and will not be late. Are you ready? Let's not be deceived by sin.