

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Ruth Ann Baker— out sick; Les Vasterling— recent hip replacement surgery; John Benson—upcoming surgery on 9/27; Willie Mae Hooks—health issues; Tim Miller—doing better; Shirley Lydic—doing better; Jan Lavern and Wendy Williams out sick; Ronnie Sommerville, 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;

Miolly Burgess's—daughter, Carrie—needs kidney transplant; The Herman's son, Jared—broken hip; John Core's—father/health issues; Wayne Bishop's—sister, June—stroke; Dottie Curls—son Douglas/health issues; The Hadsock—son Steve/health issues; The Adam's—granddaughter Trinity; Jackie Clark's mother Dorothy and grandmother Gayle/health issues; Patrick Pinto's—dad James/ heart issues also sister Angelina and nephew Joshua need prayers; Lexi Cahill's—grandfather/lung cancer & mom Kelly/health issues; Carol Untied's—stepmom Emily/shoulder issue and son Matthew health issue; Paula Davis— friend Tracey; Carol Mitchell— tumor on liver; The Stewart's—bro-in-law Russell Holt; The Kozola's son Tim; David Sain's—wife Phyllis; Van Stewart's—aunt, Linda Parsons; 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; Dy-
ianna 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 brother Joe Hooks and 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

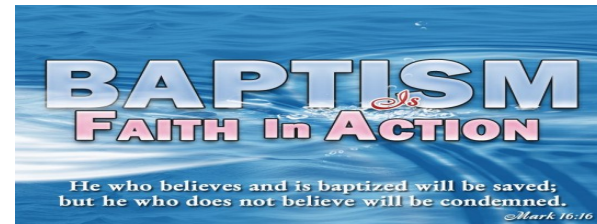
NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS— Friday, October 6th at 1:00pm in the small building.

NEXT MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS— Thursday, October 19th in the small building from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

UPCOMING LADIES DAYS— Orange Street church of Christ on Saturday, September 23rd and South Florida Avenue church of Christ on Saturday, October 7th. Flyers can be found in the foyer.

GOSPEL MEETING—Mark your calendars for our Fall Gospel Meeting with Wade Webster from Sunday October 1st through Thursday October 5th. We will have a fellowship dinner on Sunday after the morning service. Invite your family, friends and neighbors. Flyers are in the foyer.

BAPTIZED—We welcome our new sister in Christ, Lydia MacClain. Lydia has been studying with Charles and Dawn and was baptized on Sunday, September 10th. Please add her information to your directory: 1103 Normandy Rd, Clearwater, FL 33764-4825; Phone: 405-982-9052.



THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters— Joe/Mary Bonelli
Announcements—James George
Song Leaders—Jesse Lancaster/Joe Bonelli
Scripture Readers—Rob Schlachter/Max Herman
Opening Prayer—David Jones/James George
Lord's Table—Van Stewart
Closing Prayer—Randall Deily/Patrick Pinto

Birthdays This Week

Karen Stallings—September 17th
Tim Miller—September 22nd

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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
The Book of Revelation
 Chapter 1-2

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM
Charles Broyles
It's Great To Be A Christian
 Philippians 4:3-7

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM
Charles Broyles
Some Things Will Never Change
 Hebrews 13:8

Men's Bible Study—Thursday
October 19th at 7:00PM

Ladies Bible Study—Friday
October 20th at 1:00PM

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM
Charles Broyles
The Problem of Sin

All services are available!

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From the Preacher's Pen

GOOD VERSUS THE BEST

Charles Wright

Paul said, "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient" (1 Cor. 6:12). Something may be good but it may not be the best. This is especially true with our time and energy. There are many things good or they are not wrong within themselves, but there could be some others that are better. How a person spends time is important. All of us remember the passage, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness" (Mat. 6:33). What should be our priorities? It depends. What are our goals? Define your goals and your priorities will be easier to determine. As a congregation if we have the goal of saving souls then we would have the following priorities:

- (1) Inviting those who are not Christians to come to our services.
- (2) Getting acquainted with non-Christians so that we may influence them.
- (3) Finding ways to do good things for those who are not Christians so that we may influence them.
- (4) Praying every day for a list of people whom we are trying to influence.
- (5) Attending training sessions, reading books or striving to learn from others more effective ways to influence others for Christ. "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (Jam. 5:20).

WAS HE A CHRISTIAN?

Once upon a time there was a man who called himself a Christian, but he was indeed an unusual "Christian."

On Monday, while at work, something went wrong. He forgot about God and cursed and swore.

On Tuesday, while making a business transaction, he misrepresented an article and took an unfair advantage of the other fellow.

On Wednesday he heard something evil about a brother and repeated it, making it sound even worse than he had heard.

On Thursday he went to a friend's house for a little gambling. Naturally, there were a few social drinks and he lost a couple of dollars. "A very cheap night's entertainment," he said.

On Friday he became angry at everyone with whom he worked. They all wanted something different than what he wanted. They were all wrong and he told them so in no uncertain terms.

On Saturday his grocer made a mistake and did not charge him for a pound of butter. He did not correct the mistake. After all, it was the grocer's fault.

On Sunday he went to worship. He didn't join in the singing. His mind wandered during the prayers. He slept through the sermon, and was very relieved when the service was over. It was surprising to all that he could find so many things wrong with the service and those who conducted it, when he had seemed to pay such little attention to what was going on. That evening he stayed home and watched TV, or went to the movies.

How do you think he rated with God as a Christian?

Children In Worship

Lester Kamp

One of our main goals in life is to help our children and other young people to become Christians who are faithful to God's Word and active in His kingdom, the church. We want to "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). We want them to know the joy of knowing, serving, and worshipping the Lord. Our children should be taught why we worship, how we worship, and how to make our worship most effective. Parents, grandparents, and friends will be the most important influences on our young people in their worship. Here are a few ideas that will help us train our children to be good worshipers.

1. **Set a good example.** Children need to see you worship and the joy it brings to your life. You need to come to the worship assemblies regularly with an attitude of joy and anticipation—not with a sense of drudgery or obligation. You need to sing, bow in prayer, listen intently to the sermon, give joyfully, and partake of the Lord's Supper meditatively. Children will follow your example, so set the right kind.
2. **Prepare the child.** Before Sunday, talk to your child about how to act in the worship assembly. Tell the child why we pray, sing, give, partake of the Lord's Supper weekly, and listen to a sermon from God's Word. As you would in preparing him for school, make sure the child gets enough rest the night before to be awake and alert Sunday.
3. **Involve the child.** When singing, help him locate the page of the song. With your finger on his book, point to the words as we sing. Encourage your child to sing even though he may not always sing the right words. When the sermon is delivered, help the child locate the Scriptures cited and/or encourage him to write them down. This impresses upon the child the importance of paying attention. It also stresses that worship is active and not passive.
4. **Avoid disturbances.** Make sure that your child has gone to the restroom and for a drink of water before the worship service begins. Traffic in and out of the auditorium during worship is both unnecessary (with but few exceptions) and disruptive to the worship of many.
5. **Sit up toward the front.** Don't follow the natural tendency to sit in the back so that the child does not disturb others. Think positively. Sit close to the front so that your child can see and hear what is happening. You'll be amazed at how much better he will behave when you sit toward the front, and how much more meaningful worship will be to you, too.
6. **Follow through.** Reinforce your child's learning by discussing various aspects of the worship period afterwards.
7. **Be patient.** Children will not act like adults, but with patience and love, they can be taught to love God and worship Him from the heart according to God's Word.

This process will take time, but it will be time well spent. The time to begin is now, regardless of how young your child is.