

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Dottie Curls for an ankle injury; Tiffany Broyles for diverticulitis; Dyianne Thompson for recent tests; Demetria Akins and William McRoy for covid; Alison Harris for cancer; Bob Hadsock—for upcoming tests; Tim Adams treatment for bacteria in lungs; Teresa Broyles for cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Sandy Caldwell, Fran Barclay, and Nancy VanWinkle for health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

The VanWinkle's neighbor for dementia; The Broyles uncle Paul Bowen in the hospital; Freeman Cooper—stage 4 lung cancer; Dyanna Thompson's aunt Betty Spencer/Hospice care; Yllka Bejo's—mother; Les Vasterling's— father/Hospice care; Kim Taylor's mother, Jayne health issues and baby William for 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—health issues; 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 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

Annual Ladies Day— At the South Florida Avenue Church of Christ in Lakeland on Saturday, October 2nd. Flyers are in the foyer.

Sympathy— Our deepest sympathy is extended to Lori Williams and family for the recent loss of her dad James Knox. The funeral service was held last Friday in Atlanta, TX. Keep Lori and her family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

Ever Near

*Lord, lead me, guide me, walk beside me—
Help me find my way,
For at times I tend to wander
Like a sheep that's gone astray.
Walk with me down every mile
On this road that we call "life,"
And when I'm feeling overwhelmed,
Please carry me through my strife.
Guide me with Your gentle hand,
Make me sensitive to its touch,
For my way isn't always best
And my will's sometimes too much.
Lead me, walk before me,
Make my path open and wide;
Just show the way and there I'll stay
to serve You by and by.*

By: Gina Laurin

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

Those Serving Today

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

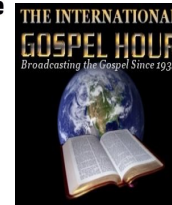
Birthdays This Week

Tim Miller—September 22nd



Gospel Broadcasting Network
<http://gbntv.org> YouTube

Bi-Monthly Publication



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

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

Matthew 7

¹³ Enter ye in at the strait gate, for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.

¹⁴ Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it.

Elders:

Joe Bonelli
Charles Broyles
James George

Deacons:

Max Herman
Chad Broyles

Preacher: Charles Broyles

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Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM

Mark Bernhardt
Those Without
Colossians 4:5-6

Sunday Worship—10:30AM

Mark Bernhardt
A Compelling Choice
Matthew 7:13-14

Sunday Worship—5:00 PM

Mark Bernhardt
Be Steadfast
1 Cor. 15:58

Ladies Bible Study—Postponed

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Mark Bernhardt
What Can I Do?
Romans 12:1-3

All of our services are available



on Facebook Live and



YouTube Live!



From the Preacher's Pen

IS IT NATURAL TO DO WRONG?

James W. Boyd

Men, will offer all kinds of excuses for their transgressions against the will of God. Among them the excuse that it is natural for one to sin. We deny that this is true and contend that such is an offshoot of the false doctrine that a child is born totally depraved and damned for sins, even those of his foreparents, and unable to do right until the Holy Spirit revives him.

When God made man He made him with the power of volition, that is, the ability to choose. Repeatedly in Scripture Israel was urged to make choices regarding whom they would serve. Christians must decide whom they will serve, sin or obedience (Romans 6:16-18).

True enough, with the sin of Adam, sin was introduced into the world. Temptation to sin abounds. It is no sin to be tempted but the sin occurs when one yields to temptation. It is also true that "all have sinned" (Romans 3:23). This is because all have yielded to temptation. But it is not because it is natural for man to sin.

It is no more natural for man to sin than it is natural for man to not sin. If it was natural for him to do one or the other, then there would be no responsibility and accountability on his part. When he sinned, or refused to sin, it would be because of the nature that God created within him. He could not help himself if he tried. Then how could he be held responsible for what he had no power to prevent or cause?

Closely akin to this excusing oneself for sins is the plea, "I'm only human." What a startling revelation! We think everyone realizes that fact. God realized it long before we did. But being human is no justification for sin. Being human may explain our sins, because we are tempted and fall victim to temptation by deciding to yield. But simply because we are human does not mean we must sin or that we are excused when we sin.

Don't ever say you did wrong because it was the natural thing to do. It is not natural as pertains to the created and inborn nature of man. Man as God created him is "good". Every child born is innocent, not having yet transgressed God's law (I John 3:4). That men like to sin is not debatable. That they are subject to sinning is equally sure. But to contend that man sins because it is the natural thing to do is foreign to the revealed nature of man whose spirit has come from God (Hebrews 12:9). The failure of the spirit to control the flesh is not because man cannot help it.

PREPARING FOR ETERNITY

Tom Wacaster

Eternity! Men have attempted to capture the essence of eternity, but their attempts are weak at best and completely inadequate. Here is how someone sought to describe eternity: "If you can imagine an ant marching around a steel globe the size of this planet. How long would it take that ant to wear a path one inch deep in that steel globe? How long would it take to wear a path one foot deep? Ten feet deep? The time it takes is only an inkling of eternity." But friends, even that illustration measures activity related to time. In eternity,

there is no time. How can we even begin to grasp the concept of eternity? If we could but capture its essence, it would be but for a fleeting moment, for we are quickly drawn back to the temporal; the here and now.

Will you, for just a moment, imagine yourself standing before the judgment bar of God, as you hear the sentence pronounced: "Depart, I never knew you." Now will you try to imagine that you find yourself, like the rich man who refused to give unto Lazarus the things for which that beggar lacked, opening your eyes in torments. And so begins the punishment that you must now endure forever, time without end. If your punishment were to be for a million years, you might could bear it, for after that first year you would know you have only nine-hundred-ninety-nine-thousand-nine-hundred-ninety-nine years to go. There would be a ray of hope that someday, though far, far removed, you would eventually be released from that torment. But my friend, in hell there is no hope; no release to be expected; no cessation of the punishment that you will receive for your disobedience to God. Oh what despair! No longer will that television program have any importance. How you did in the stock market will be completely insignificant. The closing balance of your bank account will seem so little, regardless of the dollar figure the bottom line might show. Those things that we placed so much importance on in this life will seem so trivial, so completely unimportant.

When Sir William Russel was sentenced to die, someone recorded that along the way to the scaffold he handed his watch to a friend and said, "Will you kindly take my timepiece and keep it? I have no use for it. I am now dealing with eternity." When the time comes for us to enter eternity there are a lot of things we will no longer have any need of. One second after my heart beats its last beat, and I breath my last breath, I will realize that much of what I valued in this life will pale in comparison to what I will value in the life to come. One drop of water was of great value to the rich man, but, alas, he could not obtain it. While he fared sumptuously every day while living upon the earth, he was a pauper the other side of death. Let us keep our priorities straight in this life, and when it comes time to depart the walks of this earth, may each one of us calmly and victoriously cast off those things that we cannot take with us, with the glorious expectation that we shall embrace that which is of lasting value when once we cross over the Jordan river into that eternal abode that awaits those who are faithful in this life.

FOUR VERSIONS OF MARK 16:16

The Universalist says: "He that believeth not and is not baptized shall be saved." All are going to be saved.

The Roman Catholic says: "He that believeth not and is baptized shall be saved." Whether it be a newborn baby or an adult at the point of death, the "sacrament" of baptism has validity to take away sins.

The Protestant says: "He that believeth and is not baptized shall be saved." Salvation is by faith only, without baptism or anything else.

The Lord said: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned." Which of these versions should we accept? Author Unknown