

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Dottie Curls for ankle injury; Dyianne Thompson for recent tests; Demetria Akins and William McRoy for covid; Regina Hunter— recovery from knee surgery; 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; Dyianna Thompson's aunt Betty Spencer in Hospice care; Yllka Bejo's—mother; Les Vasterling's— father/Hospice care; Kim Taylor's mother, Jayne recent surgery 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; Penny Bevaqua's niece's husband for covid.

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 Jim and Susan Follis for the loss of Jim's father last Tuesday. Please remember the Follis Family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of a dear loved one.

Some More

We recall a kind old grocer. When the sugar he would pour, How he'd tip the scales to balance. Then he'd add a little more.

And his business, how it prospered. Folks were always in his store. For he gave an honest measure and he'd add a little more.

So it is with life, my brother. We would write a better score. When we've done what is expected. If we'd add a little more. (From: Bulletin Digest)

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

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, Calendar or the Directory call the office at 727-446-4808.

Those Serving Today

Announcements—Charles Broyles

Song Leaders—Joe Bonelli/James George

Opening Prayer—Mark Bernhardt/Matt Pryor

Lord's Table—Max Herman

Closing Prayer—Bob Hadsock/Dennis Cuckler

Birthdays This Week

Demetria Akins—September 29th

James George—September 29th

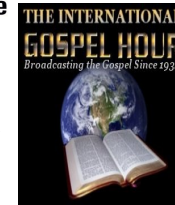
Debbie Methvin—October 1st

Alison Harris—October 2nd



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Joe Bonelli
Charles Broyles
James George

Deacons:

Max Herman
Chad Broyles

Preacher: Charles Broyles

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Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM

Charles Broyles

Major Prophet: Jeremiah

Sunday Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

Moving On

Hebrews 8:12

Sunday Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Take Heed

1 Timothy 4:16

Ladies Bible Study

Postponed

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

Types and Anti-Types

All of our services are available



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From the Preacher's Pen

THE ONLY ONES?

B. J. Clarke

“Do you all think you are the only ones who are right?” “Is it true that you believe you are the only ones going to heaven?” Who among us has not been faced with the preceding questions and others like them? How should we answer such questions? Can we be dogmatic about answering them?

Ours is an age of broadmindedness. Tolerance is shown to everyone except those who are not broadminded. Often, the most intolerant attitudes are manifested by those who are allegedly the most tolerant. Thus, the claim that a certain way is the only way or the idea that certain ones are the only approved ones, is rejected immediately by our general culture. Notwithstanding these cultural attitudes, Jesus said that the way that leads to eternal life is narrow and that the broad way leads to destruction (Mat. 7:13-14). In fact, God's way has always been narrow. Throughout Bible history, certain ones have been the only ones who were pleasing to God.

Cain and Abel brought offerings of worship to God. Abel's offering was accepted whereas Cain's was rejected (Gen. 4:1-5). Of the two worshippers the only one who pleased God was Abel. Suppose Cain had said, “Do you think your worship is the only kind acceptable to God? Do you think that you are the only one who is right?” How could Abel have answered? He could have said, “I believe that God's way is the only right way and that is the way that I am seeking to follow.”

Likewise, Nadab and Abihu offered worship to God. However, the text declares that they “offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD” (Lev. 10:1-2). Imagine some friends of Nadab and Abihu saying to the other priests, “Do you think you are the only ones who worship correctly? Do you think the depository of God's truth on how to worship rests with you?” I seriously doubt that such a conversation took place, for God had quite obviously demonstrated that there was one way to worship Him and that was His way. One of the major theological principles of the Bible is that God's holiness be honored by strict observance of His ordinances.

In 1 Samuel 13, King Saul was surrounded by the Philistine army. He waited seven days for Samuel to come and offer a burnt offering to God. When Samuel did not arrive, Saul grew impatient and took it upon himself to offer the sacrifice himself. No sooner had he finished offering the sacrifice when Samuel arrived on the scene. Samuel immediately rebuked Saul for his unlawful sacrifice. Visualize Saul saying to Samuel, “Do you think that you and your little bunch are the only ones approved of by God in offering sacrifices? Do you think you are the only ones?” How could Samuel have replied? He might have said, “God has authorized certain ones as the only ones qualified to perform this action. If you have a problem with that, you can take it up with the Lord.”

A similar instance is found in the action of King Uzziah as recorded in 2 Chronicles 26:16- 21. King Uzziah entered the temple of God and burnt incense upon the altar.

Azariah the priest went in after him with eighty others to confront him with his sin. They said to him, “It appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense” (2 Chr. 26:18). Uzziah became furious. Envision Uzziah saying, “Do you think that you and your little group of priests are the only ones who can burn incense to God? What a self-serving, narrow-minded group of legalists you all are! Why you must think you're the only game in town!” The truth of the matter is that these priests were the only ones God had authorized to perform this act of service. God struck Uzziah with leprosy until the day of his death.

A different character named Uzza was struck dead by God for touching the ark of the covenant (1 Chr. 13:10). This could have been avoided if the ark of the covenant had been transported as God had directed. God had decreed that the ark be transported by only Levites who would put poles in the rings of the ark and carry it by holding on to the poles (Exo. 25:10-16; 1 Chr. 15:2). Uzza was not a Levite and the ark was being transported on a cart. Suppose the family of Uzza had said to the Levites, “Do you think you all are the only ones who can carry the ark?” In reality, the Levites were the only ones who could carry the ark and be pleasing to God.

Is there a group of people today who can be identified as the only ones who are pleasing to God? Absolutely, the only ones who are pleasing to God today are those who do God's will in God's way. Who are the only ones who are going to be saved? Those who are in His body, which is His church, of which there is only one (Eph. 5:23; 1:22-23; 4:4). Who are the only ones going to heaven? Let Jesus answer the question. “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven” (Mat. 7:21).

IT IS A FACT!

Take a leafy branch from a tree. Lay it carefully aside and watch. Slowly the color fades—the leaves go limp and brown, it curls up and finally it is dead.

Take a fish out of the lake, lay it carefully on the sand and watch. Frantically it twists, struggles, gradually weakens, moves its gills slower, then finally it is dead!

Take a church member, carefully allow him to separate himself from God in worship, fellowship, prayer, and active service. Gradually his conscience quivers as he misses the Lord's table. He frets at himself for missing the worship service as other activities begin to occupy his time.

Soon he says, there are many hypocrites in the church, the church is always asking for money, and finally he will take a stand that opposes Christian living—**he is spiritually dead!** (Gal. 6:1).

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The more you know, the more you realize how much you do not know.

The best defense of Christianity is practicing it.