

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Sick

Pat Ledford for covid; Hannah Pryor-not feeling well; Alison Harris in ProMedica/Palm Harbor rehab; Wayne Bishop- doing better; Winston Sandlin- In Belleair Rehab; Sandy Caldwell- for pain; Teresa Broyles, Alison Harris and Vicky Lube-cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Fran Barclay, Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;** Teresa Broyles- Step-mom Mary Jane Wright for a fractured skull and spine from a fall; Samantha Jones daughter Ariel, brother Eddie and son Joshua; Carol Mitchell- tumor on liver; The Stewart's-bro-in-law Russell Holt; Clifton Reynold's son Bryce; Susan Villoch's dad James/heart issue; The Stewart's neighbors Rich & Betty /health issues; The Kozola's son Tim; Carol Untied's-dad and Uncle David/health issues; Sam York-recent surgery; David Sain's-wife Phyllis; Yllka Bejo's-mother for broken hip; Van Stewart's -aunt, Linda Parsons; Dianne Stewart's-brother, Bobby Goodfield and sister Lynn Owens; The Stingles-niece's baby; Paula Davis'-niece/ lupus; Darrell Broking/for health issues;

### PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Ranny Reeves neighbor, Linda Wall; Randall Deily's- uncle; Linda Haddock's niece, June McCray; Carol Untied's stepmother Emily; Debbie Methvin's-co-workers father Vasilos and Michele Fuguero; Deb Adams friends son, Jason; Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Ronnie Sommerville's dad, Ron; Mattie Simmons friend William; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry; Kay Jessup's friend, Lou Fiore and wife Rose, also co-worker Marie Woleck.

**INMATES:** Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

**OUR SERVICE MEN:** Sam Wagner and cousin Mark Wagner (Navy) Austin Reyes (Marine) Matthew Holleran (Army)

**OUR SHUT-IN AT HOME:** Winston Sandlin

## Activities

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS**— This Friday, October 7th at 1:00pm in the small building.

**MEN'S FALL LECTURESHIP**— At the Eagle Lake Church of Christ on Saturday, November 12th from 9:00am to 2:45pm. If you have any questions see Charles. Flyers are in the foyer.

**GOSPEL MEETING**— Our Gospel Meeting is only two weeks away. Make your plans to attend from Sunday October 16th to the 19th. We will have a fellowship meal after the morning worship service on the 16th. The title is A Mountain of Blessings with guest speaker James Dale of Glendale, Arizona. Invite family, friends and neighbors. Flyers can be found in the foyer.

**RESPONDED**— We rejoice with the angels in heaven as Randall Deily, Dawn McFarland, Samantha Jones and visitor Curtis came forward last Sunday asking for the prayers of the church. Remember them in your prayers as they strive to be strong in their Christian walk and an example to those around them.

**Happiness is inward and not outward. It does not depend on what we have, but on what we are.**

**REMINDER**—Weekly sermons are available on CD, our website and livestream on Facebook and YouTube Sundays at 10:30 & 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*—Joe Bonelli  
*Song Leaders*—Matt Pryor/Jesse Lancaster  
*Opening Prayer*—James George/Joe Bonelli  
*Lord's Table*—Max Herman  
*Closing Prayer*—David Jones/Bob Haddock

## Birthdays This Week

Alison Harris— October 2nd  
Jacob Roeser— October 7th

# CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 2, 2022  
 centralcofchrist@gmail.com  
 www.centralcofchrist.com

Office: (727) 446-4808  
 1454 Belleair Rd. Clearwater, FL. 33756-2357

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

SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY TV Channel 44 (WTOG) at 7:30am Sunday YouTube watch & hear Phil Sanders

THE INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL HOUR (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey

House to House Heart to Heart [www.HouseToHouse.com](http://www.HouseToHouse.com)

FSOP [fsop.net](http://fsop.net)

Childhaven, Inc. Childhaven Children's Home in Cullman, AL [www.childhaven.com](http://www.childhaven.com)

FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME [fairhavenchildrenshome.com](http://fairhavenchildrenshome.com)

Soaring for Souls [soaringforsouls.com](http://soaringforsouls.com)

INDIA MISSIONS [cocindia.net](http://cocindia.net)

[www.christiancourier.com](http://www.christiancourier.com)

Arnold Town Road Church of Christ—Darrell Broking  
 Chalmette Church of Christ—Mark Lance  
 South Anchorage Church of Christ—Michael Dale

### Elders:

Joe Bonelli Charles Broyles  
 James George

### Deacons:

Max Herman  
 Van Stewart

**Preacher: Charles Broyles**

Office: 727-446-4808 Cell #: 423-240-9075

**Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM**  
 Charles Broyles

**Major Prophets—Ezekiel 26**

**Sunday Worship—10:30AM**  
 Charles Broyles

**Surviving The Storms Of Life**  
 Acts 27:17-22

**Sunday Worship—5:00 PM**  
 Charles Broyles

**Deborah's Song**  
 Judges 5:1

**Ladies Bible Study—Friday**  
 October 7th at 1:00pm

**Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM**  
 Charles Broyles

**Attributes of God**

All of our services are available on Facebook Live and YouTube Live!



**From the Preacher's Pen**

**LESSONS LEARNED FROM A HURRICANE—Victor Eskew**

None of us enjoy living through storms or disasters: tornadoes, hurricanes, snow storms, floods, or fires. They cause so much damage to property and often bring a loss of life.

However, these acts of nature teach us precious lessons:

First, there are things in the world much more powerful than man. Man often gets arrogant because of his knowledge and accomplishments. He thinks he is the most powerful force in the world. NOT SO! When storms roll through, we are reminded of just how weak we are. This is a vital lesson. Our world needs a good dose of humility.

Second, we learn how frail we are. It does not take much to bring man to his knees. We can be hurt or killed in an instant.

Third, we are reminded of how blessed we are. When a storm comes the little things we take for granted become a Big Deal: TV, internet, electricity, driving our cars, the A/C, freezers, nice homes and yards, etc. we often fail to see these things as blessings. When storms come, however, we are reminded of just how important they are.

Fourth, we are reminded of the importance of our first responders. These are the individuals who rescue us. They bring food and medical attention. They restore our power. The list of these individuals is long. They risk their lives to help others.

Fifth, we are reminded of what it means to be prepared. To get through a storm, we need food. Our earthly possessions need to be stored. We may even have to leave the area to be safe. Preparation is an important aspect of life that many fail use in many areas of life. A storm reminds us of the need to GET READY.

Storms are inconvenient to say the least. They are vicious and dangerous to human life. Yet, they are constantly teaching us and reminding us of vital lessons.

NOTE: Some of these lessons can be applied to our spiritual lives. My friends, let's learn the lessons and try not to forget them. If we do, the next storm will try to teach them to us again.

\*\*\*\*\*

**ACCOUNTABILITY—Anthony Crowell**

In light of events in recent weeks, we have heard theories on mental health and more gun control. After much contemplation, I believe I have found the root of all of this evil. It all starts at home. Parents have to accept most of the responsibility for these events.

We as a country and society have taken God out of our homes, schools and government. We have allowed humanists to indoctrinate us and our children to the point that human life is nothing. Jeremiah 10:23 says, "Oh Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

After the birth of a child and the end of the paternity, we turn the raising of our children over to a day-care provider. As the child ages, we then turn the responsibility over to the school.

As a society, our families have become two-income based. We have been accustomed to buying whatever catches our eye. The latest and greatest gadgets, a new car every three years, a bigger house and the accumulation of as much material things as we can acquire. Parents drop the children off at day-care (school), go to work, get off work, retrieve the children, go home, feed the family and then it's time for bed. On average, a parent interacts with their children less

than four hours a day. Due to the increased availability of electronic devices, children as young as 3 or 4 are given tablets to entertain themselves while mom and dad surf the net, answer emails, check their Face Book, Instagram, Tik Tok, Twitter or whatever the latest social media craze is at the moment. When the child gets a little older, the parents buy Game Boys, Play Stations or X-Boxes to keep them entertained. And then parents give them computers so the children start their own social media addiction.

Some of the games children play on-line or on their gaming platforms, teaches them military tactics, to shoot and kill the on-line enemy in very realistic and graphic detail. Children and adults spend more time on social media than they do actually being social with each other face to face.

If you think I am exaggerating, the next time you go to a restaurant, just look around and see how many people are actually socializing. Most will be looking at their phones.

Discipline has been taken out of homes and schools. Parents are afraid to discipline their children for fear of being reported to the police or hurting the child's feelings. There is a difference between discipline and abuse. Discipline is necessary in order for our children to grow into responsible adults. Instead of parents trying to be their children's best friend, they need to be parents.

Teach your children to have respect for other people, especially their elders and people in authority (law enforcement).

Teach them they cannot have everything they want.

Teach them to be responsible for their actions.

Teach them that life is precious.

Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Unfortunately we have allowed other people to teach our children humanistic things such as: 1) only the individual is important, 2) whatever satisfies our wants and needs are important, 3) no one else matters.

We need to put God and His principles back into the home and our lives.

\*\*\*\*\*

**WITNESSING**

"Witnessing for Christ" is an expression heard in the religious world in an erroneous way. Nobody can "witness for Christ" today in the Biblical sense of the phrase. Witnessing requires giving testimony of that which has been seen. In Scripture, the term refers to eye-witness accounts or revelation by inspired men. It means more than simply telling what one knows. The apostles and some others were witnesses, but we are not, nor can we be. We should learn to use the phrase so that we will "speak as the oracles of God" (1 Peter 4:11).

What difference does it make? First, it may reflect that you do not understand what the Bible teaches about who is and who is not a witness. Second, inasmuch as some who say they are "witnessing for Christ" believe they are directly guided by the Holy Spirit, do not become offended if someone thinks you believe that way also. This phrase is heard among brethren who mean nothing more than preaching and teaching the Word, but their terminology is faulty and sounds more like a denominational imitation than a Biblical presentation. "Sound words" are in order (2 Tim. 1:13).

James W. Boyd —from A Burning Fire