

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Sick

Regina Hunter— for physical therapy on her knee; Alison Harris for cancer; Bob Haddock—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 home and doing better; Freeman Cooper—stage 4 lung cancer; Dy-anna Thompson's aunt Betty Spencer in Hospice care; Yllka Bejo's—mother; Les Vasterling's—father/Hospice care; Kim Taylor's mother, Jayne another surgery last week 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

**Responded**— Regina Hunter came forward last Sunday asking for the prayers of the church as she strives to make things right with the Lord and to be a better Christian example to her family and friends.

**Sympathy**— Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bettye Gaines and family for the loss of her husband Buddy. Buddy and Bettye had been long time winter visitors at Central. A celebration of life service will be held tomorrow at 11:00am at Old Hickory Church of Christ in Old Hickory, TN. Remember Bettye and the Gaines family as they mourn the loss of their dear loved one.

## Trust For The Journey

I do not know what still awaits,  
Or what the morrow brings;  
But with the glad salute of faith,  
hail its open wings!  
For this I know that in my Lord  
shall all my needs be met;  
And I can trust the heart of him  
Who has not failed me yet.

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

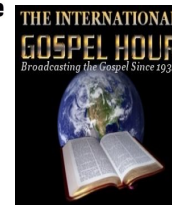
## Birthdays This Week

Landon McBride—October 4th  
Jacob Roeser—October 7th



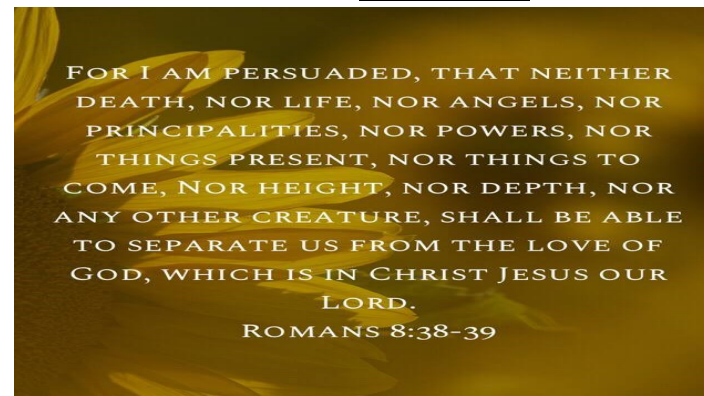
Gospel Broadcasting Network  
<http://gbntv.org> YouTube

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



## Elders:

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

**The Music of Marriage Part 1**

Song of Solomon 1:1-3

**Sunday Worship—5:00 PM**

Charles Broyles

**Victorious Chapters of the Bible**

Romans 8:37-39

**Ladies Bible Study**

Postponed

**Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM**

Charles Broyles

**Types and Anti-Types**

All of our services are available



on Facebook Live and



YouTube Live!



### **From the Preacher's Pen**

#### **WHAT PRODUCES REPENTANCE?**

Have you ever wondered why David, “a man after God’s own heart” (Acts 13:22; 1 Sam. 13:14), never showed any sign of remorse over committing adultery with Bathsheba and his attempted deception and ultimate murder of her husband (2 Sam. 11)? After all, it was David’s faith that motivated him to face the giant Goliath (1 Sam. 17), and it was his love for God and compassion for others that kept him from killing Saul, his enemy, when he had the chance (1 Sam. 24, 26). This same man would later showed kindness to the crippled grandson of his slain enemy (2 Sam. 9), and yet a short time after that he would give in to his lustful temptations and sleep with the wife of one of his most loyal soldiers, all while giving no sign of feeling guilty about his sins.

Yet, this all changed – apparently in an abrupt manner – when the prophet Nathan called him out on the carpet for his sins with the forceful accusation, “You are the man!” (2 Sam. 12:1-15). One minute David, blind to the fact that Nathan’s story of the rich man who killed the poor man’s one prized lamb related to his own sin, was indignant over the perceived sins of others. The next minute, after being indicted for his adultery, deception, enticements to drunkenness (cf. Hab. 2:15), and murder, David was confessing his sin against God with the greatest of sorrow and remorse (Ps. 51:1-15). What brought the penitent change of heart?

First, Nathan forcefully brought David’s sins to his attention by directly attributing the sinful actions of the rich man in the parable to the king himself while also warning him of the consequences of his wrongdoing (2 Sam. 12:1-7, 9-12). Too often, we Christians see their brethren commit sin and naively hope that they will repent without having to inconvenience ourselves with the potential awkwardness of rebuking and warning them. This shows within us a lack of spirituality (Gal. 6:1) and concern for the well-being of their souls and our own (James 5:19-20; Ezek. 3:17-21). Repentance – and forgiveness itself – will never come without a direct acknowledgement of the wrong done (1 John 1:9) and fear of God’s wrathful punishment (Rom. 2:4-11; Heb. 12:28-29). If we want to bring about a change of heart within the sinner, we must rebuke and warn them lovingly and truthfully (Eph. 4:15; Acts 2:36-37), humbly and gently rather than argumentatively (2 Tim. 2:24-26), and yet sharply if need be (Tit. 1:13). We must also never forget that we ourselves will never truly repent of ourselves without first acknowledging our wrongs with honest and open hearts (Luke 8:15) while having that godly fear (2 Cor. 5:11).

Secondly, Nathan reminded David of God’s great love for him by listing all the blessings the Creator had bestowed upon the king (2 Sam. 12:7-8). In Steven Spielberg’s epic World War II drama Saving Private Ryan, Private James Ryan (Matt Damon) is saved from death by the sacrifice of Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks) and most of his platoon. Decades later, an elderly Ryan looks down at Miller’s grave at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial and tearfully confesses that he’s tried to live his life

the best he could in order to atone for Miller giving his life for his. Many veterans whose friends have died in battle to save them feel the same way. Yet God gave a much greater sacrifice when he gave his Son up to die a horrendous death on a cross to save us, wretched sinners who were his enemies rather than friends (John 3:16; Rom. 5:6-11). Add to this all the wonderful blessings that God gives to us on a daily basis (Matt. 5:45; James 1:17), just as he did with David. When we remember all that God does for us with unselfish and humble hearts, we will be motivated to detest the sin that offends our Savior and repent.

This is true because our humble and honest remembrance of God’s great love, mercy, and numerous blessings on our behalf will bring about godly sorrow, which leads to repentance (2 Cor. 7:9-10). In Spielberg’s movie, the older Ryan breaks down in tears as he approaches Captain Miller’s grave, no doubt due to remembering the great sacrifice that man and others made for him. Likewise, the psalm David wrote after Nathan rebuked him for his sins is filled with remorse and anguish as he remembers the salvation God offers to him (Ps. 51:8, 12, 14). Unlike worldly grief, which leads to spiritual death in hell (2 Cor. 7:10; Rom. 6:23; Rev. 21:8) and is selfishly based only on sorrow over the punishment one receives here on earth for one’s sins, godly grief is based on anguish that one committed the sin in the first place due to the great offense it gives to our Savior and King. Only this will truly lead us to repent and thus be saved (2 Cor. 7:10). Do we grieve over our sins, and if so, what kind of sorrow is it? We should examine ourselves (2 Cor. 13:5) so we will know if we need godly sorrow in our lives.

Furthermore, godly sorrow will motivate one to “bear fruits worthy of repentance” (Matt. 3:8; Acts 26:20). The thief who has worldly sorrow only over the fact that he got caught and is now being punished will steal again at the first opportunity. However, the thief who has godly sorrow over the fact that he stole in the first place because it grieved his Creator and Savior will now detest the very idea of stealing and thus be motivated to never do it again. As a result of the repentance brought on by their godly sorrow, the Corinthians became very diligent in their strong desire to fearfully and zealously serve God and clear themselves of the guilt of their sins which they now indignantly detested (2 Cor. 7:10-11). Likewise, we never read of David committing adultery or murder again after his repentance over his wrongdoing with Bathsheba and Uriah. In other words, their actions proved that they had truly repented. When we commit to repentance, do our actions prove it? Or are we deceiving ourselves?

Too many today have no idea what true repentance means, or how it is produced. This contributes to the lack of true conversion to Christ among many, the lack of zealous commitment to his cause among more, and the growing immorality and apostasy within the brotherhood. We must go out of our way to teach potential converts the true meaning of repentance and how it is produced before we baptize them, while reminding new converts and ourselves of how true repentance is manifested within our lives. With God’s help, doing so will have a highly positive impact on our own spiritual well-being and that of the church overall.

Jon Mitchell