

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Tim Adams for surgery on his hand; Alison Harris in ProMedica/Palm Harbor rehab; Wayne Bishop—doing better; Winston Sandlin—In Morton Plant Hospital; 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 Hadsock'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)

Activities

NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS—Friday, October 21st 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 one week away. Mark your plans to attend from 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—Randall Deily and Jackie Williams came forward last Sunday needing the prayers of the church. Remember them in your prayers as they strive to be strong in their Christian walk.

“Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone.”

“Tolerance is the virtue of a man without convictions.” - G.K. Chesterton

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.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Announcements—James George

Song Leaders—James George/Matt Pryor

Opening Prayer—Van Stewart/Jesse Lancaster

Lord's Table—Mark Bernhardt

Closing Prayer—John Benson/Dennis Cuckler

Birthdays This Week

Jan Lavern—October 10th

Dennis Cuckler—October 13th



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7:30am Sunday YouTube

watch & hear Phil Sanders



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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

Elders:

Joe Bonelli Charles Broyles
James George

Deacons:

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Van Stewart

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Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM

Charles Broyles

Major Prophets—Ezekiel 27

Sunday Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

Whose Meeting Is It?

Acts 2:36-41

Sunday Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

People Are Lost In This

World of Sin

Romans 6:16-18

Ladies Bible Study—Friday

October 21st 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

“THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF WORSHIP”

Gary Colley

Many times we have heard someone say there is one action of worship which is “the most important part.” Please know that this article proclaims the great importance of this part and every part of our worship, and we always seek to uphold reverence for it.

The only way we can know if we are pleasing to God is to hear His word and follow it (Heb. 11:6; 1 Peter 3:15). But, are these individuals actually saying this is the only part “we just cannot miss...the rest is unimportant?” Is the Lord’s Supper the most important part of worship? Well, at least this is what seemingly is thought and shown by their words and actions!

We have heard of some families in Missouri who, a few years ago, would stop just long enough at the church building to partake of the Lord’s Supper at the beginning of the services and then immediately leave for their fishing trip. The preacher arose one Sunday to say, “If you people who only want to partake of the Lord’s Supper, and not participate in the other important parts of this worship service will just line up outside, stop at the curb and blow your horn, we will give you curb service!” By this means, he began to help these souls to think of their ways being wrong, and he stopped this ungodly practice!

PRAYERS AT THE TABLE

When prayer is offered at the Lord’s table some say, “Now we come to the most important part of our worship service.” Hence our question, “Is this the most important part of our worship?” This is especially true and of importance for our thinking when one considers the Lord’s Supper. None should ever suggest, or in any way deny, that the partaking of this memorial meal, commanded by our Lord and observed by Christians since the beginning of the church of Christ (Acts 2:42), is of any little or less importance than any other part of worship! But our question is, “Is this the most, or even the only, really important part of our worship?”

OUR SHUT-INS

We realize that our shut-ins are in special need of our attention and help. Our love for them needs to be expressed. We are aware that some congregations take the communion to people who are shut-ins, in the hospitals, or confined in other places every Lord’s Day. Though we do not suggest that this is completely a wrong practice, we do have questions as to why all acts of worship prescribed on the Lord’s Day are not obeyed or carried out. We do not hear of a “singing service only” for our shut-ins on the Lord’s Day; or “a giving service only” on the Lord’s Day for the shut-ins, but rather it seems evident that we should have all five acts prescribed by the Lord on His Day, the first day of the week (Acts 2:42). The Lord’s Supper and prayer is, most of the time, the only acts of the five acts of worship commanded by the Scriptures for the participants that are carried out. And, though we have no example of the Lord’s Supper being taken outside the assembly of the church, some have seemingly “demoted” it to a separate room on Sunday evening for those who missed the assembly in the morning to partake. One college advocated taking the Lord’s supper on

Thursday evening “before the test on Friday.” Since the pandemic, when many of us partook “virtually” and yet through the wonders of technology within an assembly of worshippers, we were not “forsaking” or “abandoning” the assembling of the saints on the Lord’s Day (Heb. 10:23-25). Let us not, in the least, lessen the importance of any ordinance, teaching, or command given to us of what pleases God in worship. These all should be considered of equal importance and have our utmost respect in their observance.

WHAT ABOUT SINGING?

What could be more important than uniting our voices in the cadence of singing “spiritual songs” (songs containing the Holy Spirit’s teaching), bringing our hearts together in worship with the many voices singing as one voice given by God, coupled with our affection or hearts? (Eph. 5:19-20; Col. 3:16-17). This is certainly another important part of every true worship service. But it is not “the most important” part since the Bible does not speak of the “most important part” of our worship service. Some failed in the past to see the singing as an important part of worship, saying as they remained outside the assembly, “Well, the singing is about over; it is time for the worship to begin.”

“PREACH THE WORD” (?)

A highly important part of our worship is seen in faithfully preaching the Gospel (2 Tim. 4:1-4). Its importance is mentioned by the Lord in every account of the Great Commission, and by every inspired writer of the New Testament (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-47; John 20:21-23). Yet we never notice any one of them saying that this is “the most important part” of our worship services.

BLESSED HOUR OF PRAYER (?)

We should never overlook the great importance of prayer! No worship service is complete without speaking to our Heavenly Father through His Son Jesus in prayer. Prayer was commanded on Pentecost (Acts 2:42), commanded and practiced by Paul (1 Thess. 5:17; Rom. 10:1-3); and employed by Peter (1 Peter 2:17-19). Yet, again, we do not find these inspired men saying, “Prayer is the most important part of our worship service.

THE GREAT PRIVILEGE OF GIVING

This is the place where some think preachers stop preaching and start meddling! Some do not view the privilege of giving in worship as a spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3). We suggest that all read Job 38-42 often when they think for a moment that they know more than God. We need to ask ourselves some serious questions! Who created all things? How much did we bring into the world at birth? Where do all of our blessings come from for our existence in this life? Who is the one to which we look for life, breath, strength, health, and the blessing of our money? How many of these blessings will we be able to take into the next life or eternal life? Ah yes! The answer is very clear, “We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we will carry nothing out” (1 Tim. 6:7-10). Is this not just as much “a most important part” as any other part of the five actions Jehovah has asked of us to render in today’s worship?

Come now, let us reason together.

Gary Colley (87) departed from this life on Sept. 28, 2022, a great gospel preacher!