

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Sick

Regina Hunter— for physical therapy on her knee; 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;

Debbie Adams sister Janet Eversole in the hospital; The VanWinkle's neighbor for dementia; The Broyles uncle Paul Bowen; 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 for recent surgery and now home 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.

## 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

Christian Courier— The latest issue of the Christian Courier just arrived and is on the table in the foyer. The main article is The Heresy of "Impossible Apostasy" written by Wayne Jackson. Please pick up a copy today and also one to share.

## One Day At A Time

Dear Lord, please help me to walk this path

One day at a time;

Help me to know as I live this life

That each new day is Thine.

When I awake each bright, new morn,

Help me to greet the light

With a prayer for help for the coming day

And thanks for the peaceful night.

Help me to follow Thy footsteps, Lord,

Each moment of the day;

Help me to do what Thou wouldst do,

And say what Thou wouldst say.

Help me to walk through each new day

With a heart that's wholly Thine;

Help me remember that life is lived

One day at a time.

By: Angela Bayne

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—Joe Bonelli

Song Leaders—James George/Joe Bonelli

Opening Prayer—Van Stewart/Mark Bernhardt

Lord's Table—Max Herman

Closing Prayer—Bob Hadsock/Dennis Cuckler

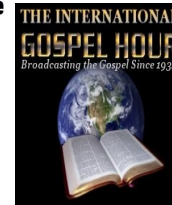
## Birthdays This Week

Dennis Cuckler—October 13th



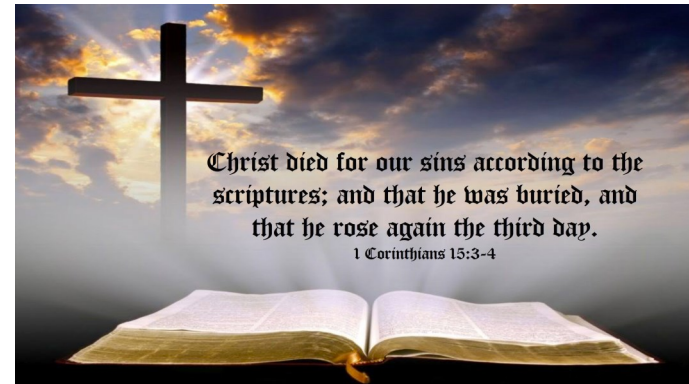
Gospel Broadcasting Network  
http://gbntv.org YouTube

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  
Van Stewart

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 2**

Song of Solomon 2:1-3

**Sunday Worship—5:00 PM**

Charles Broyles

**Victorious Chapters of the Bible**

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

**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



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**From the Preacher's Pen**

## **USING THE WORD "PASTOR" IN THE WAY THE BIBLE USES IT**

David Sproule

It is very common in religious circles to refer to certain men as "pastors." Denominational groups usually have someone known as "the pastor of the church." Recent news articles talk about what some "youth pastor" did. Some religious schools have a spiritual guidance counselor on campus and they might refer to that person as "Pastor" so-and-so.

So what is a "pastor"? If we rely on modern usage of the term, various dictionaries define "pastor" as "a minister in charge of a Christian church or congregation" or "the leader of a Christian congregation." Note carefully the understanding of that term today: the pastor is "the leader" (definite article) of the church and is "in charge" of the congregation. But how does the Bible use that word?

The Greek word for "pastor" is *poimen*. The term is found frequently in the New Testament and is only once translated "pastors" (Eph. 4:11). Every other occurrence of the word is translated "shepherd." By definition of the Biblical word, a pastor is a shepherd. Now, who does the Bible identify as the pastors or the shepherds of the church?

The verb form of the word for "pastor" is *poimaino*, and that word is used in two key instances in the New Testament to identify who a pastor is. Look at Acts 20:28 and First Peter 5:2 carefully. Both passages identify the WORK that is to be taken by certain men—they are to "shepherd the flock of God." Both passages identify the POSITION of these men—they are "overseers." Both passages are addressed to "elders" (Acts 20:17; 1 Pet. 5:1). What does that indicate?

In God's organizational structure for His church, He designed the church to have no human authority or organization above the local congregation. Each local congregation is to be overseen by a plurality (always a plurality!) of qualified men (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Tit. 1:5-9), called elders/presbyters (same Greek word), overseers/bishops (same Greek word) or pastors/shepherds (same Greek word). The plural emphasizes that no one man can exercise oversight over a congregation—there must be more than one elder/overseer/pastor in each congregation. Thus, the oversight and authority within a congregation is not in "an elder" (or "pastor") but in the "eldership." No elder (or pastor) is above another.

The preacher is not by definition, then, a "pastor." He is not "the leader" "in charge" of the church. He is one of the members (sheep) of the congregation and is subject to the eldership (like all members, including the elders). He is not on a level "above" anyone else or to be "revered" as such (cf. Psa. 111:9); thus, there is no special title (ex: Pastor, Reverend, Father) for him to wear or to be called (Matt. 23:5-12).

## **USING THE WORD "TITHE" IN THE WAY THE BIBLE USES IT**

David Sproule

Many religious groups today urge (and some require) members to give their "tithe" to the church. How does the Bible use that word and how does it apply to us?

The word "tithe" literally means "ten, tenth." We first read about the "tithe" during the Patriarchal Age of the Old Testament (Gen. 14:20; 28:22). Then, in the Mosaic Age, Jews were required to give a "tithe" of the land and livestock (Lev. 27:30-33), plus they made additional offerings (Deut. 14:22-29). So, the Jews gave much more than a tenth, but that was their starting point (Mal. 3:10).

When we come to the Christian Age (i.e., the dispensation under which we live today), there is not a single command for Christians to "tithe" and there is not any example of early Christians "tithing." Every use of the term in the New Testament was a reference to the practice under Judaism, and we are no longer bound by the Old Testament law (Col. 2:14-17; Heb. 8:8-13; 10:1-11). Some people are surprised to learn that Christians are not told to "tithe," as they have heard that term used so prevalently in some circles. Other folks are excited to hear that they are not required to give ten percent and will choose to give less than that. However, lest we totally misunderstand the teachings of the New Testament, let us examine what it teaches us.

First, consider the contrast that is made in the book of Hebrews between the old covenant (which specified a tithe) and the new covenant (which does not specify a tithe). The epistle describes the new covenant as a "better covenant" (7:22; 8:6), established on "better promises" (8:6) through "better sacrifices" (9:23) and offering a "better hope" (7:19). If the covenant under which we live is a superior covenant with superior blessings (than the old covenant), can we willfully give a percentage that is inferior to the ten percent required under the inferior covenant?

Second, consider the manner in which God speaks about the giving we are privileged to do under the new covenant. We are to give every Sunday (1 Cor. 16:1-2), as we "purpose in our hearts" (2 Cor. 9:7). That heart should give (1) proportionally to how God has blessed him (1 Cor. 16:2; 8:12), (2) bountifully (2 Cor. 9:6), (3) generously (Rom. 12:8), (4) cheerfully (2 Cor. 9:7) and (5) happily (Acts 20:35). Paul praised some brethren who, in "their deep poverty," "abounded in the riches of their liberality" and gave "beyond their ability" (2 Cor. 8:2-3). Why would they do that? Because they realized how much the Lord had blessed them (2 Cor. 8:9; 9:15)!

We are not commanded to "tithe" today, so we should not use that word. But, we have an opportunity to show the Lord "the sincerity of [our] love" by how and how much we give to Him (2 Cor. 8:8).

It's about your love