

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

John Benson— recovering from hip replacement surgery; Will Foster and William McRoy—unable to be out; Dennis Cuckler and Ylka Bejo not feeling well; Pat Ledford— shingles; Samantha Jones—sciatica; Wayne Bishop—covid; Tim Miller—doing better; Shirley Lydic—doing better; Ronnie Sommerville, Jr— finished radiation trmt; Delia Schlachter back issues; Teresa Broyles cancer treatment; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Lexie Cahill's— mom Kelly started chemo trmt; Molly Burgess's—daughter, Carrie/needs kidney transplant; Dottie Curls— son Douglas/serious health issues; The Adam's—granddaughter Trinity; Jackie Clark's mother Dorothy and grandmother Gayle/health issues; Patrick Pinto's—sister Angelina and nephew Joshua need prayers; Lexi Cahill's—grandfather/lung cancer & prayers for brother Jacob; Carol Untied's—stepmom Emily/had shoulder surgery; Paula Davis— friend Tracey; Carol Mitchell— tumor on liver; The Stewart's—bro-in-law Russell Holt; The Kozola's son Tim; David Sain's—wife Phyllis; Van Stewart's— aunt, Linda Parsons; Dianne Stewart's—brother, Bobby Goodfield; The Stingles'—niece's baby; Paula Davis—niece/lupus; Darrell Broking—health issues.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Charlotte Bytheway's cousin Janet Chaney; Tim Martin of Pinellas Park church of Christ; Dyianna Thompson's brother-in-law, Rodney; Ranny Reeves neighbor, Linda Wall; Linda Haddock's niece, June McCray; Carol Untied's stepmother Emily; Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Mattie Simmons brother Joe Hooks and friend William; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry; Kay Jessup's friends, Pete Pepjess and Marie Woleck.

INMATES: Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN: Austin Reyes (Marine) Matthew Holleran (Army)

SHUT INS: Delia Schlachter, Joyce Stanley and Guery & Nancy VanWinkle

Activities

LADIES BIBLE CLASS—Friday, October 20th at 1:00pm in the small building. All ladies are welcome. See Vicki Herman for more information.

MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS—Thursday, October 19th in the small building from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. See Van Stewart with any questions.

FALL FAMILY CAMP— At Weeki Wachee Christian Camp from November 10th-12th. For more information pick up a flyer in the foyer.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP—Please welcome George Oseyemi to our family at Central. George moved here from Philadelphia, PA and has been worshiping with us. Please add George's information to your directory: 960 Starkey Rd, Unit 10502, Largo, FL 33771-2694; Phone: 215-554-9082.

SYMPATHY— Our deepest sympathy is extended to David and Samantha Jones and their families. Samantha's brother Eddie Davis, Jr. passed away last Tuesday and David Jones sister Cassandra Jones passed away on Thursday. Remember them in prayer as they mourn the loss of dear loved ones.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters—Joe/Mary Bonelli

Announcements—Joe Bonelli

Song Leaders—Jesse Lancaster/James George

Scripture Readers—David Jones/Bob Haddock

Opening Prayer—Rob Schlachter/Joe Bonelli

Lord's Table—Max Herman

Closing Prayer—Patrick Pinto/Mark Bernhardt

Birthdays This Week

Nancy VanWinkle— October 19th

Anniversaries This Week

Mark and Irene Bernhardt—October 18th

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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

Czech Republic Missions — Tony/Heidi Orellana

Elders:

Joe Bonelli Charles Broyles

James George

Deacons:

Max Herman

Van Stewart

Preacher: Charles Broyles

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Sunday Bible Class—9:30AM

Charles Broyles

Book of Revelation-Chapter 2

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

What Will It Take For You To Go To Canaan

Numbers 13:1-3

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

The Twin Cities

Acts 17:16-18

Men's Bible Study—Thursday

October 19th at 7:00PM

Ladies Bible Study—Friday

October 20th at 1:00PM

Wednesday Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

The Problem of Sin

All services are available!



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From the Preacher's Pen

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE THIEF ON THE CROSS

Jason Patrick Hilburn

If you believe the account of the penitent thief on the cross being forgiven proves that people do not have to be baptized today to become saved, here are a few questions to consider:

1. Can it be proven that the thief had never been baptized to have his past sins forgiven? (see Matthew 3:2, 5-6; Mark 1:4; John 4:1-2).
2. Is it possible to sin after baptism? (see Acts 8:12-ff).
3. Is it possible to be forgiven of sins committed after baptism? (see 1 John 1:9; 2:12).
4. Did the New Covenant begin before, or after, the death of Christ? (see Hebrews 9:15-17).
5. Was the thief forgiven while living under the Old Covenant, or the New? (see Luke 23:42-46).
6. Are we living under the Old Covenant, or the New?
7. What were the first people saved under the New Covenant told to do to have their sins forgiven? (see Acts 2:36-41).
8. Was the thief forgiven before, or after, the Great Commission was given?
9. In the Great Commission, what did Jesus command all men to do to be saved? (see Mark 16:15-16).
10. If you believe that "He who believes and prays shall be saved," why did Jesus say, "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved"?
11. Since the Great Commission was for the salvation of people all over the world, why didn't Jesus include prayer in it, if that is His plan for the salvation of man?
12. Can you cite an actual conversion account in which an alien sinner (someone never saved before) living under the New Covenant was commanded to pray to become saved?

TIME DOES NOT WASH AWAY SIN

Jason Patrick Hilburn

Time does not wash away sin. Twenty years or more may pass after a sin is committed, and men's memories may fade, but God's memory does not. Children of God can deceive themselves into thinking they are fine or someone they love is fine, even when repentance has not occurred, but the blood of Christ is the only thing that can wash away sin, and simply waiting a certain length of time does not make one contact the blood. Contacting Christ's saving blood is conditioned upon penitent believers being baptized into Christ's body (where His blood is) and then remaining faithful members of that body, walking in the light of God's Word. If they fall away, repentance and confession of sins in prayer is required to contact the blood once again. If the sin is public, it should be repented of publicly, so others will know to forgive, and so the bad example will be "replaced" by the good example of repentance. No, time will not save anyone, but time is precious, because once it ends, so will opportunities to contact the saving blood.

References: 2 Kin. 17:22; Psa. 119:11, 105; Mt. 4:4; 18:14-35; 26:28; Lk. 3:8; 17:3, 4; Jn. 19:33, 34; Acts 2:38-41, 47; 8:12-24; 20:28; 22:16; 26:20; Rom. 6:3-5; 1 Cor. 5:1-13; 12:13; 15:33; 2 Cor. 2:6-11; Eph. 5:23; 2 Thess. 3:6; Heb. 10:22-31; Jam. 1:18-27; 4:14; 5:16-20; 1 Pet. 3:20, 21; 2 Pet. 2:20-22; 3:9-12; 1 Jn. 1:6-2:6; Rev. 1:5.

BEING HABITUALLY LATE

Jason Patrick Hilburn

Sometimes things happen that are outside of our control, causing us to arrive late for certain events, but what about those who are repeatedly late for spiritual events when they could have been on time? Being habitually late may be a symptom of other underlying issues, such as:

- Selfishness
- Laziness
- Lack of respect for other people
- Lack of respect for God
- Misplaced priorities
- Lack of interest in spiritual things (being carnally-minded)

Being late can also have a negative impact on others around us:

- It can be a distraction to those who are trying to learn
- It can be a distraction to those who are serious about worshiping God properly (Jn. 4:24), pulling their focus away from God to you
- It can be a discouragement to those who are trying their best
- It can make others think spiritual things should not be a priority
- It can tempt others to do the same thing

God wants us to do our best in everything we do (Eccl. 9:10; Col. 2:23). Let's do our best to be on time, thereby demonstrating our love for God and our love for others (Mt. 22:36-40).

HAVE YE NOT READ?

Did Jesus emphasize reading God's Word? The following is from Matthew's Gospel account:

"Have ye not read...?" (12:3).

"Or have ye not read...?" (12:5).

"Have ye not read...?" (19:4).

"Yea; have ye never read...?" (21:16).

"Did ye never read in the Scriptures...?" (21:42).

"...have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God...?" (22:31).

If we do not know the Scriptures well, we will be easily deceived and may even deceive ourselves into thinking we are saved when we are not.

"...Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures..." (Mt. 22:29).