

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Sick

William McRoy throat procedure on Oct 26th; Tim Adams - surgery on his hand; Penny Bevaqua- wrist surgery; Wayne Bishop- doing better; Winston Sandlin- home under Hospice care; Teresa Broyles, Alison Harris and Vicky Lube-cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Fran Barclay, Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;** John Benson's -friend Wendell for Stg 4 kidney cancer and broken kneecap; William Foster's-friend Miss Cookie for a stroke; Kemora Davis-great grandmother had a stroke; Teresa Broyles - Step-mom Mary Jane Wright for a fractured skull and spine; 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 neighbor Betty /loss of her husband; 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 friends, Lou and Rose Fiores 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 begins today through Wednesday the 19th with guest speaker, James Dale of Glendale, AZ. We will have a fellowship dinner after the morning worship service. If you are visiting we invite you to stay and join us as our honored guest. Flyers are in the foyer to share with family and friends.

**RESPONDED**—We rejoice with the angels in heaven as Regina Hunter came forward last Wednesday asking for forgiveness and the prayers of the church. We appreciate her courage and love for the Lord to make things right before God.

**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*—Charles Broyles

*Song Leaders*—Joe Bonelli/Jesse Lancaster

*Opening Prayer*—Mark Bernhardt/James George

*Lord's Table*—Max Herman

*Closing Prayer*—Van Stewart/David Jones

## Birthdays This Week

*Nancy VanWinkle*— October 19th

*Samantha Jones*— October 22nd

## Anniversaries This Week

*Mark and Irene Bernhardt*—October 18th



Gospel Broadcasting Network

<http://gbntv.org> YouTube

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7:30am Sunday YouTube

watch & hear Phil Sanders



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[fairhavenchildrenshome.com](http://fairhavenchildrenshome.com)



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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:

Max Herman

Van Stewart

**Preacher:** Charles Broyles

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**Gospel Meeting—James Dale**  
**October 16th—19th**

**Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM**

**Introduction to the Beatitudes**

**Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM**

**Blessed Are Those Who Acknowledge  
Their Helpless Condition**

*Fellowship Dinner after AM Worship*

**Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM**

**Blessed Are Those Who Commit To  
Change**

**Monday—7:00PM**

**Blessed Are Those Who Imitate  
God**

**Tuesday—7:00PM**

**Blessed Are Those Who Do The  
Work Of God**

**Wednesday—7:00PM**

**Blessed Are Those Who Have Come  
to God's Mountain**

All of our services are available  
on Facebook Live and



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### From the Preacher's Pen

## THANK GOD, I HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

Adapted

Bro. Dan Jenkins relates this story. This article, "Thank God, I Have Another Opportunity," comes from the heart of a new Christian I knew in New Zealand more than fifty years ago. Like almost every new Christian, she could not wait to tell her friends of the great treasure she had found in Christ. Like almost every joyful Christian, she told her friends over and over again. They seemingly were not interested in what she had to say.

Then, the church planned its gospel meeting, and she now had a new approach to use. Her words to me, "I am so thankful when we have a gospel meeting. It is the best week of the year because it gives me one more chance to invite others to learn about Jesus." She never saw inviting others as an unpleasant "chore." Instead, it was a time of joy to do all she could to teach others.

**Somehow we have failed to understand the parable of the sower.** This kingdom parable shows Christians as a sower who goes out into the world to spread the seed. That seed of the kingdom is the word of God (Luke 8:11). The responsibility of the sower is very simple. As he walks through the field, he simply spreads the seed. He does not go out to find only the good soil and then to spread the seed there. His task is to spread the seed everywhere.

**The seed when it is sown almost always does NOT produce an abundant harvest.** Meditate on this parable. Sowers do not always produce fruit! The seed seems to be "wasted" on three out of the four kinds of soils. Somehow, we have overlooked this and think that our task is to baptize everyone. We were sent to teach, not to baptize (1 Cor. 1:17). It may seem strange, but He will not ask us, "Did you ever lead someone to Christ?" Think about what question He will ask us!

**The Lord does not need scouts, He needs sowers.** We have misunderstood our work. He never sent us into the world to be His scouts just looking out for receptive people. How can we really know the hearts of others? We can only look at the outward appearance, and only the Lord can know the hearts of those around us. We must forever remove from our vocabulary the phrase, "I cannot find anyone to teach," which means that we cannot find anyone who we think might respond favorably to our approach. It is far better to see all hearts as soils worthy of the gospel. We can never say, "I cannot find anyone in whose lives I can sow the seed." They are all around us! Hearts like wayside soil, stony ground and thorny ground are all around us!

Our meeting begins today and between now and Wednesday night, let none of us become scouts! Let all of us become sowers, telling others of Him during "the best week of the year!"

Bro. James Dale is prepared to shower us with a Mountain of Blessings and so it is up to us to invite others to know of the soul saving gospel of Jesus Christ. Give them this opportunity that was once given to you to obey. We look forward to being here every night!

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## GLADLY RECEIVING THE WORD

Preston Silcox

Since the dawn of time, man has reacted to the Word of God in all sorts of ways. Adam and Eve reacted with disobedience (Gen. 3), Pharaoh with stubbornness (Exo. 9:34-35), and Felix with procrastination (Acts 24:25), just to name a few.

Rather than focusing attention on such negative responses to the Truth, however, consider the positive reaction of those on the first Pentecost after Christ's resurrection. Acts 2:41 says, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Notice a few important points about these glad receivers of the Word.

First, they willingly heard the Word proclaimed (Acts 2:14-40). To many individuals, the words preach and sermon are bad. Not so to those on Pentecost; they appreciated the sounding out of God's Word and obviously listened with great interest.

Second, they accepted the evidence which was presented (Acts 2:14-40). With great preciseness, the apostles reasoned from the Scriptures, clearly showing that Jesus was and is the Messiah, that His resurrection was apparent and undeniable, and that the events of that very Pentecost were a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. If only modern skeptics were as honest with the facts.

Third, they admitted their guilt (Acts 2:37). Rather than pointing their fingers, dodging the issue, or excusing their actions, those under consideration took full responsibility for their sins. Many souls will miss heaven because they are too proud to admit wrong. Indeed: "Pride goeth before destruction" (Pro. 16:18).

Finally, they consented to God's requirements (Acts 2:38-41). Instead of submitting to the plain and simple instructions of God, countless individuals throughout history have attempted to tell God what they think He really meant to say.

As a result, these wrested the Scriptures to their own destruction while inventing faulty systems of salvation. Those on Pentecost, however, accepted the inspired words of the apostles without debate or dispute.

Friend, how do you react to God's Word? Do you ignore it? Do you reject it? Do you alter it? Why not gladly receive it, just like those in Acts 2? Believe in Christ (Mark 16:16), repent of sin (Acts 17:30), confess Christ (Rom. 10:10), be baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38), and continue in faithfulness (Acts 2:42).