# Announcements and Church News

<u>Regina Hunter</u>— physical therapy on her knee; <u>Lexi and Bristol Broyles</u>– stomach bug; <u>William</u> <u>McRoy</u> weakness in legs; <u>Alison Harris</u> for cancer; <u>Bob Hadsock</u>– for a biopsy this Wednesday; <u>Tim Adams</u> treatment for bacteria in lungs; <u>Teresa Broyles</u> for cancer trmt; <u>Joyce Stanley</u>, <u>Kim</u> <u>Taylor</u>, <u>Sandy Caldwell</u>, <u>Fran Barclay</u>, <u>and</u> <u>Nancy VanWinkle</u> for health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS; Debbie Adams sister Janet Eversole in the hospital: Mattie Simmons brother health issues: The VanWinkle's neighbor for dementia; The Brovles uncle Paul Bowen; Dvianna Thompson's aunt Betty Spencer in Hospice care; Yllka Bejo'smother; Les Vasterling's- father/Hospice care; Kim Taylor's mother, Jayne and baby William for heart and lung 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-in the hospital; Dawn McFarland's-sister Debbie; Penny Bevaqua's niece's husband.

#### **PRAYERS FOR CANCER:**

<u>Freeman Cooper; Lori Williams</u> brother Robert Knox; <u>Debbie Methvin's</u> co-workers father Vasilos; <u>Van Stewart's</u> sister Tracey and cousin Paula; <u>Ronnie Sommerville's</u> dad, Ron; <u>Kim Taylor's</u> mother, Jayne; <u>The Harris'</u> daughter Kim; <u>Mattie Simmons</u> friend William; <u>Sandy Caldwell's</u> brother-in-law Larry.

**INMATES:** 

Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN: <u>Sam Wagner</u> and cousin <u>Mark Wagner</u> (Navy) <u>Austin Reyes</u> (Marine Corp)



# Activities Electrifying Thoughts!

It is fine for one to be a <u>LIVE WIRE</u> for the Lord, if he is well-grounded in the truth. <u>CURRENT</u> attitudes reveal that the <u>LINE</u> of thought in religion has been switched so many times one hardly knows <u>WATTS</u> right. Unless one is well <u>INSULATED</u> with Bible knowledge, his Christian journey will likely be a <u>SHORT CIRCUIT</u> and return to worldliness. All should be re-<u>GENERATED</u> by close <u>CONNECTION</u> to the Lord, so that their <u>LIGHTS</u> shine forth to all, and that the <u>TRANSFORM</u>ation might be fully honored. To avoid the danger of <u>POWER OUTAGES</u>, stay <u>PLUGGED</u> into His <u>POWERFUL</u> Word.

#### There is not better exercise for the heart then reaching down and lifting people up.

<u>**Reminder</u>**— 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.</u>

## Those Serving Today Announcements—Charles Broyles Song Leaders—Joe Bonelli/Matt Pryor

Opening Prayer—Mark Bernhardt/James George Lord's Table—Van Stewart Closing Prayer—Matt Pryor/John Benson

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Mark and Irene Bernhardt—October 18th



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> Ladies Bible Study Postponed

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM Charles Broyles Types and Anti-Types

All of our services are available



#### From the Preacher's Pen

# THINGS ON THE OUTSIDE OF NOAH'S ARK

Victor M. Eskew

Almost everyone is familiar the Bible story known as "Noah's Ark." A faithful man of God was commanded by God to build an ark because God was going to destroy the world with a flood. The ark was built of gopher wood. Noah's family and many pairs of animals, both clean and unclean, were in the ark during the flood. Because of Noah's obedience, humanity was spared and could begin anew.

When we study the flood, most of the time we pay close attention to those who were in the ark. But, we do not always consider the fact that there were a lot of things to be found on the outside of the ark. In this article, we want to look at some of those things. First, the lost were on the outside of the ark. This group was definitely in the majority. They are described in several verses in the account of the flood. Genesis 6:5 tells us: "And God saw the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Genesis 6:11 continues the description: "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence." These individuals were warned repeatedly by Noah about the coming flood (I Pet. 2:5), but they refused his message. When the door of the ark was closed, they were on the outside. One word that could be used to describe them is "lost."

Another element that was on the outside of the ark was the wrath of God. God was very unhappy with mankind. Genesis 6:6 tells us: "And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." God was deeply upset and angered. "And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and creeping thing, and fowls of the air: for it repenteth me that I have made them" (Gen. 6:7). His wrath was poured out upon the earth in the form of a flood. "In the sixth hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty day and forty nights" (Gen. 7:11-12). God's wrath is serious, severe, and strong. The writer of Hebrews tells us: "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31).

A third element that was found outside the ark was comprehension. Those who rejected the preaching of Noah, did not fully comprehend the message Noah had proclaimed to them. He told them a flood was coming. He told them that safety could only be found in the ark. None but his family gave heed to the message. When the rain started and the fountains of the deep were broken up, the masses, then, comprehended his words. Sadly, it was too late at that point in time. As the waters rose, mankind was awakened to the God of heaven, to the severity of sin, and to the ramifications of their stubborn hearts. Again, at that point in time, it was too late. Regret was another element that was found on the outside of the ark. Regret is defined as "sorrow, remorse, and disappointment." Can you imagine the regret that was felt as the rain persisted day after day? Can you imagine the regret that was felt as Noah's ark was lifted from earth? Can you imagine the regret as the land disappeared beneath the waters? Can you imagine the regret as families suffered fear, desperation, and death? Can you imagine the regret of the people who could have been in the ark with Noah and his family?

Closely associated with the regret on the outside of the ark was also the sense of hopelessness experienced by the people. Homes were destroyed. Animals perished in the flood waters. Family members were swept away from their loved ones. Some may have pounded upon the sides of the ark, but the ark was sealed shut. There were no more warnings. There was no more access to safety. There were no more opportunities to choose. Dear readers, when the door was shut and the rains began, all hope was gone. Men, women, and children fled and wept in bitter hopelessness.

A final element found on the outside of the ark was death. "And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: all in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven: and they were destroyed from the earth..." (Gen. 7:21-23). Not one thing in whose nostrils was the breath of life lived outside the ark. After the rain ceased, there must have been an eerie silence that filled the earth. No birds were chirping. No dogs were barking. There were no sounds can came from the cows, the horses, the pigs, the sheep, the goats, the ducks, or the chickens. Not one human voice could be heard uttering one syllable. Death had taken them all.

That which we see on the outside of the ark is horrific. Mankind was suffering the fate of his own making and his own choosing. Jesus took this event in Matthew 24:36-39 and compared it to another day that is yet to come. Listen to His words: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Regrettably, man today is similar to mankind in Noah's day. Man is living in sin. He will not heed the warnings of God's preachers. He refuses to enter into the church, that is, the ark of God's safety today. He just continues about his life as if God either does not exist, or, is not serious. When the heaven opens, and the trumpet sounds, and the archangel shouts, and the Lord appears, things on the outside of the church will be similar to the things on the outside of the ark. But then, it will be too late, just as it was in the days of Noah.

Even if a billion people consent to and give approval to a sinful thing, it is still a sinful thing!