

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Regina Hunter— physical therapy on her knee; William McRoy weakness in legs; Alison Harris for cancer; Bob Haddock— for recent biopsy; 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;

Emily George's cousin Ron; Debbie Adams-sister home from the hospital; Mattie Simmons brother health issues; The VanWinkle's neighbor for dementia; The Broyles uncle Paul Bowen and friend Bobbie Huckabee /liver issues; Dyianna Thompson's aunt Betty Spencer in Hospice care; Yllka Bejo's—mother; 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-health issues; Dawn McFarland's-sister Debbie; Penny Bevaqua's niece's husband.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Freeman Cooper former member; 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

♥**Congratulations**♥— To Matt Pryor and Hannah Taylor for recently becoming engaged.

Latest Issue— The Spiritual Sword has arrived and can be found on the table in the foyer. The theme of this issue is—The Church Everywhere Spoken Against.

Financial Report— The Financial Report for September has been prepared for you and is on the foyer table.

Reassurance

*When I'm overwhelmed with worry,
I turn my thoughts above
And linger in the presence
Of God the Father's love.
It's in this time of quiet
That I find a sweet release.
As I lay my burdens down,
There comes an inner peace.
Reassurance fills my heart
As I go about my day,
For I know that God is with me
And He will guide the way.*

By: Kay Hoffman

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—James George

Song Leaders—Joe Bonelli/James George

Opening Prayer—Matt Pryor/Joe Bonelli

Lord's Table—Mark Bernhardt

Closing Prayer—Dennis Cuckler/Bob Haddock

Birthdays This Week

Tim Adams—October 24th

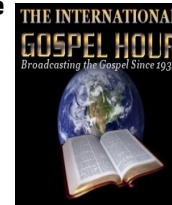
Bob Haddock—October 25th

Eileen Chase—October 28th



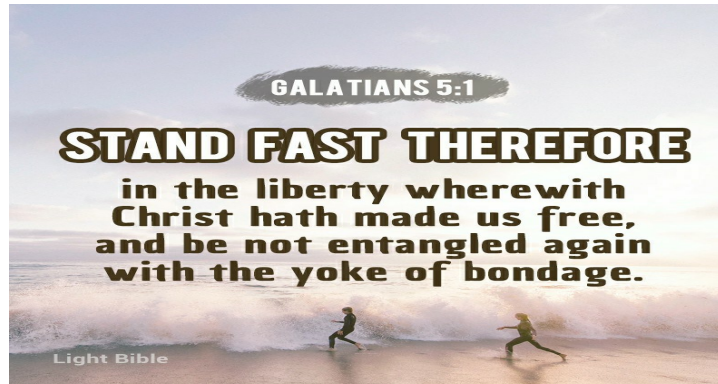
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Bi-Monthly Publication



Now on YouTube
(24/7) to hear Jeff Archey as speaker.

TV Channel 44 (WTOG) at 7:30am Sunday watch & hear Phil Sanders - YouTube



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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 4

Song of Solomon 4:1-2

Sunday Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Victorious Chapters of the Bible

Galatians 5:1-2

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



YouTube Live!



From the Preacher's Pen

“THOSE WHO SAY THEY ARE JEWS AND ARE NOT”

“Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet and they will learn that I have loved you. Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.” (Revelation 3:9-10)

Revelation is a very hard book to understand if you forget that it was not meant to be taken literally. Indeed, the very first verse of the entire book says it was “signified,” that is, written in signs and symbolic language. Also remember that the Bible is and has always been its own best commentary. The Old Testament psalmist wrote under inspiration, “The sum of Your Word is truth...” (Psalm 119:160). We will never be able to properly understand what is right about any biblical topic until we take into account what the entirety of Scripture says about them. That also applies to understanding the truth about the symbolism in Revelation.

Case in point: the passage above which was written to the church in Philadelphia. When we remember that Revelation was written in symbolic language, it is clear that the Jews talked about in verse 9 are not literal, ethnic Jews. Throughout the New Testament, the term “Jew” is many times symbolized to represent Christians; this is because Christians under the New Testament are God’s chosen people, just as Jews were God’s chosen people under the Old Testament. Paul wrote that under the new covenant, one is not a Jew outwardly, but inwardly (Romans 2:28-29). In other words, under the New Testament God is not focused on outward Jews, ethnic Israelites, as His chosen people as had been the case in the Old Testament; rather, one now is a Jew inwardly, i.e., part of His chosen people who are Christians, Christians worldwide of all nationalities. That’s why James addressed his letter to “the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad” (James 1:1). The literal twelve tribes of Israel you read about in the Old Testament had long since ceased to exist by the time James wrote his New Testament book. James, like Paul with the term “Jew,” was using the term “the twelve tribes” in a symbolic way to refer to Christians, God’s chosen people under the New Testament.

Thus, Jesus is not saying to the church in Philadelphia that some in the city were claiming to be ethnic Jews but were lying about it. Instead, he’s actually talking about Christians. He’s saying that some in Philadelphia were claiming to be Christians but in reality were followers of Satan. This is an important lesson for us to remember today. Not everyone who claims to be a Christian is actually a Christian in the sight of God. Jesus made this very clear when He foretold that many on the day of Judgment would find themselves condemned in spite of living very religious lives full of good works in His name because, in the end, they did not obey His Father (Matthew 7:21-23).

The church at Philadelphia had been praised by Jesus earlier for keeping His Word and not denying His name (v. 8). Thus, they would not hear what He would say to false Christians on Judgment Day: “I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness” (Matthew 7:23). Instead, He would welcome them into eternal heaven to reign with Him. Therefore He told that faithful church that these “false Jews” from “the

synagogue of Satan”—false Christians—would be made by Him to “come and bow down before your feet and they will learn that I have loved you” (v. 9). On the day of Judgment—the only “hour of trial” spoken of in Scripture “that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth (v. 10)—the faithful church at Philadelphia would be kept from such condemnation.

All those who profess Christianity must continually examine themselves to see if they truly are keeping Christ’s Word and not denying His name. How well do you know your Bible? When was the last time you read it? Do you obey it? These are important questions to consider.

Jon Mitchell—<https://predenominationalchristianity.com/>

LIFELESS IDOLS OR A LIVING GOD

Dan Jenkins

The psalmist said of idols, “They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat” (Psa. 115:4-7). What a contrast between them and our living God!

The living God speaks. “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son” (Heb. 1:1-2). What a contrast there was at Mt. Sinai between the golden calf and God whose voice echoed from the heavens and shook the earth.

The living God sees. “For the eyes of the Lord run to and from throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him” (2 Chron. 26:9). Add to this the words of Peter, “The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous...” (1 Pet. 3:12).

The living God hears. “The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers” (1 Pet. 3:12). He heard the groanings of the Jews in Egypt and sent Moses because He heard them. If He hears every idle word any man speaks (Matt. 12:36), how much more will He hear the sincere cries of His children today? His ears are always open to your prayers!

The living God smells. When Noah exited from the ark, he offered a multitude of sacrifices to God. “The Lord smelled a soothing aroma” (Gen. 8:21) and promised mankind He would never again destroy the earth by a flood. The smell of burning flesh, hairs and feathers might not be pleasing to us, but they are an aroma to God. Remember that your prayers are mixed with incense which comes into His presence (Rev. 8:3).

The living God touches and holds us with His hands. David cried out to God, “Stretch out Your hand from above, rescue me out of great waters” (Psa. 144:7). His hands made the heavens (Psa. 102:4) and how comforting it is to know that He holds us in His hands.

The living God has feet to move and to help. “Yes, He loves the people; All His saints are in Your hand; They sit down at Your feet; Everyone receives Your words” (Deut. 33:33). We must never forget that our God is omnipresent, and His feet are always with us.

Why would any person choose a lifeless idol!