

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Sick

Regina Hunter— physical therapy on her knee; Alison Harris for cancer; Tim Adams trmt 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;

David Sain's wife Phyllis struggling with health issues; Steve Wilder had spine surgery last week; 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/ Hospice care; Yllka Bejo's—mother; Les Vasterling's— father/Hospice care; Kim Taylor's mother, Jayne also baby William / heart and lung issues and his grandfather JD/ 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— recent surgery; 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

**Foyer Table**— The Calendar and Schedule of Those To Serve for November can be found on the foyer table and also the latest issue of the Christian Courier. Pick up a copy today.

**Sympathy**— Our deepest sympathy to Jim and Emily George and family for the loss of their cousin Ron Mossman last Wednesday.

**Congratulations**—To Ben Follis and Annie Elliott who were joined in marriage on Saturday October 30th in Texas.

**Pizza Get Together**—Next Sunday, November 7th after the evening service in the small building we will have a get together to say goodbye to Chad and Tiffany Broyles and family. If you can attend there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. If you would like to contribute towards the pizza please give to one of the elders or Mary.

**Time Change**—Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday November 7th. Reminder to turn your clocks back one hour.



**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.

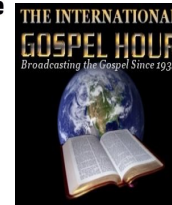
### Those Serving Today

Announcements—Joe Bonelli  
Song Leaders—Matt Pryor/ Joe Bonelli  
Opening Prayer—Mark Bernhardt/ Van Stewart  
Lord's Table—Max Herman  
Closing Prayer—John Benson/ Dennis Cuckler



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

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

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great LOVE with which He loved us, even when we were DEAD in trespasses, made us ALIVE together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

### 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 5**

*Song of Solomon 5:1-2*

**Sunday Worship—5:00 PM**

*Charles Broyles*

**Victorious Chapters of the Bible**

*Ephesians 2:1-3*

**Ladies Bible Study**

**Postponed**

**Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM**

*Charles Broyles*

**Types and Anti-Types**

All of our services are available



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**From the Preacher's Pen**

**THOUGHTS ON PUBLIC PRAYER**—Dennis Gullledge

The act of public prayer is one of the most difficult functions which a leader in worship services has to perform. Men who lead in prayer are hard pressed to close the audience out of their consciousness so that they might address Jehovah in sincerity and concentrated thought. Sometimes they are notably nervous and hardly know what to say at all, or, others may so abuse the privilege as to "preach" to the audience, teach a particular thought, argue some point of doctrine, tell God what his word says, advertise some special interest or condemn some current practice.

Public prayers are scriptural, if they are not made for the purpose of being heard of men. It is essential that the prayers offered in our public worship be such as God will accept. Whether we care to admit it or not, some public prayers are unscriptural because the man leading has not been taught how to pray. In the interest of better educating ourselves, in order that those who "lead in prayer" might do so in ways accepted of God and appreciated by others, I offer these few thoughts on public prayer.

**1. Realize The Place of Public Prayer In Worship.**

It is not a ritual. It is the expression of our "hearts desire" (Romans 10: 1). The men who "lead us in prayer," or "direct our minds as we pray," should know something of the hearts' desires, needs and conditions of the congregation. A brother cannot "by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God," if he is out of touch with the requests of the church.

When a brother in Christ is asked to lead in prayer it should not be thought a wearisome duty. His brethren are asking him to express unto the God of Glory that which is in their hearts. May every participant assume his task with the seriousness and reverence it deserves, else it is vain.

**2. Speak Loud Enough To Be Heard By All Present.**

It goes without saying that one who leads a congregation in prayer must be heard by all the congregation. That means, speaking so that you can be understood by all. The days of unknown tongues have ceased!

**3. Give Thought To It.**

It is impossible to lead an acceptable prayer in worship without first giving some thought of that prayer. Sometimes one is called upon in a moment's time to lead in public prayer, and thus, cannot think it through. On those occasions when a brother knows ahead of time that he is to lead in public prayers let him give serious and sober thought to what he intends to say. It requires preparation to preach the gospel and to lead singing. Why not in public prayer? Somehow, some time, some thought must be given to the matter.

**4. Avoid Trite Expressions.**

There are countless threadbare and stale expressions which have found their way into the prayers often led by brethren. The constant repetition of such expressions reveal lack of thought, and disturb rather than lead the minds of conscientious people in prayer to God. After one has heard a brother use certain of these several hundred times he can, with a fair degree of accuracy, anticipate just what is going to be said.

We often hear such worn out expressions such as, "be with the sick and the afflicted the world over," "at last save us in heaven, if we have been found faithful until death," "we trust that we have met here for no other purpose than to worship Thee, the only true and living God," etc., etc. These thoughts are right in and of themselves, but the constant repetition of them becomes monotonous, and all but meaningless. One particular expression which I have marveled at through the years is, "Bless brother who is to speak to us today, and give him a ready recollection of the things which he has prepared to say." God promised no preacher a "ready recollection" since the days of inspiration! (John 14:26.) If the preacher has not done his homework he will have a most unhappy lack of recollection! Also, keeping in mind that many preachers use memory devices of some sort (notes, outlines), it is amazing that such an expression ever found its way into the prayers of thinking brethren. Whenever I hear it I am reminded of the words of Alexander Campbell, preserved in The Christian Baptist (May 3, 1824), when he wrote about "a popular divine" of boyhood recollection. He noted,

This gentleman had once been a lawyer of some note. But he was tired of the bar and mounted the rostrum. . .After a "solemn prayer" for divine assistance in delivering a suitable message, he opened his Bible, in which he had very ingeniously inserted his manuscript. He held the book in his right hand, and with a considerable sleight of hand turned the leaf seven or eight times during the pronounciation of his heaven-dictated message. . .Thought I, this is a sure method of obtaining an answer from heaven for a suitable message-first to have it in writing, and then to ask it from God." (Emphasis mine, DG)

Public prayer holds a place of distinction in our worship assemblies, as well it must. It is sad, however, that we are guilty of neglecting to give it the proper attention which it so richly deserves. All prayer should be from the heart, offered wisely and intelligently, in words easy to be understood and in such a manner as may be followed by all. Let sincerity, brevity and scriptural request mark every prayer.

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**NO GRAVEN IMAGES – ONE OF THE EASY COMMANDS?**—David Sproule

Growing up and memorizing the Ten Commandments, the second commandment seemed so obvious that it's not even necessary to teach it today. Right? "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image" (Ex. 20:4). That's so "3,500 years ago"! Fast forward about 700 years from Exodus 20 and God's people had hung on to "the bronze serpent" Moses made in Numbers 20 to save the people from the fiery serpents, and for centuries they worshiped and "burned incense to it" (2 Kgs. 18:4). Something innocent had become a god to them. What about us?

Is there anything today (even something "innocent" in and of itself) that has become a graven image or mini-god to us? For some, the earth itself has become a god to be worshiped. For others, it's the remote control. Our phones. Our computers. Our social media. Our kids' ball games. Our jobs. Our prestige. Our money. Our credit cards. Our bucket list.

It is very easy for something to get in the way of our relationship with God. That's the purpose of the second commandment 3,500 years ago. What graven image do you need to take down?