

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Bob Hadsock— recovering from shingles; Marta Core— radiation trmths; John Benson— recovering from hip replacement surgery; Pat Ledford— shingles; Tim Miller—doing better; Shirley Lydic—able to be out; Ronnie Sommerville, Jr.— waiting on test results; Delia Schlachter back issues; Teresa Broyles cancer treatment; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Les Vasterling's— brother James in rehab; Lydia MacClain's— father, Ray needs prayers; Lexi Cahill's— mom Kelly/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 & nephew Joshua for prayers; Lexi Cahill's—grandfather/lung cancer & prayers for brother Jacob; Carol Untied's—stepmom Emily/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 Hadsock'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: Wayne Bishop (Coral Oaks), Delia Schlachter, Joyce Stanley and Guery & Nancy VanWinkle

Activities

NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS— Friday, November 17th at 1:00pm in the small building. See Vicki Herman for more information.

NEXT MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS—Thursday, December 7th at 7:00pm in the small building. See Van Stewart for more information.

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

GOSPEL MEETING— At the South Florida Ave Church of Christ from November 12th-15th. Flyers can be found in the foyer.

HOLIDAY DINNER— Our Holiday Fellowship Dinner this year will be on Saturday, December 16th at 5:00pm.

RESPONDED—Last Sunday Randall Deily came forward expressing his appreciation for the prayers of the church and that he needs continued prayers. Jesse Lancaster also came forward needing the prayers of the church for his walk with the Lord and being a better influence to others.

REMINDER—Weekly sermons are available on CD, our website and livestream on Facebook and YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 & 5:00pm and Wednesdays at 7:00pm. If you need the Bulletin, Christian Service List, Calendar or Directory call the office at (727) 446-4808.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters— Van/Dianne Stewart

Announcements—Joe Bonelli

Song Leaders—Joe Bonelli/James George

Scripture Readers—Dennis Cuckler/Patrick Pinto

Opening Prayer—James George/Mark Bernhardt

Lord's Table—Van Stewart

Closing Prayer—Rob Schlachter/Joe Bonelli

Birthdays This Week

Caleb Broyles—November 9th

Helen Stingle—November 10th

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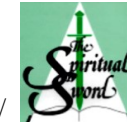
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Arnold Town Road Church of Christ—Darrell Broking

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 3

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

Time To Go Back To Work

Haggai 1:7-10

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Evil Fruits of Atheism

Matthew 7:15-20

Men's Bible Study—Thursday

December 7th at 7:00PM

Ladies Bible Study—Friday

November 17th 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

They Often Disagree, But They Have No Scripture!

The Bible is the authoritative Word of God. The facts the Bible communicates are true. The promises God's Word reveals are to be embraced. The commandments set forth in the divine revelation are to be obeyed. Peter's apostolic injunction is as follows: "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God..." (1 Pet. 4:11). He was echoing the words of the prophet Isaiah from long ago, wherein he wrote: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa.8:20).

Preachers and teachers of God's Word seek to proclaim only the truth. They back up their teachings with a "thus saith the Lord." They understand the importance of having book, chapter, and verse to undergird the things they make known to others. If there is no "word from the Lord," the words are simply the opinion of a man, and the opinions of men are a dime a dozen.

There are times when others disagree with something a minister of the gospel proclaims. Sometimes, these individuals will say: "I do not agree with what you have said." The minister might respond by saying: "If you disagree, please show me where the things you are asserting are found in the pages of God's Word." Many times the discussion ends at that point. They disagree with the preacher, but they have no Scripture to undergird their beliefs. In essence, they are simply proclaiming their opinion. Again, the opinions of men are a dime a dozen.

If the individual did have a verse or two, a healthy discussion could ensue. The two individuals could discuss their differences until they came to an agreement on the issue. But, as long as a person disagrees with Bible teaching without any Bible to base the disagreement upon, there can be no rational discussion. Basically, the person longs to accept his opinion over and beyond the teaching found in God's Word. Paul would never do such a thing. He assured his readers that his gospel was the revelation of Jesus Christ and not the opinions of men. "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of men, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Gal. 1:11-12).

It is acceptable for a person to disagree with another if he has a scriptural basis to do so. But, to disagree without having any divine revelation for the disagreement is both foolish and dangerous. Everyone needs to give ear to Paul's words to Titus: "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine" (Tit. 2:1).

"SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH"

God will bless the meek man. He will "inherit the earth" (Mat. 5:5). David had more to say about meekness than any other (Psa. 22:26; 25:9; 37:4), and he is the one who first used the phrase "inherit the earth" (37:11). This verse refers to the Abrahamic land promise (Gen. 12:1-3). It originally applied to the Jews receiving Canaan for an inheritance and later came to mean, in Jewish thought, a person God finally blessed.

The Jehovah's Witnesses and many other religious groups misinterpret passages like this (e.g., Ecc. 1:4; Psa. 37:9; 93:1) to say the earth will last forever. They fail to realize that the Old Testament word forever often carried the meaning of (1) a long period of time, (2) throughout the appointed time, or (3) until the end of a given time or age. Consider the usage of forever in other places (Gen. 13:15; 17:8; 43:9; 44:32; Exo. 12:14; Lev. 16:34; Num. 25:13; 1 Sam. 1:22, 26-28; Psa. 23:6, et al.).

Further, the Bible teaches that this earth will be burned up (2 Pet. 3:8-13; 2 The. 1:7-9). The word translated burned up (katakaesetai) literally means "shall be burned down." The Latins would say exuretur (shall be burned out), while we say, "shall be burned up." All these carry the idea of complete consumption. The word is translated as "shall be utterly burned" in Revelation 18:8. This passage does not teach the doctrine of a renovated earth. Still further, the phrase "new heavens and new earth" contributes to this false position. There are two words that could have been used for new—kainos and neos. Neos denotes the new primarily about time (young, recent). Kainos denotes the new primarily in quality (fresh, unworn). Kainos is used here in 2 Peter 3. Speaking of Neos, Vine observed, "May be a reproduction of the old in quality and character." However, Vine does not make any such observation concerning Kainos.

What does it mean then? The phrase in Matthew 5:5 is figurative of the fact that one will inherit God's richest promises (cf. 2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1; Rom. 8:17). Inherit (kleronomeo) refers Why do we go to the regular meetings of the church? "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them" (Acts 20:7; Heb. 10:24-25). Why do we do good? "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith [the church]" (Gal. 6:9-10). Why do we remain steadfast, unmovable, and continue to live the Christian life? "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58). Why do we obey God's commandments? "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Rev. 22:14). Why do we love God? "We love him [God], because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). The list of God-given motivations is almost endless. Why not be satisfied with using these so God can be satisfied with our accomplishments? The work God has given us to do is not the manipulation and the management of people but the saving of ourselves and those who hear us (1 Tim. 4:16). I have followed God's structure for motivation for many years, and it works beautifully, effectively, and permanently. Deceased Beacon 3 to receiving one's allotted portion. Regardless of who holds the civil titles to the properties of the earth, this is our Father's world. He owns the earth (Psa. 24:1), and He lets the meek share it with Him (cf. Mat. 19:27-29; Mark 10:29-30). It does not mean they will have an abstract deed on record at the courthouse. He may not have an inch of land, but he will enjoy everything good that this world has to offer (1 Cor. 3:21-23; 1 Tim. 6:17). He will enjoy the earth.

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