

# Announcements and Church News

## Our Sick

Jan Lavern recovering from elbow and wrist surgery; David and Samantha Jones out sick; Emily George for sciatica; Penny Bevaqua—wrist surgery; Wayne Bishop—doing better; Teresa Broyles, Alison Harris and Vicky Lube—cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Fran Barclay, Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS:**  
The Stewart's grandson Oliver recently had tonsils and adenoids removed; John Benson's - friend Wendell for Stg 4 kidney cancer and broken kneecap; David Jones sister Vivian for a mascectomy; Teresa Broyles— Step-mom Mary Jane Wright recovering from 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 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 Hadsock'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, November 18th 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**—South Florida Ave. Church of Christ in Lakeland from November 13th–16th. Flyers are in the foyer.

**FALL FAMILY CAMP**— At Weeki Wachee Christian Camp from November 11th to the 13th. Flyers and registration forms in the foyer.

**RESPONDED**— Last Sunday morning Tammy Odom came forward for forgiveness of sin and needing the prayers of the church. Tammy has been visiting with us for a while and we appreciate her courage and love for the Lord to make things right before God.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**— We have a date for the Active Assailants Incidence Class. It will be on Monday, December 5th at 6:00pm here at the building. See the elders with any questions.

**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—James George/Joe Bonelli*  
*Opening Prayer—Matt Pryor/Van Stewart*  
*Lord's Table—Mark Bernhardt*  
*Closing Prayer—John Benson/Bob Hadsock*

## Birthdays This Week

*Caleb Broyles— November 9th*  
*Helen Stingle—November 10th*  
*Bill Ingram—November 12th*

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**Gospel Broadcasting Network**  
http://gbntv.org YouTube  
https://spiritualsword.org/

**SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY** TV Channel 44 (WTOG) at 7:30am Sunday YouTube  
watch & hear Phil Sanders

**THE INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL HOUR** YouTube (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey

**House to House Heart to Heart** www.HouseToHouse.com fsop.net

**Childhaven, Inc.** Childhaven Children's Home in Cullman, AL www.childhaven.com

**FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME** fairhavenchildrenshome.com www.christiancourier.com

**Soaring for Souls** soaringforsouls.com cocindia.net

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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### Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM

Tim Simmons

*Details of Mission Trip  
to Guyana, S.A.*

### Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM

Tim Simmons

### Walking In The Storm

Matthew 14:27

### Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

### Passing The Torch

1 Kings 2:1-4

### Ladies Bible Study-Friday

November 18th at 1:00PM

### Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

### Attributes of God

All of our services are available  
on Facebook Live and



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## From the Preacher's Pen

### THE RESULTS OF GOSPEL PREACHING

Marvin L. Weir

When Gospel preaching loses its distinctiveness and uniqueness, people will no longer desire to hear it, nor will they be “*stirred up*” by it!

Since the Gospel is designed to bring peace (Eph. 6:15) and the Word instructs Christians when possible to “*be at peace with all men*” (Rom. 12:18), there are those who wrongly conclude that a child of God should never be a part of rebuking, marking, or standing for truth so firmly that it leads to division. It appears folks of this persuasion have forgotten that wherever the very first preachers of the Gospel went there was controversy and “*no small stirs*” (Acts 12:18; 19:23). Faithful proclaimers of the truth have always been accused of turning “*the world upside down*” (Acts 17:6), but such is needed because the world is wrong side up!

Can a Christian today do less than Paul and Barnabas did in standing firm for the truth and defending the Lord's church and please God? I think not! Let us learn from the actions of Paul and Barnabas.

**There Was A Desire To Hear!** The Gentiles wanted the words spoken to them proclaimed again on “*the next sabbath*” (Acts 13:42). The distinctiveness of the Gospel message had created a desire to hear it again. A worldly message as well as denominational doctrine is echoed throughout the world. Gospel preaching, however, is distinctive and unique. But mark it down well —when Gospel preaching loses its distinctiveness and uniqueness, people will no longer desire to hear it nor will they be “*stirred up*” by it!

The unadulterated Gospel will always challenge the thinking of people, and it will also create a desire in sincere searchers for truth to hear it again.

**There Was General Interest In What Was Being Taught!** “*The next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God*” (Acts 13:44). Many people were interested and curious as to what Paul and Barnabas would continue to teach. What they were now hearing was different from what they had been hearing. Much present day preaching (even in the church) stirs no interest whatsoever in the Word of God. The reason is because anything and everything but the Word of God is proclaimed to the audience. This is the precise reason that multitudes of “sermon (?) hearers” are in total darkness as to what the Bible teaches!

**There Was Bitter Opposition!** “*But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming*” (Acts 13:45). One thing is certain regarding Paul —he would never be guilty of the “*woe*” that comes upon those whom all men speak well of (cf. Luke 6:26). Many who profess to be preachers today would not want to be seen with Paul as it would severely tarnish their reputation of being appealing to all men.

The truth is that all who preach the glorious Gospel must be prepared for the attack and ridicule of self-serving religious sinners who have no respect for the Word of God and no

concern for the lost. Men opposing God's truths should stir faithful children of God to be even bolder in their stand and speech! When the jealous Jews contradicted Paul and blasphemed the Lord Jesus Christ, “*Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles*” (Acts 13:46). Bitter opposition to God's glorious truth must be quickly met with bold refutation. How sad it is to see brethren swallow their tongues and allow the Word of God to be trampled underfoot!

**There Was Joy Among The Gentiles!** “*And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed*” (Acts 13:48). The “other sheep” (Gentiles) not of this Jewish flock were anxious to graze in the pasture of God's truth. The hungry Gentiles are now nourished and fed, while the self-satisfied and tradition bound Jews go away empty.

The same situation exists today. Some people are willing to “[receive His word and be] baptized” (Acts 2:41) while others “*will not come to [him], that [they] may have life*” (John 5:40). One is either willing to obey the Lord or he is not willing to obey. There is no middle ground, and partial or selective obedience will not suffice.

**There Was Apparent Defeat!** “*But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts*” (Acts 13:50). Can you imagine “*devout and honourable women*” and “*chief men of the city*” using their influence to such an unholy and dishonorable cause? Is this not the way Satan still works today? The Devil knows exactly how to entice influential people to do his dirty work.

**What can be learned from this apparent defeat?** It must be realized that God's servants can be and often are “cast out,” but enemies of the cross do not have the ability to “cast out” the seed of God's Word which has been sown in honest and good hearts! The *purpose* of God in the lives of His faithful servants will never suffer defeat. May God's faithful keep this truth firmly fixed in their minds during troubling times!

**There Was Joy In The Hearts Of The Faithful!** “*The disciples were filled with joy with the Holy Spirit*” (ASV) —“*were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost*” (KJV, Acts 13:52). The KJV is perhaps more clear in showing there was joy and also supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon them by the apostle's hand.

True joy only comes by completely yielding to the Gospel, standing firm for and boldly defending the truth, and faithfully proclaiming the Word. The results of allegiance to God is treasure throughout eternity while opposition to His will requires a reckoning with the dust the faithful shake off their feet (Matt. 10:14; Acts 13:51).

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***Remember: The person who talks to you about others, will probably talk to others about you.***