

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Thresa Sandlin in Madonna Rehab; Mattie Simmons was out last week with a cold; Helen Stingle for post surgery chemo; Gordon Methvin In Palm Gardens Rehab Rm 311; Jane Cuckler for cancer treatment; Sandy Caldwell unable to out from back pain; Steve Sarver for chemo treatment;

Prayer requests for family/friends;

Yllka Bejo's friend's grandson/leukemia; Jean Allison's—daughter, Robin/knee injury; Kim Taylor's—relative, Diane/lung cancer; Debbie Adams—sister Janet/arthritis; Kay Jessup's great nephew Ethan and niece Abby/health issues; Freeman Cooper's—brother Isaac/health issues; Prayers for cancer- Priscilla Miller's brother; Joyce Feazell's daughter, Amanda; The George's—cousin, Zelia; Sandy Caldwell's—bro-in-law Larry.

Remember the Shut-ins

Manor Care: Hazel Franck,
Bayou Gardens/Nebraska Ave: Bob Vise
At Home: Jean Allison, Winston & Thresa Sandlin

Those to Serve Today

Greeters
Debbie Methvin/Debbie Adams
Announcement
James George
Song Leaders
Patrick Bonelli/James George
Wed.—James George
Readers
William McRoy/Max Herman
Lead Prayer
Freeman Cooper/Joe Bonelli
Serve at Lord's Table
Mark Bernhardt/Matthew Kropp
James George/Tim Adams

Activities

Ladies Bible Class— This Tuesday, December 4th at 10:00am in the small building. All ladies are invited to attend and bring a friend.

Next Thursday Bible Study— The next class is on Thursday, December 13th.

Holiday Dinner— Our Holiday Dinner is today after the morning worship service. We will recognize birthdays and anniversaries for October, November and December. If you are visiting please stay and join us as our honored guest.

44th Annual Lectureship— At the Florida School of Preaching in Lakeland from January 21st to the 24th. The topic is Do You Understand the Christian's Relationship to the Civil State? Lectureship books are available for \$16.00 and will be broadcast live at fsop.net. For more information flyers are in the foyer.

Ladies Day—Sebring Parkway Church of Christ on February 2, 2019. For more information flyers are in the foyer.

Hurricane Michael Relief— Thank you to all that generously contributed towards the Hurricane Michael Relief Fund. The amount contributed was \$1,600.00 which will make a total of \$3,200.00 being sent to help those in need.

Christian Courier— The latest issue just arrived and can be found on the foyer table.

Communion Preparation— Just a reminder that the 2019 sign up sheet for preparing communion is on the console in the foyer.

Bible Reading Schedules—On the table in the foyer are several different reading schedules. Make it your goal to read and study the Bible more in the upcoming new year.



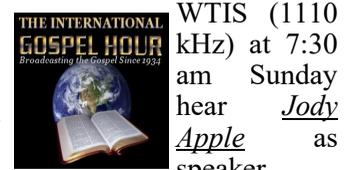
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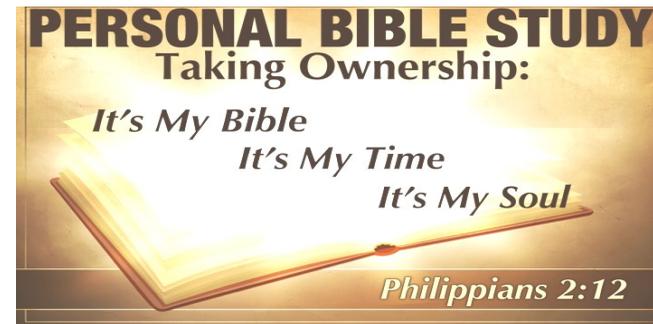
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http://gbntv.org

Bi-Monthly Publication



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

WTIS (1110 kHz) at 7:30 am Sunday hear Jody Apple as speaker.



Elders

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James George
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Sunday Bible Study—9:30

Charles Broyles
Isaiah 15—16

Sunday AM Worship—10:30

Charles Broyles
In Christ Alone
Hebrews 2:1-4

Pew Packers— 5:40pm

Sunday PM Worship— 6:00

Charles Broyles
Onesimus, The Runaway Slave
Colossians 4:7-9

Ladies Bible Study-Tuesday 12/4 at 10:00am—Vicki Herman

Wed. Bible Study— 7:00pm
Charles Broyles

Thurs. Bible Study—12/13 at 6:00pm
Alleged Contradictions



From the Preacher's Pen

A MAN FROM MARS

Suppose we were to give a Bible to a man from Mars and tell him to follow the New Testament explicitly. If he did, having never heard of religion, what would be the results?

He would learn that the Bible is all-sufficient. Our visitor would learn that he needs no other book, for God's Word is complete (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3). He would learn that Christ promised that the Holy Spirit would guide the apostles into "all truth" (John 16:13), and that "whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God" (2 John 1:9). He could reason, then, that any other book that claims divine origin is fraudulent, and that he cannot accept any other book, even though its author may claim to be God's prophet (Galatians 1:8-9).

He would learn that Christ is an all-sufficient Savior. Our interplanetary traveler would soon understand that the Lord Jesus Christ is the sum, substance, and summary of salvation from statements like, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29), and, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). The man from Mars could readily see the doctrine that all good religious people will be saved is not so. Those who reject Christ may be good, moral people, but they cannot be saved, for there is no hope if one refuses Christ as God's Son, the Savior of the world (Luke 10:16).

He would learn that all followers of Christ are called Christians (Acts 11:26). Our imaginary friend, by reading the Bible, would not decide to wear the denominational names that are so common today. Going strictly by the Bible one could never wear the name Halley nor the name of any other man. He could reference Peter's statement, "Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter" (1 Peter 4:16).

He would learn what he must do in order to be saved. The man from Mars would see from such passages as Ephesians 2:8-9 and Romans 6:23 that he could not save himself. However, he would discover that there are some definite acts of obedience with which he must comply (Hebrews 5:8-9).

After believing that Christ is God's Son (John 3:16), repenting of his sins (Acts 2:38), and confessing his faith (Romans 10:9-10), the Martian would want to be baptized in Jesus' name for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). He would never think that all he had to do was bow his head and say, "Jesus, I receive you as my personal Savior," because that statement is not found in the Bible.

What would be the result if all who claim to follow Christ were to agree to go totally—and only—by the Bible? --Could we not all agree on the things that the man from Mars would believe if he took God's Word alone? Let's try it!

—Adapted from Larry Ray Hafley

HE DIDN'T KNOW WHO HE WAS

Willie Loman is the name of the principal character in Arthur Miller's famous play, Death of a Salesman.

Willie Loman's ambition in life was to be a super-salesman and, at the same time, popular and well-liked.

In pursuing these goals, his rising star began to fade. His sales were dropping off. He was beginning to be regarded as a "has-been." No longer popular, his old circle of friends got smaller and smaller. Ultimately, he lost the respect of the son who was his pride and joy.

Feeling he had nowhere to turn, his life became hopeless and aimless and meaningless. In the depths of despair, Willie committed suicide.

In the final scene of the play, the lights focus on Willie's wife and two sons who are standing at his graveside on an otherwise bare and dark stage. There is an eerie silence. Then, one son says, "Poor guy, he didn't know who he was."

Jesus once asked the disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" Peter answers, "You are the Christ" (Mark 8:27, 29). Jesus knew who He was. Peter knew who He was. The whole world needs to know who He is. Once we know Jesus, then we can truly know ourselves.

POWER OF EXAMPLE

In an article in Breakpoint, titled "Drawn to the Light—Why Muslims Convert to Christianity," Dr. Dudley Woodberry, professor of Islamic Studies, aware that throughout the world Muslims have been turning to Christ, was curious about the reasons why—especially in countries where the cost of converting is so high. To find the answer, he created a detailed questionnaire. Over a 16-year period, some 750 Muslims from 30 countries filled it out—and the results are eye-opening. The number one reason Muslim converts listed for their decision to follow Christ was the lifestyle of the Christians among them. —Unknown

SENTENCE SERMONS

"Tactics is knowing what to do when there is something to do; strategy is knowing what to do when there is nothing to do." — Savielly Tartakower

If you do not heal from what hurt you, you will bleed on people who did not cut you. — Ed Catmull, Creativity Inc

Companies do not become great by thinking they are exceptional but by understanding the ways that they are not exceptional. —Ed Catmull, Creativity Inc

The best thing to do with the Bible is to know it in the head, stow it in the heart, sow it in the world, and show it in the life.