

Announcements and Church News

Our Stok

Wayne Bishop—In the hospital for health issues and a fall; Irene Bernhardt— Is home from the hospital and doing better; Lydia MacClain—unable to be out; Kelly Sarver— recovering from injured foot; John Benson— recovering from hip replacement surgery; Delia Schlachter back issues; Teresa Broyles cancer treatment; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Charles Broyles— mother Joyce in the hospital for mild stroke; Linda Hadsock's-sister not well; Les Vasterling's— brother James/rehab; Lexi Cahill's—mom Kelly/chemo trmt; Molly Burgess's—daughter, Carrie/ kidney transplant; Dottie Curls—son Douglas/serious health issues; Jackie Clark's mother Dorothy and grandmother Gayle/health issues; Patrick Pinto's—sister Angelina & nephew Joshua for prayers and niece Gwen heart condition; Lexi Cahill's—grandfather/lung cancer & prayers for brother Jacob; 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:

Deb Methvin's—cousin Melissa Clark; 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, December 15th at 1:00pm in the small building. All ladies are invited.

NEXT MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS—Thursday, December 14th at 7:00pm in the small building.

HOLIDAY DINNER— Mark your calendars for our Holiday Fellowship Dinner on Saturday, December 16th at 5:00pm.

49TH ANNUAL LECTURESHIP— At the Florida School of Preaching in Lakeland, FL from January 15th-18th. The title is A Reasoned Hope: Firm Unto The End.

*A Man May Go To Heaven
Without health, Without wealth,
Without a great name,
Without learning,
Without big earning
Without jewels and rings.
Without a thousand other things.
But he can never go to heaven
WITHOUT CHRIST!*

REMINDER— Weekly sermons are available on CD, our website and livestream, on Facebook and You Tube 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— Max/Vicki Herman
Announcements—Charles Broyles
Song Leaders—Jesse Lancaster/James George
Scripture Readers—Dennis Cuckler/Rob Schlachter
Opening Prayer—David Jones/Joe Bonelli
Lord's Table—Max Herman
Closing Prayer—Patrick Pinto/Mark Bernhardt

Anniversaries This Week

John and Marta Core—December 3rd



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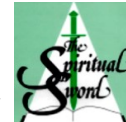
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SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

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



YouTube (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey



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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 5

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM
Charles Broyles
Falling In Love With Jesus
John 14:13-15

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM
Charles Broyles
Their Hearts Are Far From Me
Matthew 15:18-20

Men's Bible Study—Thursday
December 14th at 7:00PM

Ladies Bible Study—Friday
December 15th at 1:00PM

Wednesday Bible Study—7:00PM
Charles Broyles
Atonement for Sin

All services are available!

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From the Preacher's Pen

EVERY WORD!

David Sproule

In response to the first temptation that the devil threw at Him, Jesus taught the premier truth that must ring in the ears of every Bible student. “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4).

The instruction in this verse is both fundamental and comprehensive. It does not get any simpler or any more all-encompassing than “live by every word from God.” Notice how this one principle addresses and corrects (cf. 2 Tim. 3:16-17) so many issues facing the church.

Living by every word from God determines the music in acceptable worship. The New Testament teaches that we are to sing and make melody in our hearts to the Lord in our worship (Eph. 5:19). But, they used instruments of music in Old Testament worship, so doesn't that mean it's acceptable? Every word from God teaches that the old law was nailed to the cross (Col 2:14) and we are no longer under it (Gal. 3:25).

Living by every word from God determines the “signs” of the Lord's second coming. The New Testament teaches “the end” would come when there were “wars and rumors of wars...and earthquakes in various places” (Matt. 24:6-7). So, doesn't that mean that we are seeing “signs” that the end of the world must be near? Put Bible verses in their context. Every word of God teaches (in this context) that all the things in Matthew 24 before verse 34 would happen during the lifetime of that generation. Of the day and hour of Jesus' second coming “no one knows” (Matt. 24:36).

Living by every word from God determines if social drinking is acceptable to God. The New Testament teaches that Jesus made wine and Paul told Timothy to drink wine. So, doesn't that mean that God permits drinking alcohol in moderation? It might, if those verses encompassed “every word from God” on the matter. However, every word from God teaches that “wine is a mocker” (Pro. 20:1), and that those who are “sons of light” are to be sober (1 Th. 5:1-11), abstaining from every lust that wars against the soul (1 Pet. 2:11).

Living by every word from God determines the place of baptism in God's plan of salvation. The New Testament teaches that one is saved by faith (Eph. 2:8-9). And, that verse (along with scores of others) does not mention baptism at all. So, doesn't that mean that baptism is not essential for one to be saved? Every word from God teaches that baptism precedes salvation (Mark 16:16), remission of sins (Acts 2:38) and entering the kingdom of God (John 3:5).

Let us study and follow every word from God.

GIVING GODLY VALUES TO OUR CHILDREN

Dan Jenkins

The teen reaches that place in life when he/she begins making decisions (perhaps unknown to a parent) which involve right and wrong. How those decisions are made are based on the system of values that child has learned and embraced. It is imperative that we understand the place and source of values on which decisions are made.

Every teen has values. How does a teen decide what to do when making decisions? He first looks at the choices before him, checks each against his values and then acts based upon those values.

Some teens value instant gratification above all other matters. They assume that whatever feels right at the moment is what should be done. Nothing in the past or future should be considered. This value can be expressed in these words. “I have the right to be happy, so I define happiness as that which brings me joy at this moment, and this is what I will do.” This value says that nothing in life is more important than myself. My “happiness” is all that matters!

Some teens value peer pressure and social acceptance above all other matters. The importance of being accepted by others is a powerful force. It is difficult to stand firm about matters when hardly anyone else has the values a teen was taught. It is reflected in the dress, the language, the respect of authority, the honor given to teachers and parents, and in moral decisions about drinking and where to draw the line in sexual matters. Right or wrong, which might be considered at first, become secondary to being accepted by others.

Every teen has only two sources of values. The first psalm speaks of the counsel of the ungodly, the paths chosen by sinners and sharing the attitude of the scornful. The word scornful indicates those who mock, deride and treat sacred things with contempt. The other source is that which comes from godly individuals who abhor sin and have the highest regard for sacred matters. Parents, remember that if you fail to create this second category of values, the world will fill the heart and soul of your child with scorn and contempt.

Every child must have his own values. Values are far more than rules you give your child to obey. This works well when they are very young, but fails when they consider themselves as adults. Peter speaks of the reason for our hope. Teens create their own righteous values when they learn to honor and love God and to fear Him. Make sure that your child grows up realizing the evidence that God is and the proof that Jesus is His son. Teach them early the reason why Jesus is the Lord who loves us and who will judge us someday. These truths become the basis for values needed by every teen!