Announcements and Church News Our Stek AGUNUMAS

Irene Bernhardt doing better; Jesse Lancaster and Grace Vogt sick and unable to be out; Emi*ly George* for sciatica; *Penny Bevaqua*– healing from wrist surgery; Teresa Broyles and Vicky Lube-cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS; The Broyles-friends daughter, Teresa Moon for serious injuries from a fall; Kim Taylor's brother recovering from hip surgery; Regina Hunter's sister, Cynthia for hypertension and friend Kim recovering of knee surgery; Teresa Broyles- Step-mom Mary Jane Wright in rehab; 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: David Sain's-wife Phyllis; Yllka Bejo'smother 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:

Tim Martin of Pinellas Park church of Christ; Dvianna Thompson's brother-in-law. Rodney: John Benson's friend, Wendell; Ranny Reeves neighbor, Linda Wall; Randall Deily's- uncle; Linda Hadsock's niece, June McCray; Carol Untied's stepmother Emily; Debbie Methvin'sfriend Michele Fuguero; Deb Adams friends son, Jason; Van Stewart's sister Tracev 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 (Navv) Austin Reves (Marine) *Matthew Holleran (Army)*

NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS- Friday, January 6th at 1:00pm in the small building.

FSOP LECTURESHIP- The 48th Annual Lectureship at the Florida School of Preaching in Lakeland is from January 16th-19th. The title is the Rise of the Messianic Kingdom. Flyers are in the foyer.

CONGRATULATIONS— To Karen Stallings on the birth of a granddaughter, Remi Marie Roldan on December 6th to parents Efrain and Stephanie Roldan. Congrats also to big sister Raelyn and great grandpa, John Benson.

Peace at Night

The time was well past midnight, And my thoughts began to soar. I was wide awake and stars were bright. As I looked outside the door. In the very stillness of the night, *I spoke to God in prayer.* With nothing to distract me, I found peace—my Lord was there. By:Edna Massimilla **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—James George Song Leaders—Jesse Lancaster/James George Opening Prayer—Joe Bonelli/Mark Bernhardt Lord's Table—Max Herman Closing Prayer—Dennis Cuckler/John Benson

BirthdaysThis Week

Vicki Herman—December 13th Shirley Lydic—December 13th Penny Bevaqua—December 17th AnniversariesThis Week

Van and Dianne Stewart—December 14th



Deacons:

Max Herman

Van Stewart

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

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Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM Tony Orellana

Info on Czech Republic Mission

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM Charles Brovles The Amazing Gospel of Christ Romans 1:16

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM Charles Brovles If I Were The Devil's Preacher 2 Corinthians 3:1-2

Ladies Bible Study-Friday January 6th at 1:00PM

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM Charles Broyles The Godhead



From the Preacher's Pen

JESUS AND FAMILY

What a powerful lesson we learn from Jesus' family during a critical time in His ministry! Compare Mark 3:21 and 31-35. It appears the "His people" was His family (mother, four brothers and at least two sisters). Several things are worthy of note as you look at the whole event as presented in all Gospel accounts: In Mark 3:31 we find that they arrived where Jesus was! There was a crowd sitting around Him (Mk. 3:32). Christ was still speaking to the crowd (Mt. 12:46). People were pressed so tightly around Jesus that the family was unable to get to Him because of the crowd (Lk. 8:19, Mt. 2:1-2). Not being able to get in, a message was sent through the crowd: "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You." (Mk. 3:32). Whatever the motive - their actions were audacious! In effect, they were interrupting Jesus, saying: "We are your family. You should stop and see us now. What we want is far more important than what You are doing!"

There are many lessons to be learned, but one I think strikes right at us initially is the attitude that many of us face as a temptation when it comes to the Lord's Day worship. How many have had family ask you to miss worship to be able to visit them? Either they ask you to miss worship to go to where they are, or they drop in and ask that you skip worship to be with them! In effect what they are saying is that THEY are far more important than your Lord, your obligations to Him, and anything you would otherwise be doing on the Lord's Day. What is worse, in some cases folks are willing to put their family first - to make them the priority - over their responsibilities to Christ, to their brethren, and to themselves.

The first priority for our Lord was those He was teaching! He used this occasion to teach an important truth - He looked about those sitting around Him and said whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother (Mt. 12:50; Mk. 3:34). He had His priorities, and so should we (Mt. 6:33). If you noticed, Jesus did not mention a father in His response - for God is our Father! It is to Him we owe our allegiance and priority in life. I love my physical family, just as Jesus no doubt did, but I will not place them in priority above my responsibilities to God. If they come to town they are welcome to head to worship God with me, as is my weekly custom. If they have an event planned, they know that if they desire my presence they must make it on a day other than scheduled assembly times for the church to gather, study and worship. In that, they are taught the priority of God in my life. In my firm determination, they understand my allegiance is first and foremost to God - and that their's should be as well.

May we all seek to remember Jesus' lesson to His family just here. May we all seek to practice priorities in our own lives that reflect our commitment to Christ and family - in that order! God bless you all.

The True Gospel Of Christ Is ...

Free... Even the Poor can Obtain it; "The poor have the gospel preached to them "(Matthew 11:5)

Plain...

Even the Uneducated can Understand it; "Whereby, when you read you may understand my knowledge" (Ephesians 3:1-6, 2 Timothy 2:7)

Powerful...

The Weak are Strengthened by it; "It is the Power of God unto salvation to every one that believes" (Romans 1:1)

Encouraging...

The Depressed are Encouraged By it; "I will Never leave you, nor Forsake you. So that we may Boldly say. The Lord is my Helper, and I will not fear what man can do to me ("Hebrews 13:5-6)

Comforting...

The Sorrowful are Consoled by it; "Wherefore Comfort one Another with theses Words" (1 Thess. 4:13-18, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Compensating...

Obedient Believers are Rewarded by it for their works of faith and Labors of Love (Mark 10:28-30)

Equalizing...

Even the Humble are raised by it and Proud are humbled by it.(1 Peter 5:6, James 4:10)

Dale DuVerney