

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Rob Schlachter and Dawn McFarland— out sick; Van Stewart—back issue; Les Vasterling— knee issue; Wayne Bishop— Palm Garden Rehab/health issues; Jackie Clark— broke her foot; Irene Bernhardt— doing better; Kelly Sarver— for 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;

Penny Bevaqua's— dad John recently in the hospital; Charles Broyles—mother Joyce for a stroke; Linda Hadsock's—sister not well; Les Vasterling's— brother James/health issues; 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

ATTENTION LADIES BIBLE CLASS— The day and time has been changed beginning in 2024. The next class is on **Tuesday, January 2nd at 10:00am** in the small building. See Vicki Herman for more information.

MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS— Thursday, January 4th at 7:00pm in the small building. See Van Stewart with any questions.

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. Flyers are in the foyer.

RESPONDED—Last Sunday Sonja Boring came forward asking for forgiveness of sin and needing the prayers of the church. We are thankful for her tender heart to make things right before God. Remember Sonja in your prayers and the encouragement she needs.

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— Mary Bonelli/Paula Davis

Announcements—Joe Bonelli

Song Leaders—James George/Joe Bonelli

Scripture Readers—Max Herman/Dennis Cuckler

Opening Prayer—Mark Bernhardt/David Jones

Lord's Table—Van Stewart

Closing Prayer—Randall Deily/Patrick Pinto

Birthdays This Week

Penny Bevaqua—December 17th

Emily George—December 18th

Kimberly Crosby—December 18th

Rob Schlachter—December 22nd

Roy Krula— December 23rd



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watch & hear Phil Sanders



YouTube (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey



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Childhaven Children's Home in Cullman, AL

www.childhaven.com



cocindia.net



Fairhavenchildrenshome.com

www.christiancourier.com

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 6-7

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

Joy Of Forgiveness

Isaiah 55:6-7

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Benefits Of A Merry Heart

Proverbs 17:22

Men's Bible Study—Thursday

January 4th at 7:00PM

Ladies Bible Study—Tuesday

January 2nd at 10:00AM

Wednesday Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

Atonement for Sin

All services are available!



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From the Preacher's Pen

Understanding Atonement

Dan Jenkins

There are many words which describe our salvation. Each one emphasizes a particular aspect of that salvation. We talk about forgiveness, regeneration, justification, redemption and sanctification. The word we least understand is the word atonement. We know about the Jewish Day of Atonement and believe in our atonement, but we have little understanding of the meaning of this word.

Illustrations of Atonement

Numbers 16 tells of the rebellion of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. This resulted in the death of these men and about 250 others who followed them. The next day, the Jews slandered Moses and accused him of killing the people of God. God was so angry. His wrath was manifested in a plague which killed nearly 15,000 Jews. What stopped the plague? What appeased His wrath? Aaron took a censer and stood between the Jews and the advancing plague. This action is described as making atonement for the nation (16:46-47). Wrath was appeased, and this is described as atonement.

In Numbers 25, the Jews were committing fornication with the Midianite women. God's anger again sent a plague and killed 24,000 Jews. What stopped the plague? Phinehas, the grandson of Aaron, took a javelin and thrust it through the bodies of a Jewish man and a Midianite woman who publicly were fornicating. God said, "Phinehas...has turned back my wrath from the children of Israel because He was zealous with My zeal among them... because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel" (25:11-13). If you want to understand atonement, read this story and the previous one to see what atonement means.

Atonement Always Connected with God's Anger

Atonement always involves sin which results in God's wrath against sin and actions being done to assuage His wrath. If there is no atonement, His wrath will surely come.

Sins Not "Rolled Forward" in the Old Testament

The concept that sins were "rolled forward" (think of a giant snowball getting larger every year) on the Day of Atonement does not portray what actually happened. Every year on that day God remembered the sins of Israel, and if atonement was not made His wrath was sent. Nations came against Israel when atonement was not made. When it was made, His anger was appeased, and God blessed that nation. God remembered their sins every year.

Because of Christ's sacrifice atonement is ours. He does not remember our sins. "Their sins will I remember no more" (Jer. 31:34). Thank God for our atonement!

***Making a sin legal does not make it right.
The most important things in life are not things.***

HOW DO I COMPARE TO OTHERS?

David Sproule

As we approach the end of one year and the beginning of another, this is often a time of introspection and personal evaluation on numerous levels. As you spend time assessing where you are—financially, relationally, medically, spiritually, etc.—make sure that you are using a proper standard.

Paul addressed this matter in 2 Corinthians 10:12, when he defended himself against false charges that were being made against him and his authority as an apostle. His accusers were ones who were "commending themselves" (i.e., were bragging on themselves), but their standard of evaluation was a faulty standard. Paul stated that "they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves," resulting in an inflated opinion of themselves and seeing themselves as doing better than others.

A faulty standard will lead to faulty conclusions. The inspired penman declared that those who compare themselves to others "are not wise" (NKJV) and "are without understanding" (NASB). There is one perfect standard against which we must all measure ourselves—Jesus Christ and His Word! Using any other yardstick is a serious mistake.

Some Christians compare themselves to the world and feel good about themselves. "At least I'm not living like those people anymore or doing the horrible things those people are doing. Compared to them, I'm an angel and doing just fine." A faulty standard will lead to faulty conclusions.

Some Christians compare themselves to "weaker" Christians and feel good about themselves. "I'm not doing much but at least I'm doing more than that sorry excuse for a Christian. I don't see how they think they'll ever make it to heaven. At least I'm doing better than they are." A faulty standard will lead to faulty conclusions.

Some Christians compare themselves to "stronger" Christians and feel bad about themselves. "Look at all they are doing. There is no way I will ever make that much of a difference. I'm embarrassed to even try to do more, as my efforts seem so pitiful." A faulty standard will lead to faulty conclusions.

All Christians should compare themselves to the one standard that never fails, the one standard that remains steadfastly consistent, the one standard that applies universally to all of us in all places for all time. "Imitate Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1). "Follow His steps" (1 Pet. 2:21). "Be conformed to the image of His Son" (Rom. 8:29). Look to His words (John 12:48). Look to His example (John 13:15).

As we transition into a new year, spend time in evaluation of where you are spiritually, but make sure that you are using the proper standard.

***What we do and what we say advertises what we are.
We first make our habits then our habits make us.***