# Announcements and Church News Our Stelz Activities

<u>Les Vasterling</u>- knee issue some better; <u>Wayne</u> <u>Bishop</u>- Palm Garden Rehab/health issues; <u>Jackie</u> <u>Clark</u>- broken foot; <u>John Benson</u>- recovering from hip surgery; <u>Delia Schlachter</u> back issues; <u>Teresa Broyles</u> cancer treatment; <u>Joyce Stanley</u>, <u>Kim Taylor</u>, <u>Guery & Nancy VanWinkle</u> health issues.

### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Susan Villoch- gall bladder surgery; The Lydic'sdaughter Lynn/health issues; William McRoy'smother Geneva Gaston/ for sickness; Mattie, Queen & Wiilie Mae's- brother Joe Hooks in the hospital. Linda Hadsock's-sister not well; Les Vasterling's- brother James/health issues; Lexi Cahill's- mom Kelly/chemo; Molly Burgess'sdaughter, Carrie/ kidney transplant; Dottie Curlsson Douglas/serious health issues; Jackie Clark's mother Dorothy and grandmother Gayle/health issues; Patrick Pinto's-sister Angelina & nephew Joshua for prayers & niece Gwen heart issue; Lexi Cahill's-grandfather/lung cancer & prayers for brother Jacob; Carol Mitchell- tumor on liver; The Stewart's-bro-in-law Russell Holt; The Kozola's son Tim; 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:** 

<u>Deb Methvin's-</u>cousin Melissa Clark; <u>Charlotte</u> <u>Bytheway's</u> cousin Janet Chaney; <u>Tim Martin</u> of Pinellas Park church of Christ; <u>Dyianna Thomp-</u> <u>son's</u> brother-in-law, Rodney; <u>Ranny Reeves</u> neighbor, Linda Wall; <u>Linda Hadsock's</u> niece, June McCray; <u>Carol Untied's</u> stepmother Emily; <u>Van Stewart's</u> sister Tracey and cousin Paula; <u>Mattie Simmons</u> brother Joe Hooks and friend William; <u>Sandy Caldwell's</u> bro-in-law Larry; <u>Kay</u> <u>Jessup's</u> friends, Pete Pepjess and Marie Woleck. **INMATES:** Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

**OUR SERVICE MEN:** <u>Austin Reyes</u> (Marine) <u>Mat-</u> <u>thew Holleran</u> (Army)

**SHUT INS:** Wayne Bishop (Coral Oaks), Delia Schlachter, Joyce Stanley and Guery & Nancy VanWinkle <u>ATTENTION LADIES BIBLE CLASS</u>— The day and time has been changed beginning in 2024. The next class is this **Tuesday**, **January 2nd at 10:00am** in the small building.

<u>MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS</u>— Thursday, January 11th at 7:00pm in the small building.

**<u>49TH ANNUAL LECTURESHIP</u>**— At the Florida School of Preaching in Lakeland, FL from January 15th-18th. Flyers are in the foyer.

**<u>FELLOWSHIP</u> DINNER**</u>—Our Holiday Fellowship Dinner has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 7th after the morning worship service.

<u>SYMPATHY</u>— Our deepest sympathy is extended to <u>Charles & Teresa Broyles and family</u>. Charles' mother Joyce Broyles passed away on Friday December 22nd. There will be a graveside service at Woodlawn Memorial Park on January 4th at 1:00pm. Remember the Broyles family and Chuck Broyles, Charles' dad in your prayers.

**PLACED** MEMBERSHIP — We extend a warm welcome to <u>Sandra Favar</u> who placed membership with us. Please add her information to your directory: 6735 54th Ave N, Lot 86, St Petersburgh, FL 33709-1459. Phone: 812-457-9586.



### **THOSE SERVING TODAY**

Greeters– Deb Adams/Carol Untied Announcements–James George Song Leaders–James George/Joe Bonelli Scripture Readers-Dennis Cuckler/John Core Opening Prayer–Rob Schlachter/James George Lord's Table–Mark Bernhardt Closing Prayer–Joe Bonelli/Bob Hadsock BITGINCIESYSTIMIS Week

Mary Bonelli—January 1st



🔼 YouTube

#### From the Preacher's Pen

# Whatever You Did Not Do In 2023 Resolve To Do And Do More In 2024

Try your best. Give it your all. Do good. Work as hard as you can. Give it 110 percent. All of us have been encouraged to do these things when it comes to our Christian lives. There are Scriptures that give

us a basis for these admonitions. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might..." (Eccl. 9:10). "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord" (Rom. 12:11). "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15;58). "Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief" (Heb. 4:11).

All of us, however, know that we often fall short. We do not do our best. We do not give it our all. We do not always do good. We do not invest 110 percent. Often this happens because we choose not to. We get discouraged and fail to perform as we should. We get our feelings hurt and we become passive aggressive by refusing to use our talents for the Lord. We get involved in things in the world and fail to put our priorities in the right place. We pursue earthly relationships over our relationship with Jesus Christ. When these things happen, we often feel guilty. We know we should have acted differently. We know we should not have let other things get in the way of our service to our Lord and Savior. In our minds, we know we must change. We must do better.

Can we encourage you to make those changes in the New Year. The beginning of a new year is a perfect time to rededicate our lives to our Christian service. We can put the past behind us. We can start off with a clean slate. On January 1st, there is absolutely nothing negative on our journal of life. We can start writing 2024 any way we desire.

Perhaps you were not as faithful in your attendance of Bible classes and worship services as you should have been in 2023. Resolve to be faithful in 2024. Keep in mind the admonition not to forsake the assembly (Heb. 10:25). Seek to follow the example of Jesus whose custom was to attend the synagogue on the Sabbath day (Luke 4:16). Remember that God is truly worthy of our praise and adoration because of who He is and what He has done for us (Rev. 4:11; 5:12).

Perhaps you did not dedicate yourself to increasing your knowledge of the Word of God in 2023. You let other things take precedence over time needed to learn God's will for your life. Resolve to do more study in 2024. The Bible commands us to study in II Timothy 2:15. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Don't forget that study makes us strong, helps to protect us against sin, and causes us to grow into more mature children of God. Our knowledge makes us more fit for the Master's use.

Perhaps you did not labor in the vineyard of the Lord the way you should have in 2023. It is now a good time to resolve to become a diligent worker in 2024. We need to realize that God needs diligent laborers to do His work. Jesus said: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38). If we do

not labor as we should, we could fall from our steadfastness. This was the warning of the writer of Hebrews in Hebrews 4:11. "Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." Find several works of the church in which to be involved. Invest your time, your talents, and your money in them. Work as hard as you can to make them a success.

Perhaps you did not shun sin the way you should have in 2023. For some reason, you allowed yourself to yield to the temptations of the evil one. 2024 is a good time to resolve to put away sin in your life. Sin is not a positive thing. It is the transgression of God's will (I John 3:4). Too, it separates us from God (Isa. 59:1-2). Paul's words found in Romans 6:19b are something to consider as you make this resolve. "...for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness." Make holiness your goal in the New Year. Make it your goal to become more like God. "As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy" (I Pet. 1:14-16)..

There are many areas of our Christian lives wherein we may have fallen short in 2023. But, just think, we can change. We can be better husbands or wives. We can be better examples to others. We can be individuals who are more compassionate towards others. We can be better soul-winners. We can invest ourselves more in our prayer life. We can be more generous givers. We can take our roles in the body of Christ more seriously. We can love more, forgive more, and make our lights shine brighter. 2024 is just a day away. Whatever you did not do in 2023 resolve to do and do more in 20204 If not? Why not?

