

## News and Notes

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- Harold Tydings** - Faithful brother and Kenya supporter in Broken Arrow, Okla. Heart procedure.
- Doyle Harris** - Former gospel preacher. Pneumonia, congestive heart failure. In Baptist Hospital, OKC.
- Paul Brantley** - Elder at Bellview, Pensacola, Fla. Heart damage and constant pain.
- Earlene Holley** - Sherlene's mother. On hospice care In Elkwood Assisted Living.
- Janice Ruffner** - Roelf Ruffner's wife, Columbia, TN. Blood clots, Fibromyalgia, Lung problems.
- Nancy Reed** - Various health issues.
- Patrick King** - Hemiplegic Migraine.
- Sandy Craig** - Ongoing kidney problems.
- Jo Ann McLerran** - COPD.
- Glenda Marble** - Lexington, Okla. - Heart problems.
- Paul Marble** - Glenda Marble's son. Recurrence of cancer, now doing well.
- Charles and Linda Pogue** - Congestive heart failure. Charles having dizzy spells.
- Nancy Verkist** - Ellensburg, Washington. Von Hippel Lindau disease.
- Don Smith** - Brother in Christ persecuted for teaching fellow inmates in an Ohio prison.

**DOYLE HARRIS** - Brother Harris remains critical in Baptist Hospital in Okla. City.


**MEET, EAT, AND MEET** - Northeast will meet at the regular times this Lord's Day morning, then eat together, and meet again immediately after dinner. Pat Craig, who preaches for the Eastside church in Lexington, Okla., will speak both times.

**KENYA REPORT** - Contributing this week to the Kenya Fund were Holley Brewer, Weatherford, Okla.; and Gary and Jacque Rogers, Quanah, Texas. Thank you to all who support this good work. Benard leaves Nairobi on Thursday and arrives in Pensacola on Friday for the Bellview Lectureship, where he will speak twice. Lectureship Theme is "The Church" and the lectures will be streamed live on Bellview's website at [www.bellviewcoc.com](http://www.bellviewcoc.com). **NOTE: The times on the schedule on page 3 are all Central Time.**

**PREACHING/TEACHING IN JUNE** - Patrick will preach June 17 and Earl will preach June 24. Landry will teach the adult Bible class this week, June 10, and June 17.

**BULLETINS** - The bulletin is sent early this week due to our trip to Pensacola. There will be no bulletin next week.

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<b>Those Who Serve</b> <b>Sunday Morning, June 10, 2018</b> First Prayer - Earl Reed    Closing Prayer - Patrick King Communion - Landry Brewer    Offering - Jerry Brewer <b>Sunday Afternoon, June 10, 2018</b> First Prayer - Landry Brewer    Closing Prayer - Dylan Brewer	<b>Records - June 3</b> Bible Class.....16 Mornng Worship.....16 Afternoon Worship.....17 Contribution.....\$213.00
<b>Weekly Meeting Times</b>	
Sunday Morning Bible Classes.....9:30 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 Sunday Afternoon Worship.....5:00	



# Sound Doctrine

“But speak thou the things that become sound doctrine” (Titus 2:1)

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## Instrumental Music In Christian Worship

*Kenneth J. Chumbley (Deceased)*

For many, this is the first, and often the only difference, that is recognized between the Independent Christian Church, is a matter of indifference, a matter of opinion and that one can worship with it or without it and be equally acceptable before God. Many of them will teach that God has not legislated on the matter, that He is silent and, therefore, one is free to choose whether or not to use the instrument in worship to God. However, when the instrument was introduced in the last century, its advocates, while maintaining such was optional, preferred the use of the instrument to fellowship with their brethren, who could not consciously worship God with it. The same is true today with many in the Independent Christian Church. They would not give up the use of the instrument for the sake of unity. They prefer the “ensign of Baal” to unity.

When one turns to the Bible, he sees that every reference to Christian worship authorizes Christians to sing, with *no* reference to the playing of an instrument. Thus, for one to use a musical instrument is to *add* an unauthorized element to the worship (i.e., playing an instrument). By so doing, one rejects God's authority and is not adhering to the doctrine of Christ. There is no more authority to add instrumental music as a part of Christian worship than it would be to put jelly on the bread at the Lord's table. God has told us what He wants, He does not have to say, “Thou shalt not use instrumental music in worship.” Having told us what He wants, He does not have to give us a list of all those things that He does not want. In telling us what He requires, He *eliminates* all others and they are thus *unauthorized*.

While still maintaining that the use of the instrument is an optional matter, some members of the Independent Christian Church have insisted that the Greek word (*psallo-psallo*), as used in Ephesians 5:19, has the instrument inherent in its meaning. However, if that were true then the use of the instrument would be commanded and thus, *not* an optional matter and Christians would be sinning if they did not use an instrument of music in their

worship. Furthermore, *every* Christian would have to play and sing since all are to “make melody in their hearts to the Lord” (Eph. 5:19). When a study of the meaning of the word is made in the lexicons, it becomes clear that an instrument does *not* inhere in the word as it was used in New Testament times.

Further, some have sought to justify using mechanical instruments of music in the worship by appealing to the Old Testament for authority. Perhaps the most thorough effort to do so was made by Victor Knowles (currently editor of the *One Body* magazine, which promotes the “unity movement” and is published by the Independent Christian Church and is distributed amongst our brethren, and indeed many of the articles are written by liberals among us). The title of his series of articles was “Trumpets in The Temple” which was published in the *Restoration Herald*, a magazine published by members of the Independent Christian Church, in the September, October and November 1983 issues. In that treatise, he gives two fundamental reasons in an effort to substantiate his case that Christians can worship God acceptably when musical instruments are used. The first was, “There is no prohibition of their use either in the Old or New Testament.” The second was, “There is divine authorization for their use in both the Old and the Testament.” He then proceeds to seek to prove these points by giving twenty reasons related to the Temple, both from the Old Testament and from the fact that Christ and the early Christians were, at various times, found in the temple area.

At the time, I wrote a response to that article and sent it for publication in the *Restoration Herald*, but they refused to run it. (It was later run by Gary Workman in *The Restorer*, in August 1984.) Although they would not run my response, they did publish a letter that I had sent in along with the article. In this letter, I offered to send my response to those interested, and a few did respond, resulting in some lengthy correspondence. Further, I sent a copy of my response to Victor Knowles requesting his response. His reply of February 7, 1984, thanked me for my letter and then stated:

I don't know what I can say that I didn't say in the series that will help you any. It appears I could not convince you further. In your response you charged me with selective quotation, misquoting, castigation, irrelevancy, conjecture, assertions and making points that have no bearing. I don't know why you anti-instrument people always have to impugn the motives of those with whom you disagree. It gets a little old after awhile.

This was the totality of his response. He was unwilling to deal with any of the points that I had raised, and even though in his letter he accused me of falsely charging him, he would not give me *any* examples of where I had done so. Remember, this same Victor Knowles is the one who for the last several years has edited *One Body* magazine and who wants us to join with them without them forsaking their errors. I cannot speak for others, but I for one will *NOT* join this effort which seeks to destroy true New Testament Christianity with compromise. (“*Independent Christian Church Versus Christ's Doctrine, The Doctrine of Christ Versus The Doctrines of Men*, Bellview Lectureship, 1995, ed. Michael Hatcher).

## 43rd Annual Bellview Lectures: June 8-12, 2018, Pensacola, Florida “The Church”

### Friday, June 8

7:00 pm “The Church in the Eternal Purpose of God” - Jerry Brewer

8:00 pm “The Church Identified” - Phil Smith

### Saturday, June 9

9:00 am “The Church Established” - Doug Post

10:00 am “The Church as Seen by the Prophets” - Michael Hatcher

11:00 am “The Church and its Preaching” - Bruce Stulting

*Dinner Break*

1:00 pm “Preparatory Work by John and Jesus” - Harrell Davidson

2:00 pm “Resolving Conflicts in the Church” - Gene Hill

3:00 pm “Benard Kagaga's Work In Kenya” - Benard Kagaga

*Dinner Break*

7:00 pm “The Church and Denominationalism” - Wayne Blake

8:00 pm “Christ and the Church” - Danny Douglas

### Sunday, June 10

9:00 am “The Church and its Worship” - Doug Post

10:00 am “The Church and its Salvation” - Ron Cosby

*Dinner Break*

1:00 pm “Three Divine Institutions” - Danny Douglas

2:00 pm “The All Sufficiency of the Church” - Phil Smith

### Monday, June 11

9:00 am “What's Right with the Church” - Benard Kagaga

10:00 am “The Church as Seen by the Prophets” - Michael Hatcher

11:00 am “Organization in the Church” - Jerry Brewer

*Dinner Break*

1:00 pm “The Church and Morals” - Wayne Blake

2:00 pm “The Fellowship of the Church” - Bruce Stulting

3:00 pm Open Forum:

7:00 pm “The Mission of the Church” - Lee Moses

8:00 pm “The Church its Eternal Destiny” - Harrell Davidson

### Tuesday, June 12

9:00 am “The Church Indestructible” - Ron Cosby

10:00 am The Church as Seen by the Prophets Michael Hatcher

11:00 am “The Church Walking Before God” - Gene Hill

1:00 pm “The Church and Self-Discipline” - Jerry Brewer

*Dinner Break*

2:00 pm “The Church and Liberalism” - Lee Moses

3:00 pm Open Forum:

7:00 pm “Are We Going to take the Backbone out of the Church” - Bruce Stulting

8:00 pm “The Militant Church” - Danny Douglas