

News and Notes

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Holley Brewer** - Tests for low heart rate.
- David Brown** - Spring, Texas preacher, blood clots in leg.
- Sandy Craig** - Broken shoulder/kidney problems.
- Jo Ann McLerran** - Confined to home but doing much better.
- Glenda Marble** - Faithful Christian at Lexington, Okla. Heart problems.
- Debbie Post** - Wife of Doug Post, preacher in Salisbury, MD. Cancer.
- Sissy Craig** - For spiritual and emotional strength.
- Charles and Linda Pogue** - Congestive heart failure.
- Nancy Verkist** - Ellensburg, Washington. Suffering from Von Hippel Lindau disease.
- Don Smith** - Faithful brother in Christ persecuted for teaching fellow inmates in an Ohio prison.

HEALTH UPDATE - Glenda Marble, faithful sister in Lexington, Okla, had a pacemaker recently implanted, but had to go to the emergency last week. It had not corrected her heart problems. Pray that doctors can make the proper correction for her.

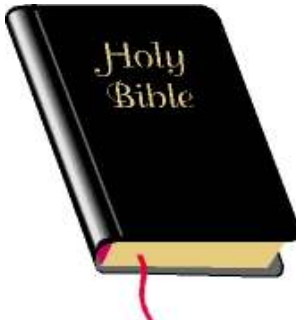
KENYA REPORT - Contributing to the Kenya fund this week, were the Parkview church of Christ, Odessa, Texas; the Eastside church of Christ, Lexington, Okla.; Holley Brewer, Noble, Okla.; Gary and Jacque Rogers, Quanah, Texas; and Ron Skinner, Lexington, Okla. Copies of this year's Bellview lecture books will be brought back to send to the brethren in Kenya.

GUEST PREACHER - Pat Craig, who preaches for the Eastside church in Lexington, will speak at Northeast this Lord's Day. We will meet at the regular time Sunday morning, break for lunch and return by 1 p.m. for the afternoon worship. Jerry and Sherlene will be gone to the Bellview Lectures in Pensacola, Florida. They will travel with Jess Whitlock and he and Jerry will each speak twice on the lectureship. There will be three Open Forums and the lectures and Open Forums may be seen live (and later archived) on Bellview's website at, www.bellviewcoc.com. Viewers may send question for the forums to bellviewcoc@gmail.com

EARLY BULLETIN - The bulletin is early this week as the Brewers will leave for Pensacola on Wednesday.

PATRICK KING - Patrick began a month-long research study this week at the University of Oklahoma. He will study Monday through Friday, but be home on weekends. Pray for his safety in travel and for Sarah and the children while he is away.

<p>Those Who Serve Sunday Morning, June 11, 2017 First Prayer - Landry Brewer Closing Prayer - Patrick King Communion - Earl Reed Offering - Dylan Brewer Sunday Afternoon, June 11, 2017 First Prayer - Dylan Brewer Closing Prayer - Earl Reed</p>	<p>Records - June 4 Attendance Bible Class.....14 Morning Worship.....16 Afternoon Worship.....12 Contribution.....\$1,640.00</p>
<p>Weekly Meeting Times</p>	
<p>Sunday Morning Bible Classes.....9:30 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 Sunday Afternoon Worship.....5:00</p>	



Sound Doctrine

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

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The “OMG” And Other Cultural Comments

Johnny Oxendine

Almost daily now I come in contact with kids and, occasionally, teachers at school who, without a thought, will utter the now ubiquitous OMG comment. It has become quite common in conversation today, and many of the people are not even aware of just what this type of speech is saying.

The acronym stands for “Oh My God,” or “Oh My Goodness,” or “Oh My Gosh,” and is in everyday slang a use of God’s name that is not appropriate because of the verse in Exodus 20:7 and (repeated in) Deuteronomy 5:11 that implores us not to misuse the Lord’s name. The Third Commandment reminds us of the importance of the manner in which we use God’s name. It speaks to the fact that the way we use God’s name is an indication of how we understand our relationship with Him.

Vain, as used in that verse is defined as “uselessly,” “worthlessly,” and in “emptiness of speech.” The original meaning of this verse is literally, “You shall not lift up the name of Yahweh unto vanity.” To lift up, means to invoke God’s name in taking an oath. In other words, when we take an oath, we are calling upon God as a witness to confirm the truth of our word. God is saying, “Do not call upon My name to confirm the truth of your word when it is a vain, worthless, empty cause.” To attach God’s name to emptiness is to misuse it. If we think of how many people in the world today casually throw out the Lord’s name (and how often this occurs), we can understand even better the general disregard there is for all things spiritual. This means nothing to them as can be testified by the fact that this acronym is commonly used on the Internet in chat sessions, whether Facebook or Twitter, or any other sites.

When we (God’s children) call on the Lord, we are to honor Him. To revere His Holy Name. Those in the world for whom the Lord means so little obviously are not only

careless, but in some instances they are callous, as it belittles the Creator by associating and invoking Him with things that are secular and insignificant. “Did you see that, OMG?,” or, “OMG, I almost LOL...,” and such other blatant disregard for the Almighty.

I remember just a few years ago it was so trendy for people to say, “hella” as if it was just the coolest use of the English language. “Oh, that was just, hella cool man...,” or some such derivative. Christians have to know the difference, and this is especially important for young people, as they are usually the group most influenced by these loose standards of speech. Our responsibility is to teach those we come in contact with that the Lord’s name is not to be used lightly. “Think on these things.” **(The Beacon, Bellview church of Christ, Pensacola, Fla., May 15, 2017)**

Editor’s Note: Brother Oxendine is one of the speakers on the Bellview Lectureship this week. Every Christian must heed the lesson in his fine article. Such vain speaking has no place among God’s people. Jesus said the words one speaks indicates the condition of his heart (Matt. 12:34-37). One cannot truthfully claim to follow Christ who uses such language.

A Concerned Observer At Christ’s Trial

Jerry C. Brewer

We have no idea what the character of Pilate’s wife was, but we *do know* that she tried to dissuade her husband from crucifying Jesus. “When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him” (Matt. 27:19). We are told neither the dream, nor its source, but we know that she called Jesus a “just man.” She was concerned that justice be done, but Pilate ignored her entreaty.

There are concerned people in the church today whose entreaties go unheeded by those determined to follow their own ways. I remember the warnings sounded in the 1960s and 70s by Foy E. Wallace, Jr., about the tide of liberalism that was about to engulf the church—powered in great part by the so-called “new versions” of the Bible. Brother Wallace’s voice was a clarion call to battle against the enemies of Christ, but most people let his warnings fall on deaf ears.

There are also men in our day who continue to, “cry aloud and spare not.” Prominent among those are men like David P. Brown, editor of *Contending For The Faith*, Michael Hatcher, editor of *Defender*, Dub McClish, editor of *The Original Gospel Journal*, and a host of others who *still* sound the warning trumpet against compromise and apostasy. Yet, their voices go unheeded by vast numbers of Christians, who dismiss them as “cranks” and “negative preachers” and, “vile” and “liars” and the Forest Hill church in Memphis even withdrew their fellowship from brethren Brown and McClish because they dared to speak the truth about Forest Hill’s compromise with Dave Miller’s errors. Yes, the pleas of those in the mold of Pilate’s wife still fall on multitudes of deaf ears.

42nd Annual Bellview Lectures - Pensacola, Florida Set Ye Up A Standard In The Land (Jer. 51:27) June 9 – 13, 2017

Friday, June 9

7:00 pm Set Ye Up a Standard in the Land Bruce Stulting
8:00 pm Are We Carrying the Right Banner? Gene Hill

Saturday, June 10

9:00 am God Hath Spoken by His Son...Refuse Not Him That Spoke Michael Hatcher
10:00 am My People Are Destroyed for a Lack of Knowledge Jess Whitlock
11:00 am Confess Your Faults One to Another Danny Douglas

Lunch Break

1:00 pm When Is an Example Binding? Terry Hightower
2:00 pm The Prophecy of Micah Harrell Davidson
3:00 pm Open Forum

Dinner Break

7:00 pm The New Birth Daniel Denham
8:00 pm Who Did Hinder You That You Should Not Obey the Truth? Phil Smith

Sunday, June 11

9:00 am Study to Show Thyself Approved Johnny Oxendine
10:00 am The Church Is Precious in God’s Eyes Jerry Brewer

Lunch and Dinner Break

1:00 pm This Is the Love of God Paul Curless
2:00 pm As Hard as An Adamant Stone Danny Douglas

Monday, June 12

9:00 am If You Weary Running with the Footmen, How Can You Contend with Horses? Gary Summers
10:00 am Mechanical Instruments of Music Terry Hightower
11:00 am We Will Come No More Unto God Jess Whitlock

Lunch Break

1:00 pm Be Thou an Ensample Johnny Oxendine
2:00 pm Spiritual Gifts Bruce Stulting
3:00 pm Open Forum:

Dinner Break

7:00 pm And Having Done All to Stand Roelf Ruffner
8:00 pm The System of Salvation Harrell Davidson

Tuesday, June 13

9:00 am Growing in Grace and Knowledge Daniel Denham
10:00 am Restoring the Erring Paul Curless
11:00 am The Prophecy of Hosea Phil Smith

Lunch Break

1:00 pm The Book of Ezra Jerry Brewer
2:00 pm Living Soberly, Righteously, and Godly Roelf Ruffner
3:00 pm Open Forum:

Dinner Break

7:00 pm Go Stand and Speak Gene Hill
8:00 pm There Is a Balm in Gilead Gary Summers

(Pensacola is in the Central Time Zone. All the above times are Central Daylight Time)