



# Cancer

**Brad Hurd.** Liver cancer & spreading to lungs.

**Steven Kelly.** Friend of Lovell's. Stage 4.

**Ken Moran.** Odell's son. Stage 4 cancer.

# Special Needs

**Ryan Kendrick.** Special needs.

**Jaydan Patrick.** Special needs.

# Nursing Home

**Sibbie Byrd.** Health issues.

**Sharon Teschendorf.** Dementia .

# Need for Prayer

**Brandi Beavers.** Health concerns.

**The Beavers Children.** Health concerns.

**Jack Beavers.** Health concerns.

**Pete Beavers.** Jack's brother. Broken foot.

**Drew Clifton.** Dixie's grandson.

**Larry Guilliams.** Recovering from a heart attack.

**Norman W. Hill.** Health concerns.

**Hester Hollandsworth.** Health issues.

**Matthew Hollandsworth.** Health issues.

**Rita Lawless.** Health issues.

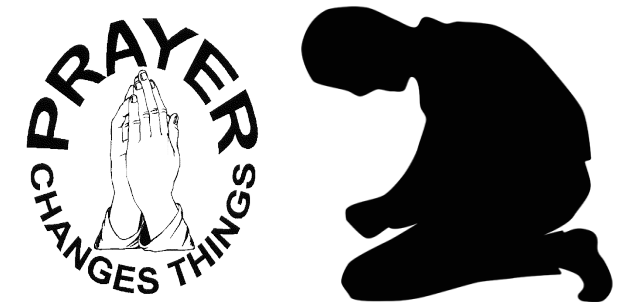
**Odell Moran.** Health concerns.

Prayers for Caregivers.

Prayers for our Country, Military.

Prayers for Israel, Palestine, & Ukraine.

*To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew or Jonathan. Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received.*



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**Times We Meet:**  
**Sunday:**  
**Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Worship:** 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday:**  
**Ladies' Class**  
Coffee & Donuts: 9:30 a.m.  
**Class:** 10:00 a.m.

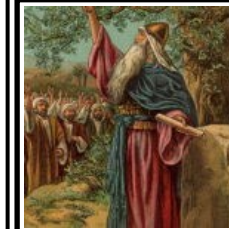
**Mid-Week Virtual Class**  
Around 12:30 p.m. on all our streaming platforms.



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## Worthy of the Lord

Paul prayed that the Colossians would "be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understand-

ing, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Col 1:9-10). There is a special person in the Old Testament who behaved this way about 1700 years before Jesus was born, and he is actually a type of Christ.

Joseph was betrayed by his own family, but bitterness did not rule his life. He was sold into slavery but was not a slave to anger and rebellion. He was falsely accused by Potiphar's wife and unjustly imprisoned, but he remained positive. He was forgotten by those he helped in prison, but never gave up. He was raised to a place of great power, but there was not a thought of vengeance concerning Potiphar or Joseph's brothers.

Instead, he saw God's providence and blessings through all of his pain and suffering. Joseph walked worthy of the Lord. Let us be encouraged to do the same.

—Rick Laing

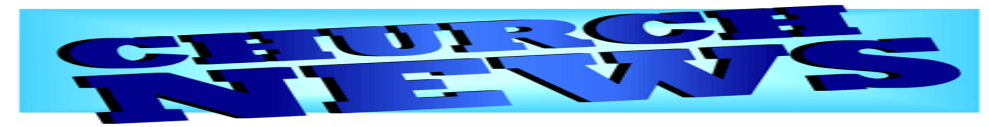
### The Victor's Crown



God has promised us many wonderful blessings in His word. The grandest blessings are reserved for those who are faithful to Him unto the very end. One of these grand blessings is the crown of life. This was the promise to the church at Smyrna who was suffering and would suffer even greater things in the future. To them the word of exhortation is given, "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: and behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). God's people cannot be defeated. We may be persecuted, troubled on every side, tormented, and sometimes disheartened, but if we remain faithful, we are set for victory! "Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:14).

Athletic games were held near Corinth in the first century that were the predecessor to our modern Olympics. Paul compared the crown of life that we will receive to the victor's wreath that the winner received in these games. It is amazing that men will discipline themselves, go through all sorts of pain, and make tremendous sacrifices for a garland crown of flowers and momentary glory. Paul said, "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible" (1 Corinthians 9:25). Christians, instead of striving for earthly glory, make sacrifices for the eternal "crown of glory that fadeth not away" (1 Peter 5:4). What a delight it is to see those who have overcome all the trials and temptations of life welcome death because of the eternal rewards that lay just beyond the passage. When Paul was at that juncture, he declared, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

*"The Victor's Crown" Continued on Page 3...*



#### May Birthdays!

- 6TH LORI PALMER
- 11TH SIMON BEAVERS
- 22ND ANNIE BEAVERS
- 23RD LIZ THOMPSON
- 23RD JAMES PATRICK



#### Thursday Ladies Bible Class!

Coffee & Donuts at 9:30 a.m. and class starts at 10:00 a.m.

Class goes on summer break following class on May 16th.



#### Mid-Week Virtual Bible Study!

Thursday's Around 12:30 p.m. On All Our Streaming Platforms



#### Digging Deep Bible Study!

Our next Digging deep ladies' class is this afternoon from 3 -5 pm. In the fellowship hall.



#### Blood Drive!

Mark you calendars for our next blood drive with the American Red Cross. Friday, May 31, 2024! Schedule your appointment at: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)



#### Game Night!

Our next Game Night is on June 1, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite games & finger foods to share.



#### Movie Night!

Our next Monthly Movie Night is on June 8, 2024 & it will be a Pizza & Movie Night! Bring your favorite pizza to share. Pizza Supper @ 5:00 p.m. Movie @ 5:30 p.m.



#### Potter Children's Summer Commodities Outreach!

It is time, once again, to help stock the pantry at Potter Children's Home for the summer. This season, we are asked to bring in: *Evaporated Milk, Penne Pasta, Taco Seasoning Packets, Fruit Cups and Rice Cereal.* If you would like to donate funds to help purchase Fresh Foods & Dairy, please put those donations in the offering boxes and mark it for Potter. Please bring pantry items to the lobby. *All items and donations must be brought in by: Sunday, June 23.*



#### Solution

fulfill, destroy; away, law; breaks, teaches; great, heaven; scribes, Pharisees



## ***There Is Room At The Cross***

“The cross upon which Jesus died is a shelter in which we can hide; and its grace so free is sufficient for me, and deep is its fountain, as wide as the sea.” These words written by Ira F.

Stanphill in his song, “Room at the Cross” should give a great sense of comfort to all who would seek the will of God. When Jesus died on the cross of Calvary, He did what all other sacrifices could not do. He made the forgiveness of sins possible. God be thanked that there is no limit to the number of souls that Christ’s blood can save, and no limit to the number of sins He can forgive.

The second stanza of the before mentioned song reads, “Though millions have found Him a friend, and have turned from the sins they have sinned, the Savior still waits to open the gates, and welcome a sinner before it’s too late.” As long as a person is willing to repent of sin and turn to God in obedience (Acts 2:38), he or she will by no means be rejected by our heavenly father. Jesus said, “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out” (John 6:37). Can you not picture our loving Savior waiting with outstretched arms, prepared to receive you and help you cast out the burden of your sins?

The final verse affirms, “The hand of my Savior is strong, and the love of my Savior is long; thru sunshine or rain, thru loss or in gain, the blood flows from Calvary to cleanse every stain.” There is nothing on this earth or in any other realm that can separate us from God’s love (Romans 8:38-39). He wants everyone to be saved. “Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4). There is only one thing that can prevent Christ’s blood from cleansing your sins: *You!* I urge you; do not thwart God’s attempts to reward you with eternal life. Turn to Him today! “There’s room at the cross for you. Though millions have come, there’s still room for one—yes there’s room at the cross for you.”

—Darrell Powell

***“The Victor’s Crown” Continued from Page 2...*** James 1:12 declares, “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those that love him.” Are you striving to win the victor’s crown that the Lord will give those who overcome?  
—Mark Day



## ***What Can I Do to Help the Church Grow?***

A George Barna survey studied people who visited a local congregation. He found that:

- 78 percent loved being greeted by individuals who sat around them at the end of the service.
- 72 percent did not want to stand and be recognized during service.
- 70 percent liked receiving information about the church.
- 65 percent did not want a name tag.
- 64 percent did not want the preacher coming to their house.

You and I know that there is more to congregational growth than numbers. Yet when we consider the narrative of Acts, the Holy Spirit influenced Luke to record the numerical growth of the Lord’s church (Acts 4:4; 5:14; 6:1; 9:31).

So what can you do to help the church grow?

1. Park as far away from the building as you can in order to leave closer places for visitors.
2. Introduce yourself to guests who sit near you. If 78 percent of visitors appreciate being greeted, then let us all be greeters!
3. Invite people to Bible class. If your friends have children, walk them to the classroom.
4. Ask guests to join you at other gatherings, such as a small group meeting or social get-together in your home.

***“What Can I Do?” Continued on Page 4...***



### Matthew 5:17-20



1. Jesus came to \_\_ the Law and the Prophets, not to \_\_.
2. “For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass \_\_, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the \_\_ till all is fulfilled.”
3. “Whoever therefore \_\_ one of the least of these commandments, and \_\_ men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven...”
4. Ones who does and teaches the commandments would be called \_\_ in the kingdom of \_\_.
5. “For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds *the righteousness* of the \_\_ and \_\_, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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### “What Can I Do?” Continued from Page 3...

5. Smile! It is incredible what happens when we smile at others.
6. Invite them to lunch. This way you can visit informally and get to know them better.
7. Ask guests to sit with you during worship.
8. Learn the visitor’s name and introduce him/her to people you know. This is a good practice and is biblical (3 John 14).
9. Be a friend! People are looking for more that a friendly church. They are searching for friendship.
10. Pray for them by name.—*adapted by: New Providence C of C, Clarksville, TN*

### “On the Lighter Side”



As a man is walking down the street with his friend, he says, “Look at me. I’m a walking economy.”

His friend replies, “And just how do you figure that?”

“Well, my hairline is in recession, my stomach is a victim of inflation, and the combination of these factors is putting me in deep depression.



### Please Read This Slowly and Think!

Submitted by a member at East Hill church of Christ. The following questions were contained in a bulletin from January, 1943.

1. Does your life please God? Do I enjoy living the Christian life?
2. Am I studying my Bible daily? How much time do I spend in real prayer?
3. Have I ever won a soul to Christ? Am I trying to win any soul to Christ?
4. Do I cherish in my heart a feeling of malice or hatred toward any one?
5. Do I estimate the things of time and eternity at their true values?
6. Is there anything I cannot give up for Christ and His cause?
7. How does my life look to those of my neighbors who are not Christians?
8. Where am I making my greatest mistake? What is my greatest fault?
9. Do I place anything before my duties to God as a Christian?
10. Am I honest in my stewardship of the Lord’s money?
11. Is the world a better or worse place for my having lived in it?
12. Am I doing anything that I would condemn in others?

Powerful questions that *every* child of God should consider. Our Master has charged us with taking the “good news” to every creature, in every generation. That solemn charge was *not* given to just a chosen few, but rather to every saved saint. If you know “what you did” and “why you did it” then you know adequately to talk to others about Christ.

—via East Hill church of Christ, Pulaski, TN