



Cancer

Levi Burke. 5year old nephew of James' coworker.

Tish Clarke. Wife of B.J. Clarke. Brain cancer.

Jesse Draper. Carolyn Roop's Son.

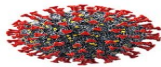
Ralph Jones. Friend of Lovell's. Leukemia.

Barbara Kendrick. Lisa's mom.

Louie Rakes. Sandra Lester's brother.

Penny Shropshire. Friend of Dave's Daughter

COVID-19



Greg Bryson. Rita's nephew.



Anita Hopper. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia .

Eddie Thompson. Dementia & other health issues.

Virgil Thompson. Parkinson's Disease.



Eli Clark. Special needs.

Ryan Kendrick. Special needs.

Shep Knight. Special needs.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.



Drew Clifton. Dixie's grandson.

Robby Eversole. Heart issues.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Recent surgery.

Sheryl Newton. Brad's mom. Health concerns.

Ernest Parenteau. Brad's stepdad. Health concerns.

Carolyn Roop. Recovering from a fall.

David Teschendorf. Recovering from a fall.

Randy Underwood. U.T. blockage.

Those Not Listed with Long Term Health Concerns.

Prayers for our Country.

Prayers for the Ukraine.



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Times We Meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.

Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Thursday:

Ladies Class: 10:00 a.m.

Mid-Week Online

Bible Study: 12:30 p.m.

Office Hours:

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9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.



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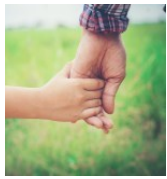


Recently, I was putting together a futon that I purchased. It wasn't particularly difficult, but was definitely time consuming. I was carefully following the instructions, when I got to a point where I was to use a very long bolt to fasten together two pieces of the frame. In my opinion, the bolt was much longer than needed, and I mused at the incompetence of the engineer who designed the piece of furniture. The long bolt was a waste and besides could be a danger since it stuck out so. Regardless, I put the bolt in and continued with the assembly.

As the construction neared completion I noticed that another piece of the frame assembly went over the remaining end of the long bolt and was fastened on with another nut which left basically none of the bolt exposed. The designer of the futon knew what they were doing after all, and I marveled at the brilliant bit of engineering.

Now, here's my point. If we want to build a proper life for ourselves, we need to carefully heed the instruction book – the Bible. God is our designer and the operation manual He left us will guide us into "all things that pertain to life and godliness" (1 Pet. 1:3). If we carefully follow the Bible's instructions, we will indeed marvel at what God has designed for our lives.

—Edd Sterchi



If Eli Could Speak to Parents

First Samuel tells us of the life of Eli. He was the high priest of Israel. He loved God and was very sensitive to His word.

During his time, spiritual conditions were not good. People mocked God and lived immoral lives. Tragically, Eli's sons became ungodly. They were disrespectful to God in their worship and immoral in their conduct (1 Samuel 2:12–25).

For whatever reason, Eli failed to restrain and discipline his sons (1 Samuel 2:12–17, 29). Because of this lack of restraint, his children became careless and undisciplined, and they died as ungodly men.

We live in a very busy world. Many parents are so busy that they also fail to restrain their children. Thus many children have grown up to disrespect God in their worship and in the way they live.

If Eli were here today, in hindsight he might tell parents:

Dedicate Yourself to God. Our dedication must come from within and not consist of just a few “noticeable” acts. Whether at home, work, or play, we should live like a child of God. Joshua knew his family could tell if his life was a fake. Therefore his faith was seen in his daily living: “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15).

Give Your Family the Attention They Deserve and Need. Helping our family see the joys of Christian living should be a supreme objective. Many good people fail to give children the spiritual nourishment they need. God instructed parents to “bring” their children up, not “send” them up (Ephesians 6:4).

Restraint Is Necessary to Please God. Eli knew his sons were wrong and did nothing about it. Many homes today have this problem. Some parents listen more to some “noted psychiatrist” than to God. God’s truth never changes (John 17:17; Malachi 3:6).

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



JANUARY BIRTHDAY

JAN. 31ST

MATTHEW HOLLANDSWORTH



***New Year's Day
Pot Luck Luncheon!***

Following our Bible Study & Worship Gatherings on Sun., Jan. 1st, we will host a Potluck Luncheon!



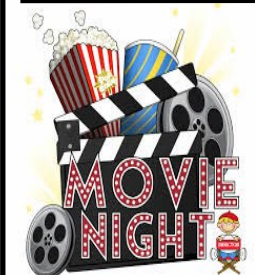
***Thursday Classes
Resume This Week!***

Our Thursday Ladies Class & Mid-Week Online Class will resume this Thursday January 5, 2023.



Ladies Digging Deep

Our next Monthly Ladies Digging Deep Class is: Sunday, January 8, 2023. 3:00 p.m.— 5:00p p.m. in our fellowship hall.



Monthly Movie Night!

Our next Monthly Movie Night is Jan. 7th at 6:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Candy and Popcorn are provided.
Hope to see you there!



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Solution: Home in Nazareth

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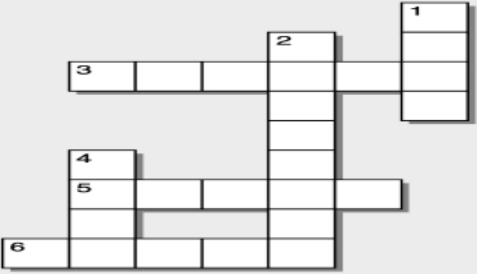
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CrossWORD



Priestly Garments

Exodus 28

Across

3. The holy garments were for glory and ____.

5. Trousers were made from this cloth.

6. The breastplate went over Aaron's ____.

Down

1. The ephod had two of these stones.

2. The breastplate of ____.

4. Color of the robe for the ephod.


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“Eli” Continued from Page 2... Current fads may seem better, but what if the “expert” is wrong? Solomon said, “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Proverbs 14:12). Therefore parents take heed when God says, “Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.” “The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.” “No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness” (Proverbs 19:18; 29:15; Hebrews 12:11).

You Will Pay the Price if You Fail. God tells us: “The way of transgressors is hard” and, “The wages of sin is death” (Proverbs 13:15; Romans 6:23). Eli’s sons lived and died in rebellion to God. Their lives brought them misery and Eli heartache. The same destiny is true for everyone who fails to heed God’s way. The price we pay will be here and in eternity.

Eli cannot speak to us today, but through the Bible, God still does (Psalm 119:160; 1 Timothy 4:16). We only have one opportunity to raise our children right. Let’s do it God’s way.

—Ferman Carpenter



What I Love About Being a Christian


I love being a child of the King! Why?


First, Christians have a family. God designed the physical family in the paradise of Eden (cf. Genesis 2:7; 18). Most of us enjoy that blessing from God. In the New Testament, God gave us a second family—relationships with other church members. If our physical family fails us, especially, God has given us the substitute of a family in Christ (cf. Mark 10:29–30). Christians love to sing of this truth:

*We’re part of the family, that’s been born again,
Part of the family,
whose love knows no end, For Jesus has saved us,
and made us His own,
Now we’re part of the family that’s on its way home!*

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!





Rev. 17:7-11

1. For how long did the ten kings receive authority in verse 12?

2. “These are of one __, and they will give their __ and __ to the beast.”

3. Who did the kings make war with?

4. “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are __, multitudes, __, and tongues.”

5. “And the woman whom you saw is that great __ which reigns over the __ of the earth.”

Solution: one hour; mind, power, authority; the Lamb; peoples, nations; city, kings

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Second, Christians have a function. Our foremost purpose in life is to bring glory to our Father (cf. Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 2:12). Therefore, our aim is to do “in word or deed” all we do by the authority of Jesus Christ (cf. Colossians 3:17; Acts 4:7–10). Our speech (Colossians 4:6), attitudes (Philippians 2:1–5), clothing (1 Timothy 2:9–10; 1 Peter 3:3–4), and daily work (Colossians 3:22) should reflect Jesus (1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6).

Third, Christians have a future. Those in Christ have a wonderful future no matter what their situation today. God’s Book affirms that the Christian’s future is bright (Luke 10:20; 1 Peter 1:1–9; Romans 6:22). Truly, I know not what tomorrow holds, but I know who holds tomorrow!

A family, function, and future—all free. Jesus is still taking followers!
—Rodney Nulph



The Not-So-Encouraging Words

Richard Nixon had already had one nominee for the Supreme Court shot down by the Senate and it was looking like his second choice Harold Carswell was about to go down as well. Since he was attacked as a mediocre choice, Republicans were asked to help bolster the candidate. Nebraska Senator Roman Hruska tried with the following statement, “*Even if [Carswell] were mediocre, there are a lot of mediocre judges and people and lawyers. They are entitled to a little representation, aren’t they?*” Needless to say, this didn’t help the case and Carswell didn’t get the job.

Everybody needs a little encouragement every now and then. Yet we need to make sure that our attempts don’t do the opposite. Consider three ways to make sure your words build up and not tear down

Are they Considered? Don’t just say something. Make sure your words have meaning and that meaning is good.

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Are they Timely? You can say the right thing and still be ineffective because of the timing. Encourage when it is needed.

Are they Helpful? Some things are nice to say but they ring hollow because they don’t fill the person’s need. The same words over and over lose their effectiveness.

It is good to be an encourager. But it is far better to be an effective one.

“*Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing*” (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

—Barry Haynes



Let Each One Say

As life goes onward day by day,
Let each one to his conscience say
That flesh is weak but God is strong,
That right is right and wrong is wrong.
That I have found my workday flies,
But therein all my life’s hope lies.
That on life’s upward path I’ll run,
My face forever to the sun.
That I shall do my best today.
Not let one moment waste away;
And as I travel on life’s road
I’ll try to share a brother’s load.
That force has power, but love has more;
That peace is mightier than war;
That real success is only won
By deeds of kindness one has done.



Just One Request

Dear Master, for this coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthy thing...
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou leadest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.
I want to know Thy guiding voice
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master, make me swift to hear
And ready to obey,
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be.
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.