



Prayer Requests

Cancer

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

Ralph Jones. Friend of Lovell's. Leukemia.

Louie Rakes. Sandra Lester's brother.

Penny Shropshire. Friend of Dave's Daughter

Nursing Home & Home Bound

Anita Hopper. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia .

Eddie Thompson. Dementia & other health issues.

Virgil Thompson. Parkinson's Disease.

Special Needs

Eli Clark. Special needs.

Ryan Kendrick. Special needs.

Shep Knight. Special needs.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

In Sympathy

Family of Lila Conklin. Member at West Side.

Need for Prayer

Drew Clifton. Dixie's grandson.

Robby Eversole. Heart issues.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Peter Kice. Co-worker of James. 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.

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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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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There is Space for You



Ever try to check in only to find out the hotel is full up? Ever stay at a friend's house only to find out there isn't a bed or even a couch to crash on? Ever get invited to come along but there isn't a seat in the car or a spot at the table?

Nobody likes to feel that way. Left out, forgotten about, and on the outside looking in.

So, consider Jesus words in John 14:1-4: "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. "And you know the way where I am going."

Jesus didn't want his disciples to feel like they had been abandoned. He wanted them to know he had plans for them. There was a place for them. There was space for them. And most importantly there was a way to get there.

Jesus not only has room in heaven for us, but he also has a plan to get there. He is a secure reservation, a made-up room, a place just for you. You are not an afterthought or unwelcome guest. He doesn't want to try and fit you in, he is expecting you.

Why would you want to go anywhere else? —Barry Haynes



Rev. 18:9-14



1. The ___ of the ___ who participated with Babylon would weep and lament for her.
2. “Alas, alas, that ___ city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your ___ has come.”
3. The merchants of the earth would weep and mourn over her because no one ___ their ___ anymore.
4. True or False: Even human beings were being sold in “Babylon.”
5. “The ___ that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are ___ and ___ have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all.”

Solution: kings, earth; great, judgment; buys, merchandise; true (v.13b); fruit, rich, splendid
— *BulletinDigest.com*

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



JANUARY BIRTHDAY

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Singspiration!

The Kannapolis Church of Christ is hosting the 27th Singspiration, January 27-29. Brother Pete Lovell is going to the 28th's session. If you would like to join Pete that day, please see Pete!



Ladies Digging Deep

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



Movie Nights!

Our Movie Nights are on winter break. Our next Monthly Movie Night on May 6, 2023 & it will be a Pizza & Movie Night!



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Think of the encouragement it would provide if our elders knew that everyone is praying for them. Remember they are under the command from God to watch over our souls (Acts 20:28).

Look for opportunities to share the Gospel (Matthew 28:19–20). It can be as easy as talking to someone or just giving them a flyer to a gospel meeting, upcoming series, Friends and Family Day, or some other event where the Gospel is proclaimed.

Try to reclaim a wayward Christian (James 5:19–20). Let’s face it: none of us are perfect and from time to time we all need someone to help us along the way.

Teach a Bible class. We always need good Bible teachers. Notice Psalm 145:4: “One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts.”

Invite a friend or neighbor to our worship services. Acts 20:20 teaches us that we can go house to house and reach those who need Jesus. We are blessed to have this opportunity.

Look for visitors at our worship services and give them a warm greeting. If they have children, help them find the appropriate class. Do everything possible to make them feel welcome (Proverbs 25:11).
—Jonathan Burns

Hit and Run

The hit-and-run victim was just getting to his feet when a policeman ran up to help. “My mother-in-law just tried to run me over!” the shaken man told the cop.

“The car hit you from behind,” the officer said. “How could you tell it was your mother-in-law?”

“I recognized the laugh!” he replied.

On the Lighter Side



Five Things The Gospel Of The Christ Cannot Do!

The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Man’s true hope of going to heaven through Jesus is revealed in the Gospel. Yet, there are some things the Gospel cannot do.

1) The Gospel cannot save a person who is determined to live in rebellion against God. The Gospel has the power to make believers and save obedient believers (Romans 1:16,17), but it cannot save those who will not repent of their past sins and submit to God’s word.



2) The Gospel cannot help a troubled marriage as long as both spouses refuse to hear and heed what the Gospel says. The New Testament has specific, helpful instructions for every wife and every husband (Ephesians 5:22-33). When such teaching is carried out properly, marriages will not only survive, they will bloom. But, as long as neither spouse is willing to do things God’s way, the Gospel can-not help their situation.

3) The Gospel cannot do the work of the church. The church must go and preach the Gospel because the Gospel does not preach itself (Mark 16:15). The Gospel tells us to help the needy, but the Gospel itself cannot feed the needy. God’s Gospel can motivate Christians to be compassionate, but His children must step up and share their bounty. The Gospel contains complete instructions that can strengthen and equip the church, but the Gospel itself cannot take what Christians have learned and teach it to others so that they, too, can teach. The task of training faithful workers belongs to saints (2nd Timothy 2:2).

4) The Gospel cannot serve as a substitute for prayer. The same Savior that tells us to preach the Gospel also tells us to pray (Luke 18:1). The Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write that the Gospel is God’s power unto salvation (Romans 1:16), but He also led that same apostle to pray for opportunities to preach the Gospel (Colossians 4:2,3). We live the Gospel, teach the Gospel, and defend the Gospel, but we still bring our petitions and thanksgiving before our heavenly Father in prayer (Philippians 4:6,7). The Gospel is great, but it cannot take away the need to pray.

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<div><p>“Five Things” Continued from Page 3...</p><p>5) The Gospel cannot take the place of faith. Some will say, “We have the Gospel. What else could we need?” It is true that faith comes by hearing God’s word (Romans 10:17). And, it is equally true that the word of God can build us up and give us an inheritance among the sanctified (Acts 20:32). However we must not be deceived into thinking, “Hey, we have the Gospel, so why do I need to have faith?” Faith is man’s proper response to the Gospel message. The faith which pleases God is the faith that acts by love (Galatians 5:6). There is no benefit or consolation in having several copies of the Bible in our house if we are not going to put its teaching to use in our lives. It is still true that “without faith it is impossible to please” God (Hebrews 11:6) and “the just shall live by faith” (Hebrews 10:38).</p><p>I am so thankful that precious people taught me the Gospel. I thank God for the power of the Gospel to change people's lives and people’s eternal destiny. But, there are some things that even the Gospel of the Lord Jesus cannot do! [unless it is believed, obeyed, taught and defended!]</p><p>—Roger D. Campbell</p></div>	<div><p>“Dependence” Continued from Page 4...</p><p>I only wish to tell that story till I can no longer speak. No story is so high, so noble, so touching, so persuasive, or so glorious. No story draws the soul to search the heart and change the life. No story makes one feel the urgency to deny oneself, to take up a cross, and to follow the One who loves. Yes, this story is above human ingenuity; it must be from God Himself. Only the word gospel could fully describe life in Christ. It is life indeed, newness of life, abundant life, and eternal life. It can come from no other than the Father through the Spirit. I am captive to a story greater than all.”</p><p>Jesus is not only “there” for us, He has been from the beginning. Jesus is dependable and we should be seeking Him and have confidence He will never let us down. Jesus is:</p><p>Savior of the world – Luke 19:10. The Son of God – John 9:35-37. A King – John 18:37. Author and finisher of our faith – Hebrews 12:2. Lord – 1 Thessalonians 1:1.</p><p>May we seek to be dependable, but may we never depend on anyone more than we do Jesus.</p><p>—Allen Jones</p></div>
<div><div></div><div><p>Abiding Dependence</p><p>During my formative years, my parents constantly talked to me about “reputation” and being “dependable!” They constantly talked to me about doing my best to have a positive reputation of “not” causing other people problems and simply being counted on at school, society, and in the workplace. Simply put, strive to be dependable. We totally understand the importance of “being there” for someone when needed. Additionally, we appreciate and seek someone who we can “count on” and be dependable for us! Typically, we start out with our parents, move to other family members, maybe teachers (counselors, coaches, administrators), school-age peers, eventually a spouse, and adult friends (inner circle, co-workers). Hopefully, in the aforementioned group, we can find some or several who can be dependable for us. Conversely, we are that for them. But, we know, as we tarry on in the journey of life, we have “let downs.” Those who we have counted on have the potential to disappoint us for one reason or another. What’s the good news? Well, the <i>Good News</i> is Jesus Christ. Jesus is always there for us providing we are seeking Him!</p><p>Philip Sanders, faithful gospel preacher and speaker for the <i>In Search of the Lord’s Way</i> program, said this about Jesus recently: “I am captive to the story of an ancient One, born of a virgin, laid in a manger, who loved all, worked miracles, lifted the fallen, healed the sick, raised the dead, and suffered on the cross for my sins. Page 5.</p></div></div>	<div><div></div><div><p>Things We Can All Do</p><p>As followers of Christ, we are made perfect by the blood of Christ (Matthew 5:48 and 1 Peter 1:18-19). As Christians we must be willing to work good works (Ephesians 2:10). It may be the case that you are looking for things to do for the cause of Christ. If this is the case, here are some ways you can work with the Lord:</p><p>Pray daily for the church. Remember to especially pray for our elders and their families (1 Thessalonians 5:17).</p><p>“Things We Can” Continued on Page 6...</p></div></div>