



Prayer Requests

Cancer

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

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.

PRAYER
CHANGES THINGS



Connie Bullins. Troy & Gary's cousin. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Dixie's grandson.

Robby Eversole. Heart issues.

Laura Goupil. Online member. More health issues from long-covid.

Danny Guard. West Side Member. Health concerns.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Peter Kice. Co-worker of James. Health concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Recent surgery.

Ernest Parenteau. Brad's stepdad. Health concerns.

Carolyn Roop. Recovering from a fall.

Randy Underwood. U.T. blockage.

Those with Long Term Health Concerns.

Prayers for our Country.

Prayers for 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:
Mon.—Thur.
9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.



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The Greatest Treasure



The famous newspaper publisher, William Randolph Hearst, invested a literal fortune collecting art treasures from around the world. One day Mr. Hearst found a description of a painting that he was interested in. So he sent an agent to trace the history of the painting and contact its current owner so that he could purchase it. After months of searching, the agent reported that he had finally found the treasured painting. It was in Mr. Hearst's warehouse. Hearst had been searching frantically for a treasure he already owned! Had he read the catalog of his treasures, he would have saved himself a great deal of money and trouble.

That graphically illustrates many Christians today. Many today seek some supposed "deeper life" or "higher blessing" through many earthly sources. They desire a better life and search bookstores, the Internet, and the advice of others. Like William Randolph Hearst, they are clueless of what they already own – the Word of God, which has all the answers. If people will only search that, they will find all the treasures God has given. According to 2 Pet. 1:3, everything we need for life and godliness is in the Bible.

When Jesus was teaching some hard things for some to accept, some were leaving Him. To that, He turned to His apostles and asked, "Do you also want to go away? Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

With a new year on our doorstep, resolve to get more into the treasures you already have – in God's word! The answer is in God's word – for a better life, for salvation, for comfort, for everything!

—Edd Sterchi



Rev. 18:21-24



1. "Then a mighty ___ took up a stone like a great ___ and threw *it* into the sea..."
2. "The sound of ___, musicians, flutists, and ___ shall not be heard in you anymore."
3. No ___ would be found in the city anymore.
4. "The ___ of a ___ shall not shine in you anymore..."
5. The nations were deceived by Babylon's ___.

Solution: angel, millstone; harpists, trumpeters; craftsmen; light, lamp; sorcery

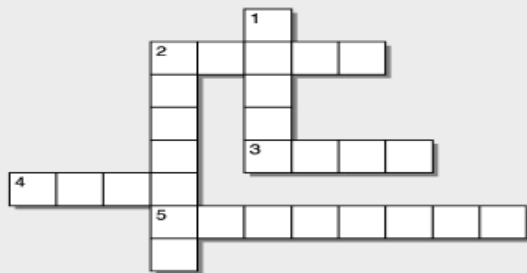
BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

Good Gifts (Matthew 7:7-12)

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BEING	BREAD	CHILDREN
EVIL	FATHER	FISH
GIFTS	GIVE	GOOD
HEAVENLY	HOLY	INSTEAD
KNOW	MORE	MUCH
OFFER	SCORPION	SERPENT
SPIRIT	STONE	THEN

CrossWORD



The Golden Calf

Exodus 32

Across

2. They sat down to eat and ___.
3. "Whoever is on the Lord's ___ come to me!"
4. They rose up to ___.
5. Calf was made from these.

Down

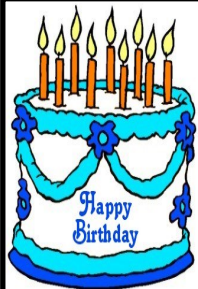
1. The tablets were written on both ___.
2. Moses ___ coming down from the mountain.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



JANUARY BIRTHDAY

JAN. 31ST

MATTHEW HOLLANDSWORTH

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

FEB. 8TH SIBBIE BYRD

FEB. 10TH JO ANNE HARFIELD

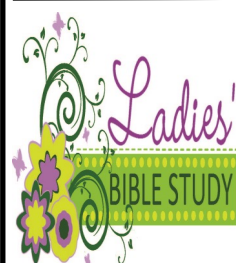
FEB. 14TH TERRY MASON



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY

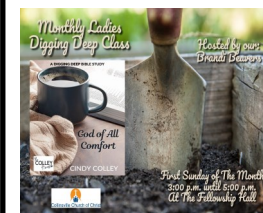
FEB. 18TH

BILLY & SANDRA LESTER



Ladies Bible Study!

Our Ladies Bible Study begins their new study this Thursday! He Went About Doing Good: the compassion of Christ in Luke. Coffee & Donuts at 9:30 a.m. and class starts at 10:00 a.m.



Ladies Digging Deep

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



Spring Blood Drive!

It is time to book your appointments for our Spring Blood Drive with the American Red Cross. Tuesday, March 21, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Redcrossblood.org Sponsor Code: CCOC



BIBLE WORD SEARCH! Solution

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H	R	B	E	I	N	G	R	E	O
B	I	F	F	A	T	H	E	R	L
R	T	H	E	A	V	E	N	L	Y
E	G	I	V	E	K	N	O	W	G
A	A	F	I	S	H	M	O	R	E
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Other Things to Do

When it is time to worship God
And to occupy my pew,
Will I assemble with the saints
Or find other things to do?
When God needs my service to Him
And wants me to help a few,
Will I do what needs to be done
Or find other things to do?
When I sit down to rest awhile
With quiet reading in view
Will I read the Word of God
Or find other things to do?
When I stand before the throne
And God renders what is due
Will He grant me mercy or will He
Find other things to do?



Top Traits of Successful Families

According to a study of more than 500 family counselors, the following are the top traits of successful families:

- Communicating and listening
- Affirming and supporting family members
- Respecting one another
- Developing a sense of trust
- Sharing time and responsibility
- Knowing right from wrong
- Having rituals and traditions
- Sharing a religious core
- Respecting privacy

—Focus on the Family Bulletin



Living It Day by Day

She sat alone in an old people’s home,
Lonely and old and gray;
She wished that someone, just anyone,
Would call on her that day.
Did you?

He lay for days on his hospital bed;
The hours were long and hard.
He wished someone, just anyone,
Would send him a cheery card.
Did you?

He was far from home on foreign soil,
Feeling homesick, lonely, and blue.
He wished that someone, just anyone,
Would write him a letter.
Did you?

She felt a stranger, that little bride;
No husband with her to church came.
She wished that someone, just anyone,
Would stop and call her name.
Did you?

Her loved one died a few weeks ago;
All sad and brokenhearted she sat.
She wished that someone, just anyone,
Would come to her house and chat.
Did you?

That matter of Christian service—
We are living it day by day,
When we help someone, just anyone,
As we walk along life’s way.

—Author Unknown



In the Storm, We Pray

When disasters strike, the human spirit responds by reaching out to help those affected. People stand in line to give blood; millions of dollars are donated to aid victims and their families; rescue teams work for endless hours. But most essential effort is accomplished by another valiant team. Their task? To guard and restrain the world with prayer. Those who pray keep alive the watch fires of faith. For the most part, we do not know all of their names. Such is the case of one who prayed on a day long ago.

His name is not important. His looks are beside the point, his gender of no concern, his title is unrelated, but he is important not because of who he was, but because of what he did.

He went to Jesus on behalf of a friend. His friend was sick, and Jesus could help, and someone needed to go to Jesus, so someone went. Others cared for the sick man in other ways. Some brought food; others provided treatment; still others comforted the family. Each role was crucial. Each person was helpful, but no one was more vital than the one who went to Jesus.

John writes, “Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick (John 11:3).” Someone carried the request; someone walked the trail; someone went to Jesus on behalf of Lazarus. And because someone went, Jesus responded.

In heaven, the prayer of saints is precious. John the apostle knew that the healing began when the request was made. The man told Jesus, “The one you love is sick, not the one who loves you.” The power of the prayer from that man depended on the one who heard it.

We, too, can go to God in prayer and say, “The one you love is tired, sick, sad, hungry, lonely, fearful, depressed, etc...” The words of the Christians prayer will receive a response. God hears the prayers.

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He does not miss a word. When Jesus heard the request, he said, “...This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby (John 11:4).” Jesus took note of the man’s words, and he was heard of God.

We live in a loud world. To get someone’s attention is not easy. One must be willing to set everything aside in order to listen. We must consider it a privilege when someone is willing to silence everything else so he can hear us clearly.

John’s message is critical. We can talk to God because He listens. Our voice matters in heaven and God takes us seriously. There is no need to fear that the Christian will be ignored. Even if you stammer or stumble, even if what you have to say impresses no body, it impresses God, and he hears you. God listens to the painful plea of the elderly Christians in the rest home. He listens to the confession of the one who has fallen. He hears the alcoholic that obeys the Gospel and begs for mercy, the spouse who seeks guidance, the businessman who steps off the street into the congregation of the Lord’s church to worship, and He listens.

A Christian’s prayer does not stop until it reaches the very throne of God. You are the someone of God’s kingdom. One may not understand the mystery of prayer, but a Christian knows that by being in Christ, he has access to all spiritual blessings, and that is the mystery of prayer revealed. When one obeys the Gospel then actions begin in heaven when someone prays. What an amazing thought! When you speak, God hears; when God hears, the world is changed, and the world changes all because in the storm, Christians pray.


—Bradley Tate

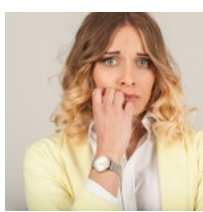


On The Lighter Side: Psychologically Speaking

The psychology instructor had just finished a lecture on mental health and was giving an oral test. Speaking specifically about manic depression, she asked, “How would you diagnose a patient who walks back and forth screaming at the top of his lungs one minute, then sits in a chair weeping uncontrollably the next?

A young man in the rear raised his hand and answered, “A basketball coach?”





Our Present Hope

Many suffer from what might be called emotional paralysis. We are unable to function today because we either live in the past or are preoccupied with worry about the future. While we may regret mistakes of the past, we cannot make up for those mistakes by continually reliving them in our minds. Where forgiveness is necessary, we should by all means pursue it with vigor. But there comes a time when we must move on and make the most of the present.

The apostle Paul had formerly lived in hostility to the way of Christ. He was a man obsessed with the destruction of the church. He consented to the death of Stephen (Acts 7:58). He had been “a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor...” (1 Tim. 1:13). Paul dealt with his dark past by looking forward to his bright future in Christ. He wrote the Christians at Philippi, saying, “forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Ph. 3:13-14). It matters not so much where we have been as where we are going. We cannot change the past, but we can set the course for our future by how we choose to live today.

While some need to move forward out of the past, others need to take a step back from the future. It is as paralyzing to occupy today with worries of tomorrow as it is to continually relive the past. In these troubling times, how can we avoid needless worry? The inspired recipe is ours: “Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Ph. 4:6-7). In the midst of his warning about coming persecutions, Peter tells us to cast “all our anxiety upon Him, because He cares for [us]” (1 Pet. 5:7).

Because God cares, there is no past so dark or future so bleak but that our present cannot be filled with the light of hope. “This is the day which the Lord has made; let us be glad in it” (Psa. 118:24).

—Glen Elliott

