



Cancer

Ruby Bradd. 6 years old.
Steven Kelly. Friend of Lovell's. Stage 4.
Louie Rakes. Sandra Lester's brother.

Special Needs

Ryan Kendrick. Special needs.
Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Need for Prayer

Drew Clifton. Dixie's grandson.
Tari Kelly. Friend of Lovell's. Severe dog bite.
Jackie & Melody Mullins. Health concerns.
 Prayers for our Country, Military.
 Prayers for Israel, Palestine, & Ukraine.

Nursing Home

Sibbie Byrd. Health issues.
Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

Long-Term Health Issues

Jack Beavers. Fluid retention & heart issues.
Simon Beavers. Health issues.
Eugene Hall. Recovering from brain surgery.

Norman W. Hill. Health concerns.
Troy & Hester Hollandsworth. Health issues.
Matthew Hollandsworth. Health issues.
Anita Hopper. Health concerns.
Rita Lawless. Health issues.
Odell Moran. Health concerns.
Wayne Youngblood. Health issues.
 Prayers for Caregivers.



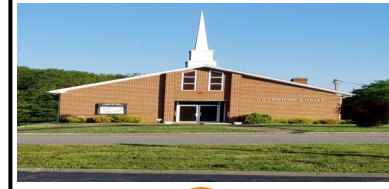
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Times We Meet:
Sunday:
 Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
 Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Thursday:
 Ladies' Class
 Coffee & Donuts: 9:30 a.m.
 Class: 10:00 a.m.
 Mid-Week Virtual
 Bible Study: 12:30 p.m.



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How to Have a Happy New Year

What phrases are you tired of hearing? I asked this question once in a class and was surprised by the number of statements that came from the students. Among those mentioned was the simple wish: "Happy New Year!"

I must confess that I love to hear the phrase because it reminds me of the promises of Jesus when he gave us the beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-12.

Most English Bibles translate these sayings as "blessed is the." Actually, the translation more accurately should read "happy is the."

Substituting the word, "happy," for "blessed," we read -

"Happy are...the poor in spirit...those who mourn...the meek...those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...the merciful...the pure in heart...the peacemakers...the persecuted...the insulted...the persecuted."

The world cannot comprehend this. What the world doesn't understand is, with Jesus, we can be happy even when we are humiliated, mourning, being meek, hungering, etc. because we have Jesus in our hearts.

Have a Happy New Year! —Larry Fitzgerald



Resolve to Involve Everything

With the new year comes resolutions. We like a fresh start, and we generally feel that the start of a brand new year is best time to implement changes. I guess it's because we look back on the previous year and analyze successes and failures and make decisions on what we need to do to better ourselves—and that's not a bad thing. We make plans and determinations with great hope of accomplishing them in our lives.

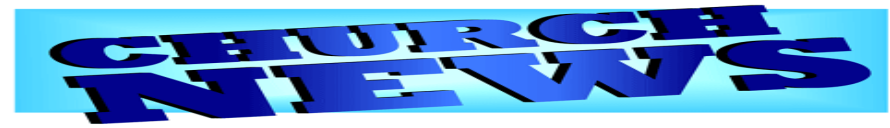
Most people will make resolutions that improve their body (like eating better and/or exercising more), improve their mind (like reading more or learning something new), or improve their attitude. Without a doubt, these are good things to make positive progress in our lives.

But, in making our resolutions, let us not forget about the most important thing to improve in our lives: our spirituality. As Christians, we should always be striving to be growing closer to God, reading the Bible more, increasing in service, and becoming more mature in the faith. Improving our spirituality will also help us to improve anything else we wish to implement into our lives.

Interestingly, Jesus mentioned all of these areas when asked what was the greatest commandment. He mentioned them in connection with our relationship to God. We read it in Mark 12:30, "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." Notice how we are to love God with our all—mind, body, heart, and soul. So, it makes sense that we would always want to improve ourselves in all of these areas.

Yes, let us resolve to involve every aspect of our lives in loving, honoring, serving, and praising God, and not just at the beginning of each year, but at the beginning of each and every day.

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January Birthday!

31ST MATTHEW HOLLANDSWORTH



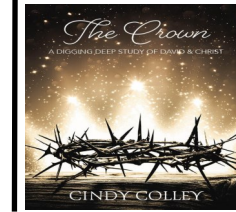
Mid-Week Virtual Bible Study!

All of streaming platforms, Returns Jan. 25th at 12:30 pm



Ladies Bible Study!

Returns Thursday, Jan. 18th!
Coffee & Donuts at 9:30 a.m.
and class starts at 10:00 a.m.



Digging Deep Bible Study!

Digging deep ladies' class returns today from 2 pm - 4 pm in our Fellowship Hall.

"On the Lighter Side"

Worst Sermon Ever

A preacher was suddenly called out of town and he asked the new youth minister to conduct services on Sunday. When he returned, he asked his wife how the young man had done. "Not so well," she reported. "It was the poorest sermon I had ever heard—nothing to it at all." Meeting the youth minister later, the preacher asked him how he had managed. "Pretty good, I guess," replied the young man. "As I did not have time to prepare anything myself, I just used one of your old sermons."



BIBLE WORD SEARCH! Solution

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| DAYS | GOOD | HEZEKIAH |
| ISAIAH | LEAST | LORD |
| PEACE | SAID | SPOKEN |
| THERE | TRUTH | WORD |

Word SCRAMBLE

Solution: Syntyche



Matthew 1:1-17



1. "The book of the __ of Jesus Christ, the Son of __, the Son of __:"
2. Who was David's father?
3. Which son of David is listed in the genealogy?
4. Who was the father of Manasseh?
5. "So all the generations from Abraham to David *are* __ generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon *are* __ generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ *are* __ generations."

Solution: genealogy, David, Abraham; Jesse; Solomon; Hezekiah; fourteen, fourteen, fourteen

"Nature of God" Continued from Page 5... That is, these priests exhorted God's people to praise God for His Nature. Read Nehemiah 9 and notice how they are encouraging these people.

His Exalted Nature (Nehemiah 9:5-6): Notice God's attributes, as mentioned here. He is the Exalted One. He is Lord. He is the Creator. He is the Sustainer. He is the only subject Worthy of Worship.

His Extending Nature (Nehemiah 9:7-8): His Extending Nature is illustrated by Abraham and the covenant made with him. For Abraham, He chose (7), brought out (7), named him (7), found his heart faithful (8), made a covenant with him (8), gave him Canaan (8), and preformed His words (8).

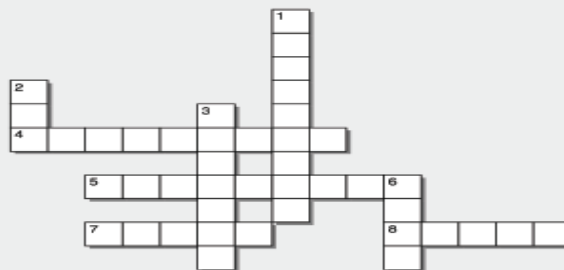
His Expressed Nature (Nehemiah 9:9-15): His activity is noted from Egypt to the Red Sea, from Mount Sinai to the desert. God provided all power and ability with the most remarkable and memorable acts of all history.

His Enduring Nature (Nehemiah 9:16-38): This means that God put up with and was longsuffering toward Israel for what they had done against Him! They disobeyed, ignored, and rebelled. Yet, notice that the priests noticed God's persistent longsuffering from Moses' generation all the way until captivity was over. God was good to them.

Remember that we have access to the longsuffering of God and we can always choose stand upon the side of God!
—Jonathan Burns

"Everything" Continued from Page 2... Even though given to the Israelites, Deuteronomy 10:12-13 should still inspire our resolve to involve our all in our relationship with God: "And now...what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD...?"
—Edd Sterchi

CrossWORD



"The Flood"

Genesis 7

Across

- 4) These were covered by the waters.
- 5) God saw that Noah was this.
- 7) Days and nights it rained.
- 8) Number that went into the ark.

Down

- 1) Noah did all that the Lord ____ him.
- 2) A son of Noah.
- 3) A son of Noah.
- 6) A son of Noah.

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Word SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to form a Bible word!

C Y E S N T H Y

Clue: A woman Paul implored (Phil. 4:2)

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

Hezekiah's Relief (2 Kings 20:19)

D	O	L	D	L	O	R	D
H	S	T	H	O	O	I	W
P	P	E	A	C	E	S	O
G	O	O	D	S	R	A	R
A	K	O	L	A	D	I	D
H	E	Z	E	K	I	A	H
E	N	D	A	Y	S	H	D
E	P	Y	S	A	I	D	A
T	R	U	T	H	E	R	E

DAYS	GOOD	HEZEKIAH
ISAIAH	LEAST	LORD
PEACE	SAID	SPOKEN
THERE	TRUTH	WORD

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



Putting Jesus Back in the Box

The Christmas holiday has come and gone. Time to take down those decorations, Christmas trees, blow-up yard ornaments, and lights, including those religious scenes and figurines. Along with the tinsel and multi-colored lights, the little statues of the baby Jesus will be placed in boxes and storage bins and stored away till next December. Folks will stop posting memes that say “Jesus is the Reason for the Season” and “Put Christ Back in Christmas” on social media. The time of year in which so much attention is given to Jesus Christ has past. Sadly, many people will not attend church, pray, or even mention Jesus until the traditional Easter holiday. They will return to their busy lifestyles full of work and play. It would seem that they have put Jesus in a box, only to let Him out on a couple of religious holidays during the year.

It has been said that we should be thankful that so many think about Christ, even if it’s for a short time. However, such traditions practiced only occasionally do not find favor with the Lord. Jesus said if any person desires to follow Him, they must deny themselves, pick up their cross and follow Him every day. (Luke 9:23) What a worthy goal it is to have Christ in the forefront of our daily activities, including bible reading, prayer, evangelism, benevolence and regular worship.

—Jay Launius

The Disease of Discouragement



dis·cour·age·ment də'skərəjm(ə)nt

1. a loss of confidence or enthusiasm; dispiritedness.
2. an attempt to prevent something by showing disapproval or creating difficulties; deterrent.

Where does discouragement come from? Let’s consider an interesting comment in the book of Ezra.

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“Discouragement” Continued from Page 4... The book of Ezra tells the story of the rebuilding of the temple. Though the act is brought about by God and authorized by King Cyrus, it does not come about easily. In Chapter 4 we see those that are attempting to thwart the efforts. In Ezra 4:4 we read, “Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah and made them afraid to build.”

Notice how they discouraged them? They made them afraid. Where does discouragement come from? It’s right there in the etymology:

DIS = not

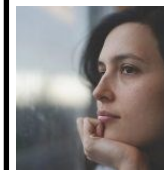
COURAGE = overcome fear

MENT = the state of

Discouragement comes when we fear. Fear is a powerful motivator but more often than not it’s one that stops us from doing something. That is why when fear is our primary motivator it usually doesn’t last long and doesn’t keep us motivated to go forward.

Don’t let fear rule you or you will find a lot of discouragement. —Barry Haynes

The Nature of God



The Bible is a rich document that provides us details and ideas into who God is. Three New Testament descriptions say that He is *something*: Spirit (John 4:24), Light (1 John 1:5), and Love (1 John 4:8). Yet, the Bible from cover to cover shows us much more about who God is. We really want to know who God is because after all we are His Children and we are called to be like Him. He is the reason we can assemble together to Worship. He is the reason we can gather together to Pray. He is the reason we can *live*! In Nehemiah 9, eight Levites led Judah in a “praise service.” ***Continued on P. 6...***