



Cancer

Ruby Bradd. 6 years old.

Brad Hurd. Fiancé of a co-worker of Brad Newton. Liver cancer & spreading to lungs.

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

Kitty Baugaus. Rita's sister. Health concerns.

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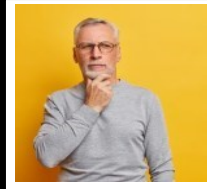
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Times We Meet:
Sunday:
 Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
 Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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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What If Jesus Had Never Come?

I cannot imagine trying to make it through life without having "the good shepherd" (John 10:11), who is the "one mediator between God and men" (1 Timothy 2:5) and the "King of kings and Lord of lords" (Revelation 19:16) in my corner. But what if Jesus had never come into this world "to give His life a ransom"? (Mark 10:45).

A Life Without True Meaning. Jesus came that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly (John 10:10). Paul said we "can do all things through Christ" (Philippians 4:13). The whole of man is to fear the Lord and keep His commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

A Life Without a Totally Reliable Model to Imitate. There are many fine people in this world. Some are worthy of imitation because they demonstrate selfless behavior, pure speech, and a respectful attitude. Yet no mere human is a good example in every way all of the time. Each person makes mistakes. "All have sinned" (Romans 3:23). But not Jesus, who "committed no sin," and that is why He alone is worthy of complete imitation (1 Peter 2:21-22).

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Continued from Front Page... A Life Without Direction. Where am I going in my life? Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Life Without Salvation. The wages of sin is death because sin separates a person from God (Romans 6:23; Isaiah 59:1-2). Thank God that He loved us so much that He sent Jesus "into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15; Ephesians 1:7). Because Jesus is the only Savior, the only "name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12), without Him we could never enjoy the forgiveness of sins.

A Life Without Hope. People that live without hope are miserable indeed. Jesus is the hope of the world (1 Timothy 1:1). Through Jesus we can live "in hope of eternal life" (Titus 1:2).

The choice is ours: we can live life either with Him or without Him. Let us choose wisely, for this choice will determine our eternal destiny. To live with Him, of course, means to live according to His will. Are you doing that?

—Roger Campbell

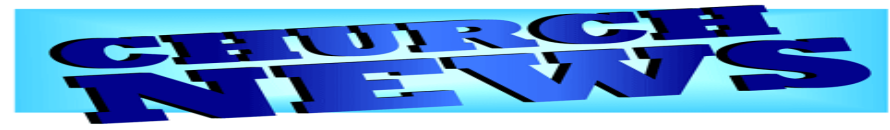
Fortify Your Faith



A father brought his demon-possessed son to Jesus (Mk. 9:17). He told Jesus he had taken his son to the disciples, but they could not cast the demon out (Mk. 9:18). Thus, the father asked Jesus, "if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." (Mk. 9:22). What was the response Jesus gave the man? "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes" (Mk. 9:23). Mark 9:24 says, "Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

We need help with our faith. We need deeper faith. The disciples later privately asked Jesus why they could not cast out the demon from the boy (Mk. 9:28).

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January Birthday!

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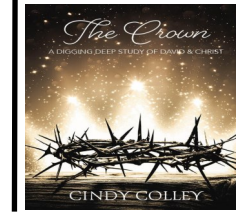
Mid-Week Virtual Bible Study!

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



Ladies Bible Study!

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



Digging Deep Bible Study!

Our next Digging deep ladies' class is Feb. 4th from 2 pm - 4 pm in our Fellowship Hall.



They Burned the Truth

They burned Truth in the marketplace,
And thought their work complete;
But next day, with a smiling face,
They met it on the street.

They threw it in a dungeon damp,
And thought it was no more;
But lo, it walked with lighted lamp
Among them as before.

They scorned and ostracized it,
And ordered it to depart;
But still it dwelt in all the land
And challenged every heart.

Author Unknown

BIBLE WORD SEARCH! Solution

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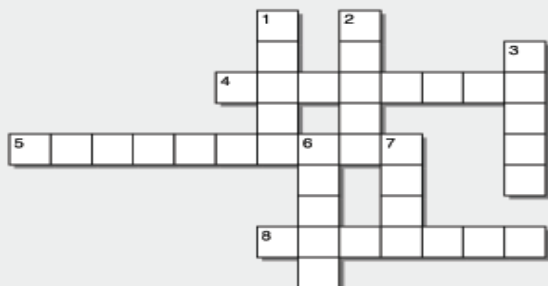
Matthew 2:1-6



1. What is the name of the city where Jesus was born?
2. Who was king in Judea during that time?
3. Wise men came to Jerusalem from the east because they has seen a __.
4. "When __ the king heard *this*, he was __, and all Jerusalem with him."
5. The king of Judea gathered all the chief __ and __ of the people to inquire where the Christ was to be born.

Solution: Bethlehem; Herod; star; Herod, troubled; priests, scribes

CrossWORD



"Dry Ground"

Genesis 8

Across

- 4) "Be ___ and multiply on the earth."
- 5) Then God ___ Noah.
- 8) The waters ___ continually from the earth.

Down

- 1) "I will never again ___ the ground..."
- 2) The dove brought a leaf from this tree.
- 3) First thing Noah built after the flood.
- 6) First bird Noah sent out.
- 7) Second bird Noah sent out.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

Esther Agrees to Help (Esther 4:1-17)

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Continued from Page 2... The twelve had been given the miraculous ability to do such in the limited commission (Mt. 10:8). Jesus highlighted the key on this occasion: "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting" (Mk. 9:29). Prayer and fasting, when done with the right motives, are practices that increase our faith (1 Cor. 7:5). Thus, even the disciples needed more faith; their failure to cast out this demon was evidence of such. Matthew's account records these words of Jesus in response to their question: "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting" (Mt. 17:20, 21).

Today, we do not have the miraculous abilities that the apostles had in the first century. However, in any age what matters to God is not our talents, knowledge, personality, or popularity. God uses people who live by faith. Hebrews 11 reiterates this truth time and again. "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain" (V. 4). "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death..." (v. 5). "By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household..." (Heb. 11:7). On and on the roll call of faith goes.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). Substance means foundation. Faith is the foundation of our hopes in spiritual things. Evidence is from a Greek word which means conviction. Faith is conviction of the unseen. God is unseen (Jn. 1:18; 1 Jn. 4:12). Our home in heaven is unseen (Jn. 3:13; 2 Cor. 5:1-5). None of us have ever seen Jesus with our physical eyes revealed in great glory from heaven (1 Pet. 1:7, 8). Yet, those of faith live with the conviction of these unseen realities (2 Cor. 4:18; 5:7). One comes to have faith in these things by hearing the word of God, as Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." God has told in His Word, the Bible, about Himself, His Son, and about heaven.

Do you need help with your faith? We all do. Hear God's word and meditate upon it with prayer and fasting and the Lord with increase your faith (Lk. 17:5).

—Mark Day



Pastor Who?

Lately, I have been disturbed by the number of preachers and youth directors who have started to refer to themselves as “Pastor so-in-so.” The latest one was a young man who had just graduated from a university associated with churches of Christ. He introduced himself to me as “Pastor Bull”* from XYZ* Church of Christ. (*Names changed.)

I said, “It’s nice to meet you. You look a little young to be an elder.”

He was confused and remarked, “I’m not an elder. I’m a pastor.”

He was even more confused when I pointed out that the terms refer to the same office in the Bible. Apparently, he had never studied that in the Christian University he had attended.

It might surprise you that the Bible does not use the word, “pastor,” as a synonym for preacher or evangelist.

The word, “pastor” is not really a translation ... it is an Anglicization – (making a foreign word sound like an English term). The actual translation is “shepherd.” This can be used in either the noun or verb form. (See Vine’s Dictionary of NT words, “pastor” and “shepherd” articles.)

Three passages in the New Testament use the word “pastor” (in various forms). These are Ephesians 4:11, Acts 20:28, and 1 Peter 5:2.

In Ephesians 4:11, Paul discusses the many different “jobs” that Christ placed in the church. One of those positions is identified in the plural as “pastors and teachers.” The expression “pastors and teachers” identifies a single group. This doesn’t mean that all teachers are “pastors.” But it does mean that all “pastors” are teachers.

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Continued from Page 4... In the second passage, Acts 20:28, Paul again refers to pastors. Here, however, he uses the verb form of the word, which is translated “to feed” (ASV) or “to care for” (ESV). The NIRV simply translates “be shepherds.” Pastors feed, tend, and protect the church which is God’s “flock.”

Likewise, in the third passage, 1 Peter 5:2, Peter encourages these servants by saying, “Tend the flock of God ...”. The NASB says: “... shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight ...”

In Acts 20:28, Paul identifies those who are to “take heed . . . to all the flock” as “bishops” (overseers). Likewise, Peter instructs these shepherds to “oversee” (to “bishop”) (1 Peter 5:2). This exhortation is addressed to “the elders” (1 Peter 5:1). Note that the words “bishop” and “elder” are interchangeable in Titus 1:5-6.

The 3 terms – elder, bishop, and pastor – are used of the same office in the church. To hold this office, men must meet the qualifications found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9. The office of minister (evangelist, preacher) is a separate role in the church. Their primary work is to study and teach of the Word (1 Timothy 4:15-16; 2 Timothy 4:2-5).

A preacher may also function as a pastor/elder, if he is qualified. The reason that I am not a “pastor” is because I am not an “elder.”

—Larry Fitzgerald



On The Lighter Side: Good Reason for Quiet Children



A mother was having a difficult time getting her young son to be quiet during the preaching. Finally, she leaned over and whispered something to him. From that point on he sat still and was quiet as a mouse. A person who had observed this asked the mother after services if she would share what she had told her young son in order to get him to behave the way he did. She said, “I told him he was disturbing the preacher and if he lost his place in his lesson, he would have to start all over again.”