



Cancer

Ruby Bradd. 6 years old.
Brad Hurd. 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.
Gabrielle Beavers. Jack's brother's granddaughter. Has been missing since this past Monday.
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. Health concerns.
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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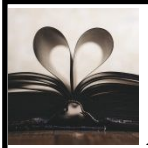


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Times We Meet:
Sunday:
Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Thursday:
Ladies' Class
 Coffee & Donuts: 9:30 a.m.
Class: 10:00 a.m.
Mid-Week Virtual Bible Study: 12:30 p.m.

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Jesus Loves Me

Around 1860, Anna B. Warner penned the following words that were later extended and set to music by William B. Bradbury and continue to be sung around the world:

*Jesus loves me—this I know, / For the Bible tells me so:
 Little ones to him belong— / They are weak, but he is strong.
 Yes, Jesus loves me, / Yes, Jesus loves me,
 Yes, Jesus loves me, / The Bible tells me so.*

While often considered a children's Bible School song, these words are nevertheless profound. When Karl Barth (1886–1968), the famous Swiss theologian, visited the United States in 1962 and lectured at Princeton Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago, he was asked to summarize all the millions of words he had written. He is reported to have thought for a moment and then replied, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so."

God's love for sinful humanity is the Bible's theme. At the heart of the gospel is God's gift of Jesus Christ to all the world as the atoning sacrifice for sin.

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“Continued from Cover Page... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). The tremendous truth expressed here in what has often been called the Golden Text of the Bible is reiterated throughout the pages of the New Testament. Consider the following:

“God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).
—Hugh Fulford



Pulling on Both Oars

An old Scotsman operated a small rowboat for transporting passengers.

One day a passenger noticed that the old man had carved on one oar the word “Faith” and on the other oar the word “Works.” Curious, he asked the meaning.

The old man replied, “I’ll show you.” He dropped the “faith” oar and pulled the “works” oar. The boat went around in circles. Then he dropped that oar and pulled the “faith” oar. The little boat went around in circles in the opposite direction.

After this demonstration, the old man picked up Faith and Works and began plying both oars together. The boat sped swiftly over the water.

The old man explained, “You see, that is the way it is in the Christian life. Dead works without faith are useless, and faith without works is dead also, getting you nowhere. But faith and works pulling together make for safety, progress, and blessing.” Read James 2:14–26.
—Brett Petrillo



Spoil Your Spouse

As a man, spoil your spouse, not your children (2 Samuel 12:3, 8; Proverbs 5:18–19; Ephesians 5:25; 1 Peter 3:7).



January Birthday!

31ST MATTHEW HOLLANDSWORTH

February Birthdays!

8TH SIBBIE BYRD
10TH JO ANNE HAIRFIELD
14TH TERRY MASON



February Anniversary

18TH BILLY & SANDRA LESTER



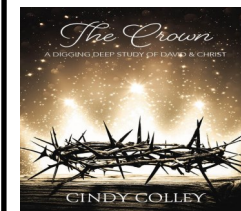
Thursday Ladies Bible Class!

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



Mid-Week Virtual Bible Study!

All of streaming platforms, Thursdays at 12:30 pm



Digging Deep Bible Study!

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



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The Family



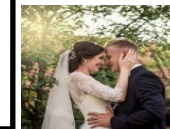
The family is like a book—

The children are the leaves,
The parents are the covers
That protecting beauty gives.

At first the pages of the book
Are blank and purely fair,
But time soon writes memories
And paints pictures there.

Love is the little golden clasp
That bindeth up the trust;
O, break it not, lest all the leaves
Should scatter and be lost.

—Samuel G. Dye



Leave and Cleave

Establishing your own home gives your marriage the space it needs to flourish. Do not ignore your parents, but recognize that your new family is a higher priority. See Genesis 2:24!





Matthew 2:1-6



1. “Then Herod, when he had secretly called the __ men, determined from them what time the __ appeared.”
2. Herod sent the wise men from the east to __ and told them to bring back __ to him when they found Him.
3. “When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the __ went before them, till it came and stood over where the young __ was.”
4. When they found the baby Jesus, they fell down and __ Him.
5. What three types of gifts did they bring the Child?

Solution: wise, star; Bethlehem, word; East, Child; worshiped; gold, frankincense, myrrh



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



Why We Need To Confess

As John Dewey exclaimed, “A problem well-put is half solved.”

For us to fix something we have to know what is wrong and what is causing the problem. Too many times we face an issue and are unable—or maybe better said unwilling—to examine ourselves to see what is wrong.

That is what makes 1 John 1:8-9 so poignant: “If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

It's not that God isn't willing and able to forgive. It's not that he is demanding a penance by making us grovel. He's wanting us to see the problem and see our role in it. If we don't look at what is going on we will never truly be fixed.

Confession is good for the soul, but it is also needed for the mind. Until we see our sin, we will never find the way to fix it.
—Barry Haynes



Greed: What Are You Drawn To?

I would be the last person chosen to counsel anyone when it comes to “money!” Additionally, I would never be elected to lecture on personal finance or budget development for an organization or business. But, after fifty years of living, I've learned money/possessions should be used as tools and not as something to be commended for accumulating.

As we continue to see in our society the push and pressure to be “successful” in relation to status, we also see how “alluring” financial success is versus financial stability.

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God owns everything.

— The earth is the Lord’s (Psalms 24:1).

— We are stewards (1 Peter 4:10).

— We must be a faithful steward (1 Corinthians 4:2).

The love of money is the root of all evil.

— We should lay up treasures in Heaven (Matthew 6:19-21).

— We brought nothing into the world, we must focus on eternity (1 Timothy 6:7).

The Bible clearly states the purpose of money.

— We are to support ourselves and our family (Acts 20:33-34).

— We are to help the poor (Ephesians 4:28).

— Money is to be used spread the Gospel and teach the truth (Matthew 28:18-20).

— Money resources are to be used to help in teaching others the truth (Philippians 1:5-6).

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Continued from Page 4... So much more could be said about “money.” We should never “brow beat” anyone for being successful if they have been pleasing to God as they accumulated their wealth or resources. But, may we model a Scriptural perspective when engaging others in business or seeking to expand our footprint in the world. If not grounded in our relationship with Christ, we can be pulled away. May be drawn to Christ, and not the dollar. —Allen Jones



A Human Jesus

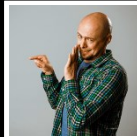
The Gospel Accounts present a truly human Jesus, not a ghostly figure who only appeared to be flesh and blood.

Jesus spoke of His own body (Mark 14:8), head (Luke 7:44–46), hands, feet, flesh, and bones (Luke 24:39), and blood (Matthew 26:28).

He also displayed distinctly human feelings and qualities: He was moved to pity (Mark 1:41) and compassion (Mark 8:2). He was distressed (Mark 7:34; Luke 8:24–25), angry (Mark 3:5), annoyed (Mark 10:14), surprised (Mark 6:6), disappointed (Mark 8:17; 9:19), and hungry (Mark 11:12).

Although He was born of a virgin, Jesus was a true human being.

Yet after seeing Jesus calm a savage storm by simply “rebuk[ing] the winds and the waves,” His disciples “were amazed and asked, ‘Who can this be?’” (Matthew 8:27). —Mike Benson



Pass the Good Word

When you hear a kind word spoken about a friend, pass it along (Proverbs 3:27; Galatians 6:10). If it’s a negative word, keep it to yourself.

