



Cancer

Ruby Bradd. 6 years old.
Brad Hurd. Liver cancer & spreading to lungs.
Steven Kelly. Friend of Lovell's. Stage 4.
Brenda Mitchem. Friend of Jay & Shelia Martin.
 Breast Cancer.

Special Needs

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

Nursing Home

Sibbie Byrd. Health issues.
Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia .

Long-Term Health Issues

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.
Jack Beavers. Health concerns.
Simon Beavers. Health issues.
Drew Clifton. Dixie's grandson.
Norman W. Hill. Health concerns.
Troy & Hester Hollandsworth. Health issues.
Matthew Hollandsworth. Health issues.
Anita Hopper. Health concerns.
Rita Lawless. Health issues.
Pete Lovell. Health concerns.

Odell Moran. Health concerns.
Phyllis & Wayne Youngblood. Health issues.
Prayers for Caregivers.



Prayers for our Country, Military.
Prayers for Israel, Palestine, & Ukraine.



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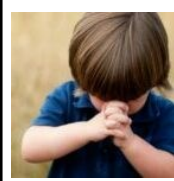
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Times We Meet:
Sunday:
Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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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God's Child

She searches the crowd for him. Is he listening? Is he behaving himself? It was such a short time ago when she would complain, "I did not hear a word the preacher spoke," but now her thoughts are distracted for another reason. Now her children are not beside her—they are "too big." Her arms ache for a child squirming there all through church. She stands to sing and her body sways as if rocking a child. Where did the years go? Was it worth all those frustrating Sunday mornings? Sunday nights? Wednesday nights? Oh, there he is; look at him...he's singing. His eyes are attentive. She feels so much joy. Look! There's my child. No, he's God's child!





Take a Moment to Listen

Take a moment to listen today
To what your children are trying to say;
Listen today, whatever you do
Or they won't be there to listen to you.

Listen to their problems, listen for their needs
Praise their smallest triumphs, praise their smartest deeds;
Tolerate their chatter, amplify their laughter,
Find out what's the matter, find out what they're after.

But tell them that you love them, every single night
And though you scold them, be sure to hold them;
Tell them "Everything's all right; tomorrow's looking bright!"

Take a moment to listen today
To what your children are trying to say.
Listen today, whatever you do
And they will come back to listen to you.

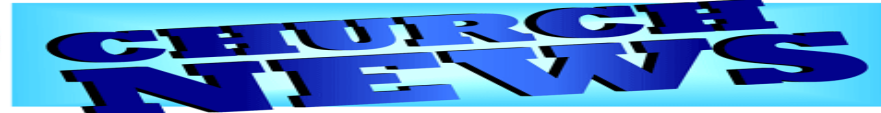
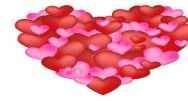
—Denis Waitley



Garbage In, Garbage Out, By: Joe Chesser

In the early days of computing, the expression "Garbage In, Garbage" (GIGO) became popular. In the rare case that you are unfamiliar with the expression, it basically means that flawed or incorrect information entered in a computer cannot produce anything but flawed or incorrect results. The first known use of GIGO was in a 1957 syndicated newspaper article about US Army mathematicians and their work with early computers. Army Specialist William Mellin explained that since computers cannot think for themselves, sloppy programming inevitably leads to incorrect outputs. (see the Wikipedia article for specific references to these facts).

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February Birthdays!

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



February Anniversary

- 18TH BILLY & SANDRA LESTER



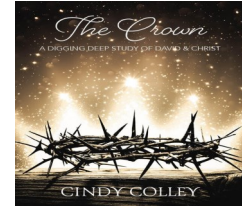
Thursday Ladies Bible Class!

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 this afternoon from 2-4 pm in our Fellowship Hall.



Blood Drive!

Mark your calendars for our next blood drive with the American Red Cross. Friday, May 31, 2024! Schedule your appointment at:
redcrossblood.org



The Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat!

Have you saved your spot yet? Don't miss out on this spiritually enriching feast for you and your spouse! We hope to see you there!

February 14-18, 2024

Register at: smokymountain-marriage.com



Polishing The Pulpit!

PTP 2024 Early Bird Registration Is Now Open for Branson and Sevierville!

Branson: July 10-15, 2024

Sevierville: August 16-22, 2024

Early bird registration is limited. So do not delay!

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Matthew 2:13-18



1. An __ of the __ told Joseph to take the infant Jesus to __.
2. Who was trying to kill Jesus?
3. Joseph took the young __ and His __ and fled.
4. "Then __, when he saw that he was deceived by the __ __, was exceedingly angry..."
5. The king ordered all male children __ years old and under be put to death.

Solution: angel, Lord, Egypt; Herod; Child, mother; Herod, wise, men; two



Radically and Dramatically Changed

A Christian is not just somebody who has become nice; he has become new. He doesn't just turn over a new leaf; he receives a new life. A Christian is not like a tadpole that has become a frog. A Christian is more like a frog who has received the kiss of grace and become a prince. We are changed radically and dramatically.



Too Busy to Get Old

My body may age, but my mind will stay young;

I've much left to do, many songs to be sung.
Many roads to be traveled, much love to express;
Many souls that need aid, who are now in distress.

I will do what I can, to help brighten your day;
I will spread cheer and love as I pass by your way...

The world is my oyster, to have, to hold;
Why, I'm really too busy to ever grow old!



Continued from Page 2... Even though we humans, unlike computers, do have brains and can think for ourselves, we don't always choose to do it very well. The sad truth is that, while we do have the capability of logic and reason, our thinking processes are heavily influenced by the information we allow to shape and influence our reasoning. That can be a good thing, if the information we allow to influence us is good and wholesome. But unfortunately, much of what we choose to let enter our thoughts will lead us away from God, not toward Him.

This kind of evil influence began way back at the beginning of time with Adam and Eve when they allowed Satan to deceive them into distrusting and disobeying God. Since then his evil influence has permeated the entire human world. Just a few generations after Adam and Eve, during the days of Noah, "the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6.5). From that point until this very moment, Satan has been successfully influencing our minds with all kinds of evil influences (movies, TV, internet, books, clothing styles, drugs, alcohol, advertisements, greed, jealousy, peer pressure, etc.). Thus the truth of GIGO. The things (garbage) we allow Satan to put into our minds will only lead us to sin which separates us from God (Isaiah 59.1-2).

The good news is that we can, if we choose, have a lot of control over what we allow to influence us. God gives us that choice. God gives us the ability to intentionally decide to fill our heads with "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable" (Philippians 4.8a). I know this because the rest of that verse issues the challenge: "if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4.8b). Instead of fillings our heads with garbage, there are plenty of true, honorable, just, pure, lovely and commendable things that we can choose to think about IF we want to. IF you will, you can consistently fill your minds with these kinds of things. IF you do, the results will be awesome! When Jesus was tempted by Satan, he resisted whatever Satan put before him because he had previously filled his mind with the Scriptures, good things from God (Matthew 4.1-11).

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God gives us a choice. We can fill our heads with garbage, or we can fill our heads with things that are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely and commendable.

The choice is yours. The results are predictable. "The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil heart produces evil" (Luke 6.45).



An Advance, by: David A. Sargent

Andy Cook has written about something that may not be widely known about golfer Harvey Penick.

Millions of golfers know the name of Harvey Penick. His first book, Harvey Penick's Little Red Book, became a surprising best-seller, selling more than 1 million copies in 1992, quickly earning the title of the best-selling sports book of all time.

But by the time Penick even showed his notes – the genesis for his book – to a local writer, he was nearly 90 years old. Penick wanted to know if the book was worth publishing. The writer read it and told him he liked the book. In fact, by the next evening, the same man left word with Penick's wife that Simon & Schuster had agreed to an advance of \$90,000.

When the writer saw Penick later, the old man seemed troubled. Finally, Penick came clean.

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With all his medical bills, he said, there was no way he could advance Simon & Schuster that much money. It took a while, but finally the writer convinced Penick that the publisher would pay him the \$90,000 . . . not the other way around!

Andy Cook makes this application: What a joy to realize that instead of needing to pay God an insurmountable bill for sins already committed, God has decided to give us the priceless gift of grace – our sins are already paid for, in full. *

It's true. Our sins cause us to be indebted to God with "an insurmountable bill" that we could never pay with our own resources.

So God paid our debt for us. He gave His one and only Son Jesus to die for our sins on the cross to pay the price for our redemption (John 3:16; Ephesians 1:7).

"He [Jesus] is the propitiation [atoning sacrifice] for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2 ESV).

Our debt of sin has been paid, in full, by Jesus. However, we must accept His payment for our sins through our trusting obedience.

God will save from sin and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

"He paid a debt He did not owe

I owe a debt I could not pay

I needed someone to wash my sins away

And now I sing a brand new song

'Amazing Grace' all day long

Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never pay."

-- Author Unknown

Your debt has been paid. Enjoy the benefits of the salvation and life that Jesus has made possible, by accepting His offer on His terms.

