



### 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 Martin's Breast Cancer.

### Special Needs

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



**Drew Clifton.** Dixie's grandson.  
**Jo Anne Hairfield.** Health concerns.  
**Pete Lovell.** Health concerns.  
 Prayers for our Country, Military.  
 Prayers for Israel, Palestine, & Ukraine.

### Nursing Home

**Sibbie Byrd.** Health issues.  
**Sharon Teschendorf.** Dementia .



**Brandi Beavers.** Health concerns.  
**Jack Beavers.** Health concerns.  
**Simon Beavers.** Health issues.  
**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.  
**Phyllis & Wayne Youngblood.** Health issues.  
 Prayers for Caregivers.



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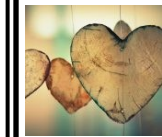
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**Times We Meet:**  
**Sunday:**  
 Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:30 a.m.

**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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## Love Demonstrated

*"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).*

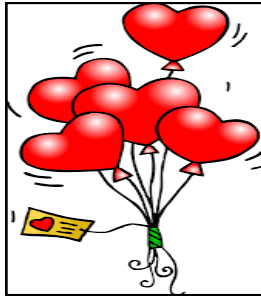
God did not just tell us He loved us and then left it there. As the preceding verse states, God demonstrated, revealed, and validated His love for mankind by allowing Jesus to be crucified, thus bearing the sins of all undeserving people. After showing us the greatest act of love, He now commands us to love others. (1 John 4:11). As we comply to the second greatest command, "love your neighbor" (Mark 12:29-31), it becomes so easy to shake the hand or hug the neck of a fellow Christian and say, "I love you."

However, the love that the Lord requires of us is much more than a verbal acknowledgment. The love which God demands is not a love spoken, but a love shown.

- Notice how we are to demonstrate love:
- Doing good and showing mercy for our enemies (Luke 6:35-36)=
  - Giving preference to each other (Romans 12:10)
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- Serving one another (Galatians 5:13)
- Putting up with each other's imperfections (Ephesians 4:2)
- Sacrificing ourselves for our family (Ephesians 5:25)
- Being ready to meet urgent needs of others (Titus 3:14)
- Encourage one another to do good works (Hebrews 10:24)
- Being enthusiastic in expressing our love for each other (1 Peter 1:22)
- Showing compassion for each other (1 Peter 3:8)



—Jay Launius

### Something is Missing



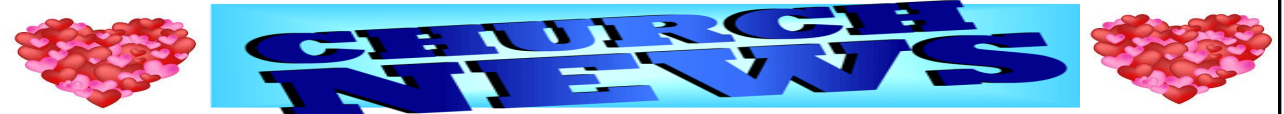
On July 4, 1939, Lou Gehrig uttered some words that would go on to be some of the most iconic in history. After being diagnosed with a debilitating disease, standing only about two years from his death, the man who had played more consecutive baseball games than anyone else ever had gave this brief speech:

*“For the past two weeks you have been reading about a bad break. Yet today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth. I have been in ballparks for seventeen years and have never received anything but kindness and encouragement from you fans.*

*“When you look around, wouldn't you consider it a privilege to associate yourself with such a fine looking men as they're standing in uniform in this ballpark today? Sure, I'm lucky. Who wouldn't consider it an honor to have known Jacob Ruppert? Also, the builder of baseball's greatest empire, Ed Barrow? To have spent six years with that wonderful little fellow, Miller Huggins? Then to have spent the next nine years with that outstanding leader, that smart student of psychology, the best manager in baseball today, Joe McCarthy? Sure, I'm lucky.*

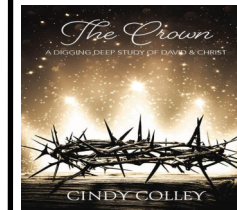


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#### February Birthdays!

- 8<sup>TH</sup> SIBBIE BYRD
- 10<sup>TH</sup> JO ANNE HAIRFIELD
- 14<sup>TH</sup> TERRY MASON



#### Digging Deep Bible Study!

Our next Digging deep ladies' class is Sun, March 3rd from 2-4 pm in our Fellowship Hall.



#### February Anniversary

- 18<sup>TH</sup> BILLY & SANDRA LESTER



#### Thursday Ladies Bible Class!

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



#### Blood Drive!

Mark you calendars for our next blood drive with the American Red Cross. Friday, May 31, 2024! Schedule your appointment at: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)



#### Mid-Week Virtual Bible Study!

All of streaming platforms, Thursdays at 12:30 pm



#### Valentine's Day Breakfast!

Everyone is invited to our first Valentine's Day Breakfast.

Wednesday, February 14 at 10:00 a.m. in our fellowship hall. All food is being provided. Please let Donn or Donna know if you are planning to attend so we can have plenty of food prepared.



#### 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!

Register at: [polishingthepulpit.com/register](http://polishingthepulpit.com/register)







**Matthew 2:19-23**



1. "Now when Herod was \_\_, behold, an \_\_ of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt..."
2. Joseph was now told to take the \_\_ and His mother to \_\_.
3. Who was reigning in Judea instead of his father Herod?
4. "And being warned by God in a \_\_, he turned aside into the region of \_\_."
5. What city did they then come to dwell in?

**Solution:** dead, angel; Israel; Archelaus; dream, Galilee; Nazareth

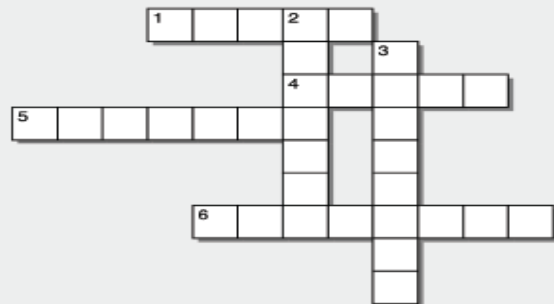
**BIBLE WORD SEARCH!**

The Lord is My Portion (Psalm 16)

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| MOVED    | NIGHT       | PLACES    |
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**CrossWORD**



**Fight the Good Fight**

1 Timothy 1

**Across**

1. Paul called himself the \_\_ of sinners.
4. Love should be from a pure \_\_.
5. Wage the good \_\_.
6. Paul was formerly an \_\_ man.

**Down**

2. Paul urged Timothy to stay here.
3. "...the law is good if one uses it \_\_\_."

**Continued from Page ...** "When the New York Giants, a team you would give your right arm to beat, and vice versa, sends you a gift – that's something. When everybody down to the groundskeepers and those boys in white coats remember you with trophies – that's something. When you have a wonderful mother-in-law who takes sides with you in squabbles with her own daughter – that's something. When you have a father and a mother who work all their lives so you can have an education and build your body – it's a blessing. When you have a wife who has been a tower of strength and shown more courage than you dreamed existed – that's the finest I know.

"So I close in saying that I might have been given a bad break, but I've got an awful lot to live for. Thank you."

In so many ways, this really is a beautiful and touching speech!

Gehrig acknowledges how special it is to play the game of baseball while surrounded by people who love you and support you and want to help you succeed. He acknowledges how great it is to have a family that sacrifices for you to help you get where you are. Considering his illness, these really are impressive words.

After reading this, I asked my students, "What is missing?" Without hesitation, one bright young lady said, "He didn't mention God! He thanked everyone but Him."

That is exactly the answer I was looking for. I don't know anything about the faith of Lou Gehrig, but I know he missed an opportunity. If you watch the black and white footage or you read the transcript, you are left feeling like something is missing. In times of triumph or times of despair, it is always good to acknowledge the blessings of God (Phil. 4:12-13).

I would much rather be blessed than to be lucky!

—Bart Warren

## The Last Verse



In 1814 Francis Scott Key had been negotiating the release of an American from the British Fleet. Key was successful and was only allowed to return to his ship, yet not allowed to leave the fleet because he had become familiar with the strength and position of the British units and their intention to launch an attack upon Baltimore. That night he was unable to do anything but watch the bombardment of Fort McHenry. He would write a poem about his experiences that night. These lyrics were printed in local newspapers and set to the tune of an existing song called *Anacreon in Heaven*. From that would come our national anthem.

Because of this, we are very familiar with the first stanza of the song but it actually has three verses. Let me share with you the last verse:

*“O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand  
Between their lov’d home and the war’s desolation!  
Blest with vict’ry and peace may the heav’n rescued land  
Praise the power that hath made and preserv’d us a nation!  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto—“In God is our trust,”  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave.”*



For Francis Scott Key the victory wasn’t about the nation, but the God that saw them through.

As we spend time in celebration and remembrance of our nation let us never forget the words of Psalm 33:12, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.”

—Barry Haynes



## The Weight of Water



A lecturer stood before an audience holding a glass of water in his hand. “How heavy is this glass of water?” the lecturer asked.

Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g.

The lecturer replied, “The absolute weight doesn’t matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that’s not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I’ll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you’ll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it’s the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes.”

Sin is a burden—heavier than many realize. Heavy enough to cause the death of Christ on a cross. Heavy enough that many times even Christians begin to believe that they can bear the weight. A hymn asks: “Would you be free from the burden of sin? There’s power in the blood, power in the blood.”

Jesus provides a life without the weight of sin!

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30 NKJV).

“For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in his mouth; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls” (1 Peter 2:21-25 NKJV).

—Jonathan Burns