



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.

Need for Prayer

Drew Clifton. Dixie's grandson.
Pete Lovell. 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

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.
Jack Beavers. Health concerns.
Simon Beavers. Health issues.
Norman W. Hill. Health concerns.
Hester Hollandsworth. Health issues.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health issues.
Troy Hollandsworth, Jr. Home under hospice care.
Anita Hopper. Health concerns.
Rita Lawless. Health issues.
Odell Moran. Health concerns.
Viet & Victor Nguyen. Son's of Anhchi Nguyen. Friend of Nancy's. Viet receiving bone marrow transplant from Victor.
Phyllis & 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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Go Into All the World

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all nations" (Mark 16:16). So Jesus commissioned His disciples following His resurrection. He sent His men into the world to preach good news to everyone. By application, we are to take the good news of our Savior into the world. If we don't, who will?

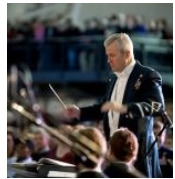
We Must Go Into the World With Our Eyes Opened. When Jesus sent out His hand-picked representatives, He wanted them to go with opened eyes (Matthew 10:16). He knew they would be as sheep in the midst of wolves and would need to be both shrewd and innocent. We must take the gospel to a world that does not know Jesus (John 1:10) and does not want light (John 3:19-20). We work in enemy territory and must have our eyes opened.

We Must Go Into the World With Our Hearts Opened. It is easy in a society permeated by sin either to acquiesce to its pressures or to grow cynical and skeptical about it. We may need to take a step back to see the larger picture. Our world is subjected to futility. Creation is suffering and groaning (Romans 8:18-23). People live fragmented lives, scattered and shattered by sin, whether they know it or not. *Cont. on Page 2...*

Continued from Cover Page... Sin is taking its awful toll and sinners are its victims. We need to open our hearts to the sin-wrecked lives of our friends, neighbors and loved ones.

We Must Go Into the World With Our Hands Opened. All Christians cannot go to distant places to preach. But some can, and we should send them, support them, and encourage them. In Corinth, Paul joined with Aquila and Priscilla in tent-making to support himself while preaching. Given the circumstances, Paul was careful and judicious in receiving support from the Corinthians themselves (see 1 Corinthians 9:3-14). But then Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, and he “began devoting himself completely to the word” (Acts 18:1-5). They brought financial resources to Paul, enabling him to focus entirely on preaching the gospel.

We Must Go Into the World With Our Mouths Opened. Finally, this is what it takes—you and me telling people about Jesus. It may be an invitation to services. It may be a suggestion to have a Bible study or to set up a Bible study with someone else teaching. It may be inviting children to Vacation Bible School or brining children to the classes. Who knows what God may do through your invitation or words of encouragement.
—David Holder



Looking Unto Jesus

If you have ever watched a choral group or orchestra, you will note one thing each member always does: they look at the conductor. This is to insure that they are in harmony and performing in accordance with the conductor’s directive.

As members of the church, we make up a group that is performing before God. And as such, we must look to Him and His word for proper guidance concerning practice and harmony. When we turn the whole focus of our attention to our Lord and acknowledge that He is in command, and perform in spirit and truth in accordance with His will,
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February Anniversary

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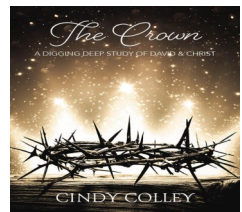
Thursday Ladies Bible Class!

Coffee & Donuts at 9:30 a.m. and class starts at 10:00 a.m.
Class Resumes On March 7th!



Mid-Week Virtual Bible Study!

Is on a temporary hiatus, due to our streaming technician caring for his sick father.



Digging Deep Bible Study!

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



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



Polishing The Pulpit!

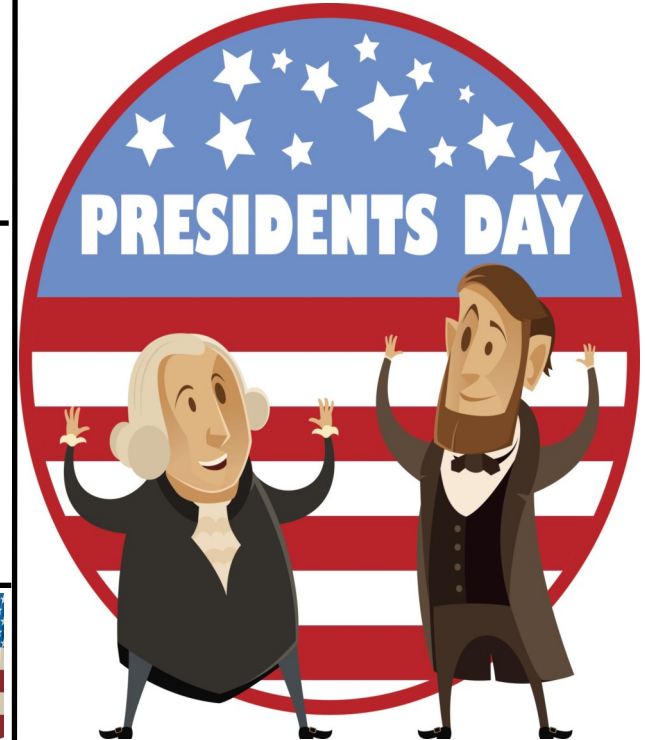
PTP 2024 Early Bird Registration Is Now Open for Branson and Sevierville!

Branson: July 10-15, 2024

Sevierville: August 16-22, 2024

Early bird registration is limited. So do not delay!

Register at: polishingthepulpit.com/register





Matthew 3:1-6

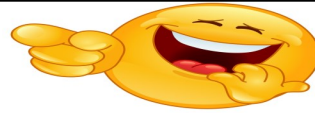


1. "In those days John the Baptist came __ in the __ of Judea..."
2. John's main message was, "__, for the kingdom of __ is at hand!"
3. "The voice of one __ in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths __.'"
4. "Now John himself was clothed in camel's __, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was __ and wild honey."
5. River where John was baptizing people.

Solution: preaching, wilderness; repent, heaven; crying, straight; hair, locusts; Jordan



On The Lighter Side



There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator. (...Only a fraction of people will get this joke.)

Did you hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon? It had great food, but no atmosphere.

Why is Peter Pan always flying? Because he Neverlands. (I love this joke because it never grows old.)

Did you hear about the cheese factory that exploded in France? There was nothing left but de Brie.

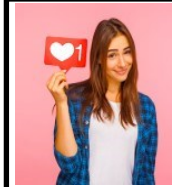
I've been trying to start a sarcasm club, but it's really hard to tell if people are interested in joining or not.

My wife accused me the other day of being too immature. I told her there were no girls allowed in my fort.

Continued from Page 2... our lives will give forth a song that is beautiful music to His ears. Sadly, too many people (and churches) focus on the world and let worldly influences lead them. Doing so is a recipe for disharmony and disaster. Let us be reminded of the need to follow Christ and His will only in everything we do.

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:1-2).

"...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..." (Heb. 12:1-2). —Edd Sterchi



My Social Media Pledge

- I keep a low profile on social media, but I am present there. Below is the pledge I have taken to govern my use of it. I invite you to take it, too.

- I will post, comment, and otherwise utilize social media with complete awareness that the all-seeing eye of God is monitoring my accounts (Heb. 4:13; Psa. 139:1-12), and I will answer to Him for how I use them (2 Cor. 5:9-10).

- I will use my influence, modest though it may be, to build up and encourage (Rom. 14:19), not tear down and destroy (Gal. 5:15).

- I will use social media to reach out with the good news of Jesus (Rom. 1:16) and shine the light of God's word on relevant life issues (Psa. 119:105), knowing that the power of God is present in His word (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

- I will use social media to dispense the helpful medicine of laughter (Prov. 17:22).

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- I will limit the time I spend on social media so that it does not encroach on my daily time with God (Eph. 5:16; Col. 4:2).
- I will not post or comment while angry (Eph. 4:26). I will measure my words carefully, which may mean my responses to others will be delayed (Prov. 15:28).
- I will give the benefit of any doubt to one who posts a comment that could be taken more than one way. I will choose the positive until hard facts force me to do otherwise (1 Cor. 13:7). Everyone makes mistakes in communication (James 3:2).
- I will not air dirty laundry on social media – neither mine, my family’s, or the church’s (Prov. 25:9).
- I will not waste time discussing matters that I do not believe are profitable, or with people that I do not believe are reasonable (1 Tim. 6:4-5; 2 Tim. 2:14, 23).
- I will pursue peace with everyone (Heb. 12:14), as much as depends on me (Rom. 12:18); but I will not allow trolls, nitpickers, quibblers, slanderers, or pugnacious people to have a voice in my feed (Titus 3:9- 11; Col. 4:6; 2 Tim. 2:23-26).
- I will utilize social media in a way that exhibits the Holy Spirit’s fruit (Gal. 5:22-23), not the flesh’s works (Gal. 5:19-21).
- If I ever post or comment out of harmony with the word of God, I will admit it, repent, and seek the pardon of those affected by it (Matt. 3:8; 2 Cor. 7:10).

—Eddie Parrish

What’s in a Name?

There was a time when the meaning of names was thought to be important. My name, for example means “laurel-crowned” meaning “a champion or a noted warrior.” Or as someone observed, it means “the guy with weeds in his hair.” Not quite so flattering!

A name is important and cannot be shed like a garment. And that’s why parents work so hard to choose the right name for their newborns.

A good name, handed down from good parents, is a great asset.

Sometimes, people wearing the same (or similar) names can cause problems for us. A member of my family once had a difficult time leasing an apartment because someone using the same name had defaulted on a lease at another apartment. Both fellows had the same name but were unrelated.

On the other hand, I am proud to share the name of my father. He was well known as a good journalist and a good citizen in the area.

There is a name that is above all names. “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).

God the Father gave His Son a special name that every knee will bow” (Philippians 2:9-11). When we become Christians, we are given his name. Let’s live so as to give honor to the name of our Lord! —Larry Fitzgerald

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