



Cancer

- Ruby Bradd.** 6 years old.
- Brad Hurd.** Liver cancer & spreading to lungs.
- Steven Kelly.** Friend of Lovell's. Stage 4.
- Pete Lovell.** Upcoming prostate cancer surgery.
- Brenda Mitchem.** Friend of Martin's Breast Cancer.
- Ken Moran.** Odell's son. Stage 4 cancer.

Special Needs

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



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

Nursing Home

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

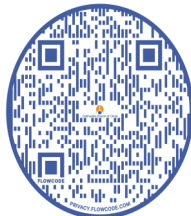


Family of Troy Hollandsworth, Jr. Brother Troy passed away last Sunday evening (February 25th) after battling heart disease for a lengthy time. His memorial service was yesterday here at Collinsville. Please keep the Hollandsworth's in prayer.

Long-Term Health Issues

- Brandi Beavers.** Health concerns.
- Jack Beavers.** Health concerns.
- Simon Beavers.** Health issues.
- Drew Clifton.** Dixie's grandson.
- Jo Anne Hairfield.** Health issues.
- Norman W. Hill.** Health concerns.
- Hester Hollandsworth.** Health issues.
- Matthew Hollandsworth.** Health issues.
- Anita Hopper.** Health concerns.
- Rita Lawless.** Health issues.
- Odell Moran.** Health concerns.
- Viet & Victor Nguyen.** Health concerns.
- 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.

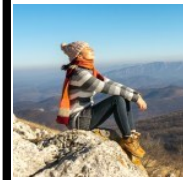
Thursday:
Ladies' Class
 Coffee & Donuts: 9:30 a.m.
Class: 10:00 a.m.
Mid-Week Virtual Bible Study: 12:30 p.m.



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Our Outlook on Life

A few years ago, a lady committed suicide, leaving behind this note. "I decided that unless life was worth living, I would just quit living."

How do you feel about your life? Is it worthwhile? Or let's change the question. What would it take for you to feel that your life is worthwhile? What would have to happen to make you feel positive about your life?

If you inherited a bunch of money, would that do it? If your marriage suddenly was all patched up, would that do it? If your kids began to make you proud, or if you got a promotion, would that do it? What would it take for you to feel positive about your life? Now if that's the way you're thinking then you'll probably never feel positive about life because all the little pieces that must come together to make you positive about life will probably never be there.

I am reminded that things, circumstances, and people don't make us happy or even positive about life. Notice the Apostle Paul's attitude in Philippians 4:11-13, "Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, *"Life" Continued on Page 2...*

“Life” Continued from Cover Page ... and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Paul had a positive attitude despite what life threw at him. Someone has said, “Life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond to it.” Let’s make it our goal to look at the circumstances of life with a positive attitude. —*Mark T. Tonkery*



Some Tests for the Home

The Leadership Test. Does the husband and father assume his God-given place as head of the family? Does he provide the spiritual leadership? Does he take the lead in bringing up his children in the Lord’s way?

The Discipline Test. Do children respect and obey their parents? Do parents expect and deserve such obedience? Is discipline consistent, fair, loving, and firm?

The Togetherness Test. Does the family plan to do things together? Does it usually eat two meals a day together? Do members of the family enjoy each other’s company?

The Literature Test. Does the family subscribe to and read Christian literature? Is other literature in the home wholesome? Is the Bible read frequently?

The Devotion Test. Does the family pray, sing, and study God’s word together? Is the tempo and temper of the family relationship one that encourages and develops devotion to God?

The Communication Test. Do all members of the family know they can freely discuss their problems and worries and find a sympathetic ear? Can they talk about their hopes, plans, and aspirations? *“Tests” Continued on Page 3...*



Quotes & Sayings

“The essence of true nobility is the neglect of self.” — James Froude

“All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than one lovely action.” — James Russell Lowell

“Giving is the secret to living fully while you are still alive.” — Douglas M. Lawson

“Kind words are the music of the world.” — Frederick William Faber

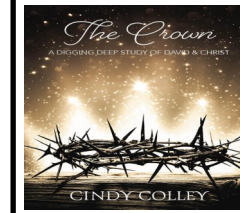
“Life is a flower of which love is the honey.” — Victor Hugo

“America has a willingness of heart.” — Francis Scott Key

“Don’t be afraid to take a big step. You can’t cross a chasms in two small jumps.” — David Lloyd George

“Goals are as essential to success as air is to life.” — David Schwartz

“To forgive heals the wound, to forget heals the scar.” — Unknown



Digging Deep Bible Study!

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



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.

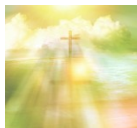


Blood Drive!

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



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The Humility of Jesus

Humble Birth – “And she gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger...” (Luke. 2:7)

Humble Family – “Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James, and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? Are not his sisters here with us? And they took offense at Him.” (Mark 6:3)

Humble Upbringing – “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” (John 1:46)

Humble Means – “The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” (Matt. 8:20)

Humble Scholarship – “The Jews therefore were marveling, saying ‘How has this man become learned, having never been educated?’” (John 7:15)

Humble Appearance – “...He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.” (Isa. 53:2b)

Humble Status – “But made Himself of no reputation...” (Phil. 2:7) Humble Occupation – “...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Matt. 20:28)

Humble Ability – “I can do nothing on My own initiative...” (John 5:30)

Humble Self-Determination – “...let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as Thou wilt.” (Matt. 26:39)



What the Bible Contains

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler’s map, the pilgrim’s staff, the pilot’s compass, the soldier’s sword, and the Christian’s charter.

“Tests” Continued from Page 2... The Temperament Test. Do all try to develop and maintain an even-tempered, patient disposition? Are outbursts of temper rare?

The Associates Test. Does the family approve of those with whom each associates? Do parents know their children’s best friends? Do husband and wife approve of each other’s close associates?

The Thoughtfulness Test. Is each one as kind and considerate of members of his own family as he tries to be with others?

The Vacation Test. Does the family remember God while on vacation? Is the Bible read less frequently, services attended less faithfully, and spiritual things thought about more rarely? Does the family plan vacations for their spiritual renewal also?
—Darrell E. Beard



The Powerful Weapon of Doubt

One of the greatest weapons Satan has is the powerful weapon of doubt. Doubt in the Savior, doubt in the brethren, and doubt in ourselves. Doubt is the world’s most powerful weapon. Satan discourages Christians with these thoughts: “Are you sure you are a Christian...Do you really think you can stay faithful...How can you believe that Jesus really cares for you...does God really exist?” To help us with confidence consider this small list:

Obedience to God. “And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments” (1 John 2:3).

Imitation of Christ. “He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked” (1 John 2:6).

Possession of the Spirit. “And he that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him.”
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“Powerful” Continued from Page 3... And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us” (1 John 3:24).

Love for the brethren. “We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death” (1 John 3:14).

Pursuit of Righteousness. “We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not” (1 John 5:18).
—Jonathan Burns



Forgotten Critics

I have never had any interest in what movie or music critics say. I think most people feel the same way. We know what we like or don't like. In the end, who cares about what they say? Who remembers them? You can name songs and films you enjoy, but who can name even one of the professional critics?

Shimei and Sanballat are not the most well-known names in the Bible. But the men they criticized are. Shimei cursed David and threw rocks at him during one of the lowest points in his life (2 Sam. 16:5-8). Sanballat made fun of Nehemiah and the Jews who were rebuilding the wall in Jerusalem (Neh. 4:1-5). David and Nehemiah are remembered with honor, but these naysayers are recalled with disgust.

Judas Iscariot criticized Mary for anointing Jesus with expensive ointment (John 12:1-7). He said this was a waste because she could have sold that ointment and the money could have been used to help the poor. He wasn't interested in helping the poor; he had other intentions (v. 6). But the sad part is that other disciples followed his lead and joined in the criticism. They were indignant toward her and “criticized her sharply” (Mark 14:5). But Jesus told them plainly, “Let her alone.
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“Forgotten” Continued from Page 4... Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me” (Mark 14:6). This was not one of the apostles' memorable moments. But Jesus said that the deed they criticized would be remembered throughout the whole world (Mark 14:9).

If critics would spend their time and energy building up and encouraging good things instead of finding fault and hindering, they could accomplish a great deal. But what do they accomplish? How can they accomplish anything? They are too busy criticizing those who get the job done. They don't have the initiative or the courage to do it themselves, so they try to tear down those who do to make themselves feel better about their lack of interest.

Unjust criticism comes from the heart. It is a habit, a terrible and destructive habit both to the critic and those he criticizes. “He who has a deceitful heart finds no good, and he who has a perverse tongue falls into evil” (Prov. 17:20). It takes a lot of effort for some people to say anything positive or complimentary. That is tragic in a home or in a congregation. How are these people remembered? Not much.

There is a place for righteous judgment (John 7:24). Jesus rightly censured five of the seven churches in Revelation 2-3. But even then He complimented four of those five for things they were doing right.

There is no excuse, however, for a hypercritical spirit. That is what Jesus was talking about when He said, “Judge not, that you be not judged” (Matt. 7:1).

Instead, “Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one” (Col. 4:6). Just as harsh criticism starts in the heart, encouraging words come from the right kind of thinking. “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things” (Phil. 4:8).
—Kerry Duke