



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.
Ken Moran. Odell's son. Stage 4 cancer.
Joseph Shulam. Father in law to Gary's daughter Beth. Having biopsies on Monday.

Special Needs

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

Nursing Home

Sibbie Byrd. Health issues.
Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia .

Need for Prayer

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.
Jack Beavers. Health concerns.
Simon Beavers. Health issues.
Dixie Clifton. Health concerns.
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.
Pete Lovell. Recovering from prostate cancer surgery.
Ruby Mason. Recovering from skin cancer surgery.
Odell Moran. Health concerns.
Viet & Victor Nguyen. Health concerns.
Phyllis & Wayne Youngblood. Health issues.
Prayers for Caregivers.
Prayers for our Country, Military.
Prayers for Israel, Palestine, & Ukraine.

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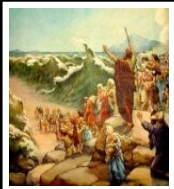
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Times We Meet:
Sunday:
Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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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Keep Moving Forward

The nation of Israel had escaped slavery from Egypt. But now they found themselves being pursued by their former captors. At the shore of the Red Sea they felt that they were trapped. Many of them thought about going back to Egypt into slavery. Others were bemoaning their current dilemma. The LORD then said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward" (Exodus 14:15). Other Bible versions have God saying for them to "move on." God has always wanted His people to trust in Him and keep moving forward.

This got me to thinking about God's people today. Many seem to have the same mindset as the Israelites. Some desire to go back to their life they had before Christ (of living in the bondage of sin). Others do not look to the future with hope and bewail their current problems. But we need to be people who trust in God and keep moving forward. Don't look back—keep moving forward in faith, trust, hope, service, spiritual growth, love, forgiveness.

"Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all" (1 Timothy 4:15).
 —Edd Sterchi

Stephen and Cancel Culture

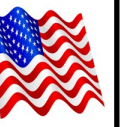
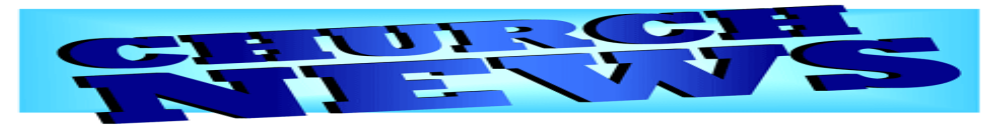


Stephen was a man of tremendous courage who preached God’s Word with great boldness. On the occasion of Acts chapter 7, Stephen preached that he saw the heavens opened and Jesus standing at the right hand of God (Acts 7:56). In the audience that day were unbelieving Jews who rejected Christ. When they heard Stephen preach Christ, they were enraged and “stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city, and stoned him” (Acts 7:57-58). Notice from this text that the Jews “stopped their ears.” They refused to listen to what Stephen preached. Rather than listening, they stoned to death an innocent, godly man.

We live in a time when some refuse to hear any opposing view. Rather than granting others freedom to express opposing views, the culture “cancels” them. “Canceling” often involves some type of punishment against those—mostly conservative—who attempt to express controversial views. One may lose business, be fired, or publicly shamed if one dares to share an opposing viewpoint. Much like the unbelieving Jews “stopped their ears,” some “stop their ears today” and cancel all opposing views.

However, the unbelieving Jews who stoned God’s faithful preacher, Stephen, did not change the truth about Jesus. They refused to listen, even stopping their ears, but their rejection of Stephen’s message did not change the truthfulness of the message.

Likewise, refusing to listen to opposing views today will not change the truth. Refusing to listen to the pro-life position that abortion is taking innocent, human life, does not change the truth about abortion. Silencing the voices of those who oppose homosexuality, does not change the truth that homosexuality is a perversion of God’s plan for human sexuality (Leviticus 18:22; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10). “Canceling” those who affirm that there are only two genders, male and female, does not change the truth that being transgender is a distortion of God’s original plan (Genesis 1:26-27). **“Cancel Culture” Continued on Page 3...**



March Birthday!

29TH JAYDAN PATRICK



March Anniversary

24TH TERRY & RUBY MASON



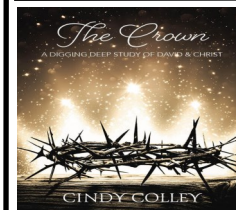
5th Sunday Potluck!

Following our morning gatherings on Sun, March 31st we will be hosting our 5th Sunday Potluck Luncheon. Please bring your favorite dishes and desserts to share.



Thursday Ladies Bible Class!

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



Digging Deep Bible Study!

Our next Digging deep ladies’ class is April 7th from 2-4 pm in our Fellowship Hall.



Mid-Week Virtual Bible Study!

Is on a temporary hiatus. We plan to resume on Thursday, April 4th.

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

BIBLE WORD SEARCH! Solution

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Matthew 4:1-11



1. "Then __ was led up by the __ into the wilderness to be tempted by the __."
2. Jesus fasted __ days and nights.
3. "Now when the __ came to Him, he said, 'If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become __.'"
4. "Jesus said to him, 'It is __ again, 'You shall not __ the Lord your God.'"
5. "Away with you, __! For it is written, 'You shall __ the Lord your God, and Him only you shall __.'"

Solution: Jesus, Spirit, devil; forty; tempter, bread; written, tempt; Satan, worship, serve

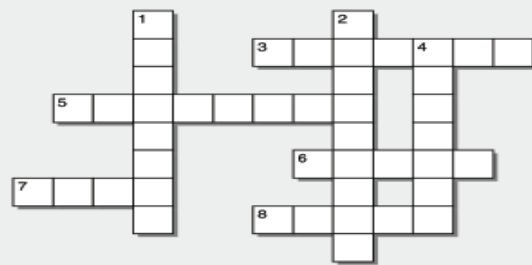
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A Priest Forever (Psalm 110)

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CrossWORD



"Covenant With Noah"

Genesis 9

Across

- 3) God set this in the cloud.
- 5) Covenant was with God, man, every __.
- 6) "But you shall not eat __ with its life..."
- 7) The bow was a __ of the covenant.
- 8) Never again would a __ destroy earth."

Down

- 1) "Thus I establish My __ with you;"
- 2) "Surely for you __ I will demand a reckoning"
- 3) "So God __ Noah and his sons."

"Cancel Culture" Continued from Page 2... Christians must always speak with love and compassion for others (Ephesians 4:15). However, if ever there was a time when bold, brave, Christian voices were needed, that time is now! "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word" (Acts 4:29).
 —Mark Lindley

Sin Destroys the Heart



Sin begins in the heart and works out through our lives. It comes out in our thoughts, actions, words, and character. David wrote: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You" (Psalm 51:10-13). David understood that sin had to be removed from the heart and the heart must be renewed. We live in an age where we are afraid to call sin what it is: *sin*. We live in an age where millions have no fear of living in sin. Remember these words of King David: "Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions" (Psalm 51:1). David understood that God would forgive and give mercy.

Sin destroys life but Christ offers hope: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Notice 1 Peter 1:22-23: "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever." **Continued on Page 4...**

Continued from Page 3... We need to live for Christ! Peter makes it clear that we must purify our souls by obeying the Gospel and this will lead us to living for Christ together. It is time for Christians to renew their hearts to Christ. It is time for Christians to put Christ first in this life. It is time for Christians to put their brethren first in this life. It is time that we live for Christ by obeying Him (Hebrews 5:8-9).

So what is the point? Sin exists. We exist. God exists. What we must determine is what is the priority. Do we want to live in continual sin or do we want a better way? Sin destroys the heart but a life in Christ revives the heart to give mankind the strength to know there is a better way!

—Jonathan Burns



Putting God Before You

“I have set the Lord always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved” (Psalms 16:8).

A powerful lesson we learn from this text is if we put God before us we will not be moved or shaken. If God is first in our decisions, thoughts, and actions then our way will be secure. Notice how this is such a practical lesson.

If God comes first in my decisions, then I will want to seek His will. I will ask, “What does God say about this matter?” I must strive to only do what God tells me (Luke 6:46; Matt. 7:21; Jer. 37:17). To put God first in my decisions I must know His Word. Jesus said the truth would make us free (John 8:32; John 17:17). Paul encouraged us to study God’s word to be approved by Him (2 Tim. 2:15). How does someone put God before himself in every day decisions if he does not know God’s will? He cannot. Therefore, it is imperative for me to study God’s Word so that I can make godly decisions.

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Continued from Page 4... If I am going to put God before me, I must put His will into my thoughts. Paul taught us to bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:3-5). Christians must think on godly and upright things (Phil. 4:6-8). The only way we can put God into our thoughts is to put His righteousness into our minds. The Psalmists said, “Your Word I have hidden in my heart that I might not sin against You” (Psalm 119:10-12). In every situation we should ask, “How would the Lord want me to think?”

When we truly put God into our decisions and thoughts then we can have safety. The Psalmists proclaimed, “He is at my right hand I shall not be moved ” (Psalm 16:8). The only way we can proclaim the same today is if God is at our right hand in everything we do. Have you put God before *you*? If you are not a Christian, we would encourage you to obey the gospel. To become a Christian you must Hear God’s word (Rom. 10:17), believe in Jesus as God’s Son (John 8:24), repent of past sins (Luke 13:3), confess Jesus as the Son of God (Rom. 10:10), and be baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38). May God help each of us!

—Ben Bailey



According to You

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are read by more than a few. But the one most read and commented on is the Gospel according to you.

You are writing a gospel, a chapter a day, By the things that you do and the words that you say.

Men read what you write, whether faithless or true. Say what is the gospel according to you?

Do men read His truth and His love in your life, Or has yours been too full of malice and strife?

Does your life speak evil, or does it ring true? Say, what is the gospel, according to you?