



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 Beth Shulam.

Hester Hollandsworth. Health issues.
Matthew Hollandsworth. Health issues.
Anita Hopper. Health concerns.
Rita Lawless. Health issues.
Ruby Mason. Recovering from skin cancer.
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.

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.

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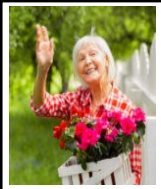


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Times We Meet:
Sunday:
Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Thursday:
Ladies' Class
Coffee & Donuts: 9:30 a.m.
Class: 10:00 a.m.



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Greetings

Some 21 times in Romans 16, Paul uses the word "greet" in sending kind regards to many brethren that he knows in Rome. Consider some of the people he greets:

Those who risked their lives for Paul. Prisca & Aquila (Rom. 16:3).

Various workers in the Lord. Mary (Rom. 16:6), Urbanus (Rom. 16:9), Tryphanaena and Tryphosa, and Persis (Rom. 16:12).

Those who suffered with Paul. Andronicus, Junia (Rom. 16:7).

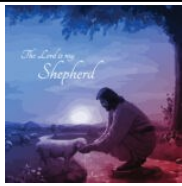
Those who are well loved, but mostly unknown to us. Urbanus, Stachys (Rom. 16:9), Apelles, the family of Aristobulus (Rom. 16:10), Herodion, those who belong to the family of Narcissus (Rom. 16:11), Rufus and his mother (Rom. 16:13), Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and many others (Rom. 16:14), Philologus, Julia, Nereus, Nereus's sister, Olympus, and even more (Rom. 16:15).

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Others besides Paul also sent greetings to these brethren. Timothy (Rom. 16:21), Tertius (Rom. 16:22), Gaius, Erastus, and Quartus (Rom. 16:23).

What a way to end this great letter to the Romans! This wasn't merely an academic paper on the Righteousness and Justification of God, nor was it merely a sermon to faceless individuals. When Paul, through the Holy Spirit, penned these words, he had these brethren on his mind and in his heart. So too, did our Lord. Paul valued them, and his greetings to them stand as a testament to God's value of these Christians who we may only know more about on the other side of eternity. Until then, don't forget to greet those brethren you love, for the churches of Christ greet you (Rom. 16:16).
—Logan Summers



Five Wonderful Words

The 23rd psalm has been a favorite of God's people for thousands of years. It is steeped in the Israelite culture of husbandry. But all through the years it has appealed to people who realize that God is watching over them. Just the first five words alone in the English versions reveal so much, even for us today.

The – This is a definite article in reference to God. He is not one of many gods, He is the God. He is the only God.

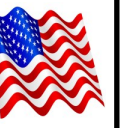
Lord – This indicates that God is our savior. He is the only one who can bring us eternal salvation.

Is – This present tense word reveals that God is alive and always with us. He remains all powerful and all loving.

My – This shows that God is a personal God. He wants a relationship with us and deals with each us on a most individual, intimate level. *Cont. on Page 3...*



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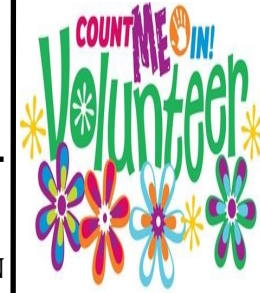
March Birthday!

29TH JAYDAN PATRICK



March Anniversary

24TH TERRY & RUBY MASON



Volunteer List!

Spring has arrived and once again we need volunteers for mowing the grounds. Please check the schedule in the lobby and sign up for a month or two.



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.



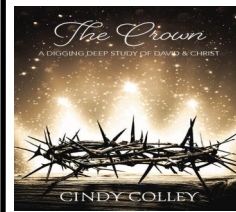
Blood Drive!

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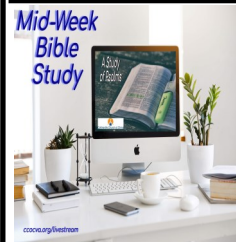
Thursday Ladies Bible Class!

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 mid-April.

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Matthew 4:12-17



1. "Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in __, He departed to __."
2. After Jesus left Nazareth, He dwelt in __.
3. Capernaum is in the regions of __ and __.
4. __ is the prophet who prophesied that the Gentiles would see a great light.
5. "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, ' __, for the __ of heaven is at hand.'"

Solution: prison, Galilee; Capernaum; Zebulun, Naphtali; Isaiah; Repent, kingdom

Continued from Page 5... The condition of the Laodiceans was nauseating to Christ. Jesus said, "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth" (Revelation 3:15-16).

They were a little too cold to be hot and a little too hot to be cold. They were a little too bad to be good and a little too good to be bad. They neither loved God fervently nor hated Him zealously.

Those who compromise still upset God's stomach, but those who are faithful put a smile on His face (Revelation 3:7-12; Hebrews 11:6).



Do Not Tell Your Kids About Abstinence?

"Do not tell your kids about abstinence, because if you do they will be curious about it and will go out and have sex." Ridiculous! We don't use this irrational logic in reference to other things. For example, we don't avoid warning our kids about murdering and stealing, thinking they will be curious about it and will go out and murder and steal. No, we admonish them against it, because we do not want them to do it! We know telling them "not to" is the best method for getting them not to do it. "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

"5 Wonderful Words" Continued from Page 2... Shepherd – This reminds us that God is always guiding, feeding, and protecting us. He will never lead us down the wrong path.

And that's just the first five words of the psalm! Give the rest of it a read with these thoughts in mind, and you will gain the most wonderful feelings of joy, satisfaction, and peace within your heart. —Edd Sterchi



To Catch a Thief

Marge Wilson had had enough! For the fourth morning in a row, she had gone to the chicken pen only to find feathers strewn about and one of her good laying hens gone. She knew one thing for sure, the chicken-stealing varmint was consistent and it would surely be back for more. But this time she would be ready for him, waiting with shotgun in hand!

As Jesus spoke of His second coming and the final judgment of mankind, He compared the great event to a thief that comes in the night. Unlike Ms. Wilson's chicken-stealing varmint, the arrival of the Christ will be a total surprise. "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." (Matthew 24:42-44)

When the trumpet sounds and the voice of the archangel rumbles, every eye will see Christ and there will be surprise, shock, dismay, dread, and mourning by all non-believers. (1 Thes. 4:16; Rev. 1:7) But for those of us who are watching, it will be a great and wonderful day! (2 Tim. 4:8) —Jay Launius





How Capable Are You?

All of my life, I have heard it said, “You are only as strong as your weakest link!” My humble understanding of this quote means, every “link” on your chain (metaphorically speaking) is important, needs to be proficient in the mission of the organization, and makes a positive contribution if success is to be realized. Is one member more important than the other when it comes to the team, the business, the family, the church? In unison, we all should be responding, “No!” As humans, we have a tendency to make comparisons to others! Can I jump as high as him? Am I as successful as her? Do people like him more than me? Are we as good as...?

You get the idea! While we all have asked these questions and so many more, may we seek to realize how special we really are! “Special,” in this context, does not mean “better than,” but means we are “created by Him.” We should never seek to elevate ourselves over others, but we should never think less of ourselves to the point our unworthiness impacts our ability to grow in our service to the church or feel useless. Nor, should we ever give someone permission to make comparisons of us to others or make us feel less.

The “other side of the coin” is do we put ourselves in an arbitrary position to attempt to make judgments of “who is better” when making comparisons to others? May we not be so arrogant that we can “grade” others when making evaluations of everyone within our team, business, family, or church when they are doing their best! Do we sometimes have a tendency to voice our opinion of others? When we do, may our complaints or opinions be followed with an attempt to help those we are complaining about or comparing to others. At the end of the day, as the church, we are all on the same team opposing Satan!

How many of us feel we are “not worthy,” or have been told we are less than our peers to the point we start to believe it!? May we remember we are all capable of making contributions!

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“Capable” Continued from Page 4... First Corinthians 12:12-14 reads, “For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many.”

The church is so blessed to have so many hard workers. We should encourage one another, not compare one to another! We shouldn’t attack or fuss at others just because they want to do more or may not be “performing” to our standards. May we never “come on big when we are feeling small!”

As Christians, we may feel we are “turf managers” and seek to tell others to stay in their lane when it comes to their service to the Lord’s Kingdom. We may even remind those overzealous brethren to “stay in their lane!” It might be okay to say that, but may we never crowd them off the road. For those who have responded to the Scriptures, are all capable in making a contribution (Matthew 28:16-20).

—Allen Jones



The Time Jesus Got Sick?

There is no record of Jesus getting sick on earth. Perhaps He had child- hood colds, the occasional stomach ache, or the flu. We don’t know; the Bible doesn’t say.

The only time Scripture records Jesus being sick is after He returned to heaven. It is found in Revelation 3.

Revelation 3:16 pictures a church trying to straddle the fence between the world and the kingdom of God. They were like the little boy who prayed one night before he went to bed, “Dear God, make me good but not too good, just good enough so I don’t get in trouble.”

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