



# 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.

# 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.  
**Sammie 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.  
**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.**

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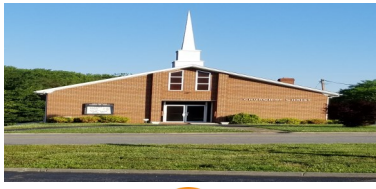
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**Times We Meet:**  
**Sunday:**  
**Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Worship:** 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday:**  
**Ladies' Class**  
 Coffee & Donuts: 9:30 a.m.  
**Class:** 10:00 a.m.



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## Sharing Our Faith

Why are we afraid to share our faith? Why do we not share with others what God is doing in our lives, and about what Jesus means to us? Rejection is probably the number one reason we hold back. When we invite someone into conversation about Jesus Christ and they resist, it isn't a personal rejection. God opens hearts to His message, and if we will share our faith we will discover people with open hearts. We will also discover people with closed hearts. Don't let that keep you from sharing your faith. If God has answered prayer in your life, tell people about it. If God has done something good in your life, tell someone what He has done. If you have faith in Jesus Christ, speak His name out loud to others. God will work!

Many hold back because of a "lack of knowledge" of God's word. You need to notice that in Scripture people didn't always have lots of knowledge of God's Word. The woman at the well in John 4 simply told neighbors that she met a man who knew all about her. These neighbors put their faith in Jesus based on her testimony. It can work the same way today.

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**“Sharing Our Faith” Continued from Front Page...** Chances are you will know more than the person you are sharing with. If you should discover someone who knows more of God’s Word than you do, allow them to encourage you with the Word of God.

Many feel that they lack the time to study with people. If you read Acts, you will discover that many people responded after a brief encounter. There are people around us who are ready for the Good News of Jesus Christ. They are just waiting for someone to share their personal faith. Individuals realize their need for a Savior when they take time to do a personal inventory. There are people around us who are looking for help.

You can share your faith. Ask God for the courage to tell others about His Son. “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Matthew 9:37-38). Let’s all be workers in the Kingdom of God. Let’s all make an attempt to share our faith.  
—Dick Miller

### Two and Only Two



An elder in my home congregation once told me that back when he sold ice cream he would tell his customers, “We have two flavors: plain and vanilla.”

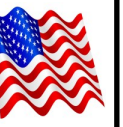
Years ago when you went to have your teeth cleaned, there were no flavor options. Now the dental hygienist asks if I prefer mint, cinnamon, or strawberry.

In 1953 we had only one TV channel, and it was black and white. Today we are overwhelmed with choices. From colors of paint to selections of greeting cards, from brands of breakfast cereal to college courses—the options are almost endless. In contrast, Jesus often spoke of two and only two alternatives—one good and one bad.

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# GEORGE NEWS



### April Birthdays!

- 4TH JORDYN PATRICK
- 13TH LISA KENDRICK
- 24TH BARBARA OLIVER

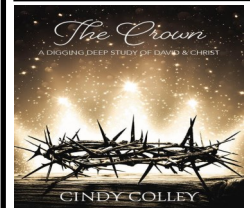


### 5th Sunday Potluck!

Following our morning gatherings today, we will be hosting our 5th Sunday Potluck Luncheon.



**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.



**Solution:** Resurrect



### Blood Drive!

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



### Solution

Simon, Peter, Andrew; fishers, men; immediately, boat, father; synagogues, kingdom, disease; multitudes

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH! Solution

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Matthew 4:18-25



1. "And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, \_\_ called \_\_, and \_\_ his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen."
2. Jesus told them to follow Him, and He would make them \_\_ of \_\_.
3. When Jesus called James and John, they \_\_ left the \_\_ and their \_\_.
4. "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their \_\_, preaching the gospel of the \_\_, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of \_\_ among the people."
5. Great \_\_ followed Him.

Check Your Answers on Page 7...

BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

Everything Has Its Time (Ecc. 3:1-8)

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| EMBRACE | EVERY  | EVERYTHING |
| GAIN    | GATHER | HATE       |
| HEAL    | HEAVEN | KEEP       |
| KILL    | LAUGH  | LOSE       |
| LOVE    | MOURN  | PEACE      |
| PLANT   | PLUCK  | PURPOSE    |
| REFRAIN | STONES | TIME       |



Word SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to form a Bible word!

S E R T E R U R C

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Clue: To raise someone from the dead

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"Two & Only Two" Continued from Page 2... He spoke of the wise and foolish builders—those who do and those who do not act on His teachings (Matt. 7:24-27). He pictured Judgment Day with everyone on the right or the left, the sheep and the goats, each receiving one of two destinies: eternal life or everlasting punishment (Matt. 25:31-46).

He spoke of the five wise virgins who were ready when the bridegroom came, and the five foolish virgins who were not (Matt. 25:1-13).

Wise or foolish. Right or left. Treasures in heaven or on earth. God or Mammon. Narrow way or broad way. Life or destruction. Prepared or unprepared.

To sum up, there are two and only two realms at the present time (Acts 26:18; Col. 1:13), and two and only two realms in the age to come (Matt. 25:46).

So it's a matter of life or death, and the choice is ours. —David Gibson

The Ermine's Example



There is a unique little animal found in the forests of northern Europe and Asia. It is called the ermine. In the wintertime, the ermine's fur turns snow-white. It instinctively protects its coat against anything that would soil it, going to great lengths to keep its fur spotless.

Fur hunters deviously take advantage of this unusual trait. Instead of setting a trap to catch the ermine, they smear the entrance of its home with grime. When the ermine, even when being chased by dogs, sees its burrow covered in filth it will not enter. The ermine's instinct to preserve the purity of its coat is so strong that it would rather die than defile its beautiful fur.

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***“The Ermine’s Example” Continued from Page 3...*** God requires that those who would be righteous maintain themselves in purity. The people of God were told to “...make for themselves tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and that they shall put on the tassel of each corner a cord of blue. It shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, so as to do them and not follow after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you played the harlot, so that you may remember to do all My commandments and be holy to your God” (Numbers 15:38-40).

When the Israelite saw the blue cord on his clothes, he would remember the holy purpose for his life and the need to keep himself pure from sin.

The vile sinner becomes clean when he puts on the Lord Jesus in baptism (Acts 22:16). The redeemed will one day wear white robes washed in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:14).

The Christian is pure, even as God is pure (1 John 3:3). We are called upon as followers of Christ to “come out from among them [the world] and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you” (2 Corinthians 6:17).

Too often, it is difficult to tell the Christian from the worldly sinner. The manner of dress, the words that proceed out of our mouth, the places we are seen going to and the type of entertainment we enjoy – all of these reflect upon our purity. Although we are in the world, we are not to be of the world. Strive to “keep [yourself] unspotted from the world” (James 1:27).

The instinct of the ermine was to die rather than defile its beautiful coat. Pray that you, dear Christian, will have the spiritual fortitude to maintain your purity, even if it costs your life.

“For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it” (Matthew 16:25).  
—Glen Young



## ***Gossip***

First, someone told it,  
Then the room could not  
hold it,  
So busy tongues rolled it  
Till they got it outside.

Then the crowd came across it,  
They stretched it and tossed it,  
And never once lost it,  
Till it grew long and wide.

This lie brought forth others,  
Evil sisters and brothers,  
And fathers and mothers,  
A terrible crew.

As headlong they hurried,  
The people they flurried,  
And troubled and worried,  
As lies always do.

So, evil it boded,  
This monstrous lie goaded,  
Till at last it exploded,  
In sin and in shame.

But from mud and mire,  
The pieces flew higher,  
Till they hit the sad liar,  
And killed his good name.



## ***Too Busy***

Too busy to read the Bible,  
Too busy to wait and pray;  
Too busy to speak out kindly  
To someone along the way.

Too busy with cares and struggles  
To think of the life to come,  
Too busy building mansions  
To plan for the heavenly home.

Too busy to help a brother,  
Who faces the winter’s blast,  
Too busy to share the burdens  
When self in the balance is cast.

Too busy for all that is holy,  
On earth beneath the sky,  
Too busy to serve the Master,  
But not too busy to die.



## ***Words That Hurt***

There are many warnings in the Bible about the consequences of our words. The most powerful is expressed by Jesus. He said, “But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken” (Matt. 12:16). Please don’t let your words hurt someone this week. Think about the consequences.