



Cancer

Brad Hurd. Liver cancer & spreading to lungs.

Steven Kelly. Friend of Lovell's. Stage 4.

Ken Moran. Odell's son. Stage 4 cancer.

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.

Larry Guilliams. Nancy's brother in-law. Recovering from a heart attack.

Norman W. Hill. Health concerns.

Hester Hollandsworth. Health issues.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health issues.

Rita Lawless. Health issues.

Odell Moran. Health concerns.

Prayers for Caregivers.

Prayers for our Country, Military.

Prayers for Israel, Palestine, & Ukraine.

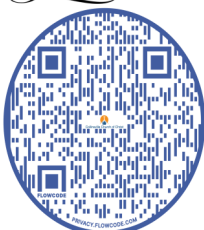


Family of Nancy Jean Palmer. Nancy was the wife of Chip Palmer, who is the brother of our Brother David Palmer. Please keep the Palmer family in your prayers.

To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew or Jonathan. Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received.



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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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Homefront Crumbling

Douglas MacArthur II (the general's nephew) worked for the government. The Secretary of State once called his home and asked to speak with him. His wife replied, "He's not here. He's where he always is—weekends, nights, Saturdays, Sundays—at the office. You can reach him there."

She had not recognized the Secretary of State's voice or she would not have been so forthright. Nonetheless, the Secretary called MacArthur and sent him home immediately.

His comment was classic. He said, "Your home front is crumbling."

Consider the Current Situation. Many home fronts are crumbling across our land because spouses do not spend enough time together. Between working two or three jobs, keeping children engaged in school, sports, and other activities, and having differing interests, they don't even spend much time in the same room.

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A couple can become more like roommates than husband and wife. God instructs couples to enjoy each other, and to do this, they must continue to build their relationship (Proverbs 5:15-19).

One said, “Marriage is given, not that two people should do one thing together, but that they should do all things together. Marriage is the total union of two personalities.”

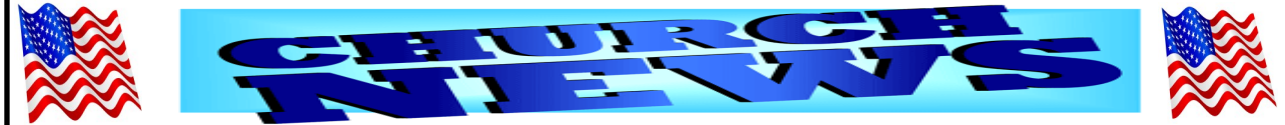
Consider Two Precepts. In the Old Testament, we find this unusual commandment: “When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: but he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken” (Deuteronomy 24:5).

To get a new marriage off on the right foot in ancient Israel, a husband was forbidden to go to war or be charged with any overnight business. Matthew Henry commented, “It is of great consequence that love be kept up between husband and wife; that they carefully avoid every thing which might make them strange one to another.”

The young man’s assignment was to “cheer up” (*samach*, “to brighten up”) his new bride.

In the New Testament, Peter wrote, “Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them...” (1 Peter 3:7). “Dwell with” is from a word (*sunoikeo*) found only here in the New Testament. It means “to dwell together in domestic association.” He also indicates that husbands and wives are “joint-heirs of the grace of life” (*sugkleronomos*). A couple is to avoid unnecessary separation.

Consider an Example. Aquila and Priscilla traveled together, worked together, and were hospitable together (Acts 18:2). They took a missionary trip together (Acts 18:18). **“Homefront Crumbling” Continued on Page 3...**



April Birthdays!

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

May Birthdays!

- 6TH LORI PALMER
- 11TH SIMON BEAVERS
- 22ND ANNIE BEAVERS
- 23RD LIZ THOMPSON
- 23RD JAMES PATRICK



May Anniversary!

- 1ST JAMES & DONNA PATRICK



Thursday Ladies Bible Class!

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



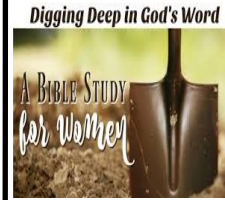
Mid-Week Virtual Bible Study!

Is on a temporary hiatus. We plan to April 18, 2024.



Movie Night!

Our next Monthly Movie Night is on May 4, 2024 & it will be a Pizza & Movie Night! Bring your favorite pizza to share. Pizza Supper @ 5:00 p.m. Movie @ 5:30 p.m.



Digging Deep Bible Study!

Our next Digging deep ladies' class is May 5th 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:

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Big Bang Theory

I have to come clean and confess that I believe in the Big Bang. Now wait! Don't stop reading here. Let me explain. The Bible, itself, teaches a "Big Bang." Read it for yourself:

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3: 10).

There you have it—"The Big Bang." The evolutionists are partly right, but their timing is wrong. The biblical "Big Bang" didn't occur at the beginning of time, as the evolutionists teach. However, it will occur at the end of time. The "Big Bang" didn't bring things into existence, but it will take things out of existence.
—Steve Higginbotham



He Gave Thanks

Ten times in the gospels, Jesus is recorded as giving thanks mainly at the Lord's Supper and some other meals. The Lord gave thanks before He fed 4,000 (Mark 8:6). He gave thanks to the Father for hearing Him (John 11:41). We also should give thanks when we eat (Rom. 14:6). Thankfulness is an attitude of gratitude. A thankful person is a "tank full" person. Such a person is full of good thoughts and appreciation. It is so much easier to work with someone who is thankful rather than ungrateful. It cuts out a load of griping and whining. It brings out praise and good ways instead. He gave thanks; therefore I need to learn to give thanks. —Rick Laing



Marvelous
are Your works
and that my
soul knows
very well.
PSALM 139:14

For we walk by

2 Cor. 5:7
Faith
not by sight.

"Homefront Crumbling" Continued from Page 2... They worshipped together and had Bible studies with others together (Acts 18:26). They assisted Paul together, risked their lives together (Romans 16:3-4). They encouraged other Christians together and had the church in their house together (1 Corinthians 16:19). They remained faithful through a lifetime together (2 Timothy 4:19).

When we consider that Acts 18 occurred about A.D. 54 and 2 Timothy, as Paul's last book, was written in about A.D. 66, they were "together" for a lifetime.

—Allen Webster



No Time to Complain

Never once did our Lord have a path free from trouble.

When He went into the wilderness, He was tempted of the devil.

When He tried to rest, the multitudes followed Him.

When He taught in the synagogue, the hearers became angry and sought to throw him off the brow of the hill.

When He gave others rest for their souls, He had no place to lay His head.

When He sought peace in the garden, they came with swords and staves and led Him away to the halls of judgment.

When He did His best to be kind and loving in face of mockery, they took Him as a sheep to the slaughter and drenched Calvary with His precious blood. And yet, in spite of it all, He never grumbled about His burden. Jesus did not complain at all! He just went about doing good.

Let us be like Him! The busiest are the happiest. Cheerful, active labor is a blessing. The busy, the active, the happy, and the cheerful don't have time to complain.



Matthew 5:1-12



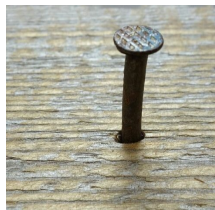
1. True or False: Jesus was seated when He gave the “sermon on the mount.”
2. The poor in spirit are blessed because the __ of __ is theirs.
3. Who will inherit the earth?
4. “Blessed *are* the merciful, For they shall __ __.”
5. “Rejoice and be __ glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the __ who were before you.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



Ask for the Old Paths

Christianity is not some newfangled way gotten up in modern times by men more zealous than well-informed. The whole of Christianity is in the New Testament. Anything in religion which is not as old as the New Testament is no part of Christianity. The “Old Paths” for us are the ways traveled by the apostles and early Christians who were guided into all truth by the Holy Spirit (Jeremiah 6:16; John 16:13). The New Testament gives us a history of the church of Christ for nearly three- quarters of a century. You should choose that church today, and make your life as a member of it conform to the New Testament doctrine. —Gus Nichols



Confession vs. Hypocrisy

After hearing a sermon on confession, a man approached his preacher with a heavy conscience. He explained that he worked for a boat builder and stole expensive brass nails. The man could not tell the boat builder, he said, “Because he would lose his job and his boss would think him a hypocrite and all of the times I shared my faith with him will go to waste.” Finally, guilt got so bad he had to confess. He offered restitution. His boss responded: “I did think you were just a hypocrite, but now I begin to feel there’s something in this Christianity after all. Any religion that would make a dishonest workman come back and confess that he had been stealing copper nails and offer to settle for them must be worth having.”

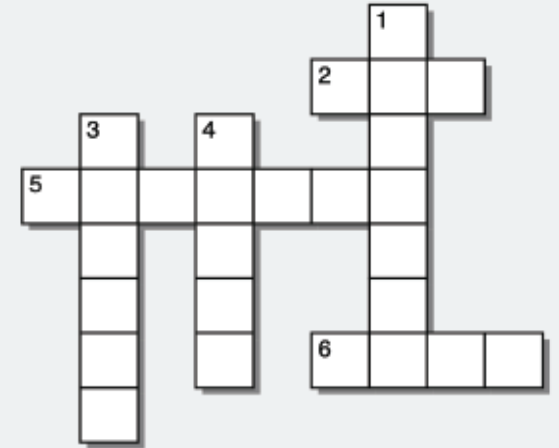
BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

Who Will Go? (Isaiah 6:8-10)

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“Noah’s Descendants”

Genesis 10

Across

- 2) A son of Noah
- 5) A city Nimrod built
- 6) A son of Noah

Down

- 1) A son of Noah
- 3) A mighty hunter
- 4) In his day the earth was divided