



## Cancer

**Brad Hurd.** Liver cancer & spreading to lungs.

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

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



**Ryan Kendrick.** Special needs.

**Jaydan Patrick.** Special needs.



**Sibbie Byrd.** Health issues.

**Sharon Teschendorf.** Dementia .



**Brandi Beavers.** Health concerns.

**The Beavers Children.** Health concerns.

**Jack Beavers.** Health concerns.

**Pete Beavers.** Jack's brother. Broken foot.

**Drew Clifton.** Dixie's grandson.

**Mary Grace Faulkner.** Friend of Brandi. Severe burns.

**Larry Guilliams.** 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.

**Amanda Smith.** Daughter to a friend of Hester's. Recovering from a broken foot.

**Prayers for Caregivers.**

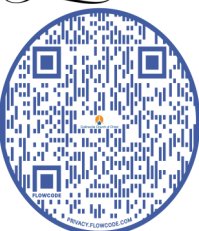
**Prayers for our Country, Military.**

**Prayers for Israel, Palestine, & Ukraine.**

*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.

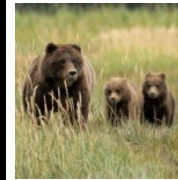
**Worship:** 10:30 a.m.



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## The Three Bears

Once upon a time, there were three bears...  
 No, no, no—that's the wrong three bears.

Far from a fairy tale, the three "bears" listed in Galatians 6 are vital to living a fulfilling Christian life. Of course, you may have already figured out that these are not the furry animals, but the concept of carrying a responsibility. Now, let's look at the three "bears."

**Bear One Another's Burdens (v.1-2).** This means that we are supposed to help others, especially those in the church (v.10). Life is especially burdensome for some and, as we are able, we should help them carry their load. For ease of remembering, let's call this first bear "Share Bear."

**Bear Your Own Burdens (v.3-5).** This passage teaches the need for personal responsibility that another cannot carry for us: our personal decisions, the consequences of our actions, our own individual responsibilities, etc. We should not let others bear these for us. The words that follow in v.6-9 are a great admonition to just how individual this concept is. We will name this bear "Aware Bear."

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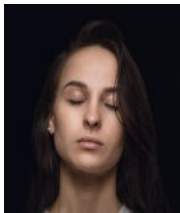
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**Bear the Marks of Christ in Your Body (v.11-17).** Paul bore in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ (likely physically from beatings, mistreatment, etc.). But there is another indication in the word “marks” in the Greek text. It is the Greek word “stigma” and literally means “a mark pricked or branded upon the body.” Paul may very well be saying, I am branded with the mark of Christ—not that he had a tattoo, but that he was totally dedicated to Christ—he was Christ’s slave. This is why I believe Paul used the phrase “the Lord Jesus”—Jesus was Paul’s Lord and Master (v.14). Thus we need to be willing to bear the marks (or stigma) that come from faithfully following Christ and telling others about Him. Thus, let’s identify this bear as “Declare Bear.”

My hope for all of us is what Paul’s was for the Galatian Christians: “Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit” (v.18). And let us be reminded that it will be so if we bear in our bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus (be a Declare Bear), be responsible with ourselves and our lives (be an Aware Bear), and help others (be a Share Bear).

—Edd Sterchi

The Blind Girl



There was a blind girl who hated herself because she was blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She told her boyfriend, “If I could only see the world, I will marry you.”

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages came off, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend.

He asked her, “Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?” The girl looked at her boyfriend and saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked her. She hadn’t expected that. The thought of looking at them the rest of her life led her to refuse to marry him.

Her boyfriend left in tears and days later wrote a note to her saying: “Take good care of your eyes, my dear; for before they were yours, they were mine.”



Church News



May Birthdays!

22ND ANNIE BEAVERS  
23RD LIZ THOMPSON  
23RD JAMES PATRICK

June Birthdays!

20TH KAREN LOVELL  
21ST PETE LOVELL



June Anniversary

21ST PAUL &  
SHERRY LIRETTE

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](http://redcrossblood.org)



Game Night!

Our next Game Night is on June 1, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite games & finger foods to share.



Movie Night!

Our next Monthly Movie Night is on June 15, 2024 & it will be a Pizza & Movie Night! Pizza Supper @ 5:00 p.m. Movie @ 5:30 p.m.

Potter Children’s Summer Commodities Outreach!



This season, we are asked to bring in: **Evaporated Milk, Penne Pasta, Taco Seasoning Packets, Fruit Cups and Rice Cereal.** If you would like to donate funds to help purchase Fresh Foods & Dairy, please put those donations in the offering boxes and mark it for Potter. Please bring pantry items to the lobby. **All items and donations must be brought in by: Sunday, June 23.**



Solution

True; lust, adultery; eye, hell; wife, divorce; any, sexual immorality



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A Time That Will Not Change

I love Spring! But one thing I’ve never liked is Daylight Savings Time. It has been shown that the changing our bodies’ rhythms back and forth isn’t healthy. But our government still insists on doing it. For one thing, it is good for business, they say. Up north, the sun sets earlier and by the time folks get home from work, it’s too late to play 9 holes of golf or go to the ballgame, etc. So the golf course and the ballpark lose money if they don’t move the clock forward one hour.

Man has always tried to manipulate time. Besides those who force DST on us, we have fiction authors writing about time travel and non-fiction writers publish books on time management. But there is coming a time we cannot change or manipulate. It is a time when we face the Lord on Judgment Day (Hebrews 9:27). It is best to be prepared for that time by the salvation through grace offered to us by Jesus (Ephesians 2:8-9) and living by faithful obedience (John 14:15).

—Larry Fitzgerald



In Earthen Vessels

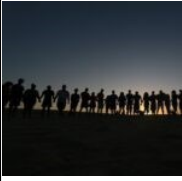
The dear Lord’s best interpreters  
Are humble human souls;  
The gospel of a life like His  
Is more than books or scrolls.

From scheme and creed the light goes out,  
The saintly fact survives;  
The blessed Master none can doubt,  
Revealed in holy lives.



A Question

If I really, really trust Him,  
Shall I ever fret?  
If I really do expect Him,  
Can I e’er forget?  
If by faith I really see Him,  
Shall I doubt His aid?  
If I really, really love Him,  
Can I be afraid?



What is the Church?

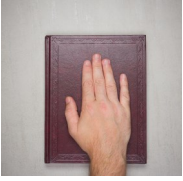
A practice field for patience and compassion.  
A fellowship against loneliness.  
A resting place.  
A garden where God comes looking for us.  
A bathing for washing guilt away.  
A reflecting pool.  
An internship for minister-members.  
A kneeling bench.  
A rescue mission where God finds us.  
A laboratory of life.  
A school instructing those who would fear God.  
A hospital for healing souls.  
A cafeteria where God feeds us.  
A classroom of truth.  
A track for walkers in the Way of Christ.  
A hospitable door.  
A herald of Good News—joyful, hopeful, helpful words.



Honor Your Father & Mother

Which is the first commandment with promise...

Ephesians 6:2



The Word of God

For feelings come and go,  
And feelings are deceiving;  
My warrant is the Word of God  
Naught else is worth believing.  
I’ll trust in God’s unchanging Word  
Till soul and body sever;  
For, though all things shall pass away,  
His Word shall stand forever.



A Little Place

“Father, where shall I work today?”  
And my love flowed warm and free.  
Then He pointed me out a tiny spot  
And said, “Tend that for Me.”  
I answered quickly, “Oh no, not there,  
Why, no one would ever see  
No matter how well my work was done.  
Not a little place for me!”  
And the word He spoke, it was not stern.  
He answered me tenderly:  
“Ah, little one, search that heart of thine,  
Art thou working for them or Me?  
Nazareth was a little place.  
And so was Galilee.”



### Matthew 5:27-32



1. True or False: “You shall not commit adultery” is among the Ten Commandments.
2. “But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to \_\_ for her has already committed \_\_ with her in his heart.”
3. Jesus said it is better to pluck your \_\_ out if it causes you to sin than for your whole body to be cast into \_\_.
4. “Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his \_\_, let him give her a certificate of \_\_.’”
5. “But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for \_\_ reason except \_\_ causes her to commit adultery...”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



### Discouraged: We’ve All Been There

I am reminded of the story of the man that approached a little league baseball game one hot, sunny afternoon. He asked a boy in the dugout what the score was. The boy kept his gaze on the field and responded, “Eighteen to nothing—we’re behind.” “Woah,” said the man, “I’ll bet you’re discouraged.” “Why should I be discouraged?” replied the little boy. “We haven’t even gotten up to bat yet!” Discouragement is a state of mind and heart that repeatedly looks at circumstances and says, “this is not the way I expected or wanted things to go!” It can be a result of unmet expectations, repeated failure, or even looking at the future and not seeing any discernable way for things to change in a positive direction. Thus, we become discouraged. Here are some truths about it:

**It affects all of us.** Every Bible character as we can imagine has dealt with discouragement at some point in their lives. Job sat in ashes and loss scraping himself with a broken piece of pottery. The prophets preached their hearts out to people who had rejected God and persecuted them. God’s people collectively were discouraged in the report of the spies of the land of Canaan (If you think it can’t happen congregationally, read Numbers 13!) *Continued on Page 5...*

**Continued from Page 4...** David wrote psalm upon psalm about his troubles and how deeply they affected him. It really is a “common to man” problem that really does affect all (1 Cor. 10:13).

**It affects all of us in different ways.** Jacob was never really the same once he concluded his son Joseph was dead. It seems he withdrew from life in the latter chapters of Genesis. Moses was dealing with the death of his sister and had a group of ungrateful Israelites at his door complaining against God and against him about a water problem. In his discouragement, he lashed out at them and struck a rock in disobedience to God (Num. 20:1-9). Knowing the ways discouragement comes for us, and especially how it affects us is absolutely key to handling it with joy and patience (Ps. 139:23-24; Jas. 1:2-7).

**It is a problem which Jesus personally experienced.** We appreciate the sentiments of Hebrews 4:14-16 which ought to be an encouragement for all of us, “we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was at all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.” Jesus experienced discouragement. What is more, Jesus came to deal with and conquer the root of discouragement once and for all (Jn. 12:31-32). If there really is something to keep us going and enduring and not giving up in discouragement, it is this: My Lord conquered it and if I keep my eyes on Him, I will be with Him forever in a place that will be made sweeter and more beautiful because I endured through discouragement like Him (Rom. 8:18; 2 Cor. 4:17-18). What a glorious thought! We’ve all been there. Hang in there!

—Andy Baker



### “On the Lighter Side”

The teacher of the Earth Science class was lecturing on map reading. He spent the class time explaining about latitude, longitude, degrees and minutes. “Suppose I asked you to meet me for lunch at 23 degrees, 4 minutes north latitude and 45 degrees, 15 minutes longitude...” A student’s voice broke the confused silence. “I guess you’d be eating alone, sir.”

