



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 .



Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Jack Beavers. Health concerns.

Pete Beavers. Jack's brother. Broken foot.

Dixit Clifton. Recovering from Pneumonia

Drew Clifton. Dixie's grandson.

Mary Grace Faulkner. Severe burns.

Larry Williams. Recovering from a heart attack.

Norman W. Hill. Health concerns.

Hester Hollandsworth. Health issues.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health issues.

Rita Lawless. Recovering from Pneumonia.

Odell Moran. Health concerns.

Amanda Smith. Recovering from a broken foot.

Prayers for Caregivers.

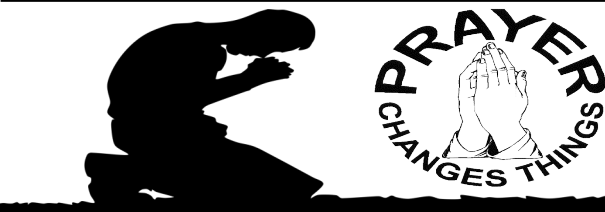
Prayers for our Country, Military.

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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Sunday:

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.



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Handprints Aren't So Bad After All

The bags were packed, goodbye's were said, and the children were excited as they prepared to go with their grandparents for a few days to Tennessee. My wife and I do not take a lot of overnight trips where we'll be apart, but on this occasion she and the kids had an opportunity to spend a few days with her parents while I stayed home to attend a week-long seminar class.

As they pulled out of the drive, I closed the door and turned toward the empty house. As I turned, an item on the couch caught my eye. Approaching, I found an old book of cartoons called *The Family Circus* by Bil Keane. I'm sure you remember the cartoon from the Sunday comics. My youngest daughter has taken to reading these old cartoon collection books we found at my parents house. As she waited for "time to go," she had been sitting on the couch reading this very book. When she left, she had left it open to the last page she had been reading.

I picked the book up, and read the first cartoon on the page.

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“Handprints” Continued from Front Page ... The picture showed the mother down on her hands and knees at the front door cleaning dirty hand prints, kids all around her. A saleslady walks up and says, “My goodness! Look at those DARLING little hand prints!”

A day or so later, I’m missing my wife and kids. I’m looking around the house at small messes the kids left. A sock here, coloring book there, an empty coke can. At that moment, with them a couple hundred miles away, those little “messes” started looking pretty “darling,” like in the cartoon.

Sometimes we don’t realize how much we appreciate our loved ones until they are away from us. Sometimes it takes a little distance to remember that the little things we nag our children about are really not that bad, when faced with the thought of their absence. Indeed children are a gift of the Lord, Psalm 127:3, and hand prints aren’t so bad, after all.

—Matt Clifton



Can Any Good Come From Stress?

Samuel was one of the best men in the Bible. We read about his good life of faith and justice in 1 Samuel, but it is a statement made hundreds of years later about him that tells us just how godly a man he was. In Jeremiah’s day the people of Judah were so wicked that no amount of praying could save the nation from punishment. God even told Jeremiah not to pray for them (Jer. 11:14). To make this point stronger, God said that even if Moses and Samuel were alive and pleaded with him to spare Judah He would not (Jer. 15:1). When God wanted to use two people as examples of godliness, He chose Moses and Samuel.

Samuel was a great man in spite of unfaithful men who were close to him. He was brought up from a young age with Eli in the service of the Lord at the tabernacle. Eli was not a just man, but Samuel grew up to be one of the most just men in Scripture. Samuel’s two sons were wicked, but he did not let them pull him down to their level. He maintained his integrity to the end (1 Sam. 12).

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June Birthdays!

20TH KAREN LOVELL
21ST PETE LOVELL



June Anniversary

21ST PAUL &
SHERRY LIRETTE



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.**



4th of July Breakfast!

We will have a 4th of July Congregational Breakfast. More information to come!



Solution

neighbor, enemy; love, bless, good, pray; sons, Father; you, reward, collectors; perfect, heaven



BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH
AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE
CROWN OF LIFE
REVELATION 2:10



don't take a
VACATION
from church

“Frogs” Continued from Page 5... Solution: Don’t assume the worst when two scrawny frogs start croaking!

“Without wood, a fire will go out. And without gossip, quarreling will stop. Charcoal and wood keep a fire going. In the same way a quarrelsome person keeps and argument going” (Proverbs 26:20-21).

“The north wind brings rain. In the same way gossip brings angry looks. Hearing good news from a faraway place is like having a cool drink when you are tired ” (Proverbs 25:23,25).
—Tim Woodward



Forgiving and Forgetting

Henry Ward Beecher once said, “I can forgive, but I cannot forget.” Isn’t it wonderful that God both forgives and forgets when he forgives our sins? Hebrews 10:17 says of God, “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” God expects us to do the same when it comes to forgiving others. Jesus Christ once taught, “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matthew 6:14-15).

Yet too many of us feel like Beecher does, that we can forgive, but we cannot forget. How can we learn to forgive and forget? Philosopher Alexander Dejong gives the following wise advice: “To forgive someone involves three things. First, it means to forego the right of striking back. One rejects the urge to repay gossip with gossip and a bad turn with a worse turn. Second, it means replacing the feeling of resentment and anger with good will, a love which seeks the other’s welfare, not harm. Third, it means the forgiving person takes concrete steps to restore good relations.”

To truly forgive is a very hard thing to do. But since our salvation depends on being a forgiving person, let us strive to be as merciful as we can be to others.
—Travis L. Quertermous

“Stress” Continued from Page 2... The story of Samuel happened because of a great prayer. His godly mother Hannah in that prayer vowed that if God would give her a son she would give him to the service of the Lord all the days of his life (1 Sam. 1:11). The Lord heard her prayer and gave her a son, and that is how the story of Samuel began.

Hannah’s prayer for a son was no light request. It was, as James would later say our prayers should be, an “effectual fervent prayer” (James 5:16). “And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore” (1 Sam. 1:10). The anguish she felt in her soul drove her to her knees. Some of the most memorable prayers in the Bible and some of the most earnest prayers in our lives are offered to God in times of great distress.




What caused this pain in Hannah’s heart? She had a husband who loved her, but she had no children and that broke her heart. To a Jewish woman being childless was a heavy burden to bear. But there was something else that contributed to her heartache: the other wife of her husband. This woman was mean. She intentionally said things to hurt Hannah because she could have no children (1 Sam. 1:6). She “provoked her sore” or “provoked her severely to make her miserable” (NKJV). It was hard enough to endure being childless, but to have a spiteful person rubbing salt in her wound made Hannah’s grief almost unbearable. Her situation reminds us of the words of the old hymn, “Where could I go but to the Lord?”

Samuel lived because of his mother’s prayer. That prayer was said because of great stress. That stress was brought about by an affliction she did not choose and by a hateful woman who resented her for no reason. Yet a situation that began in tears ended in the life of a great and godly man!

Who else but God can bring good out of such tragedy?

—Kerry Duke






Matthew 5:43-48

1. Jesus said some thought, “You shall love your __ and hate your __.”
2. Instead, Jesus said to __ your enemies, __ those who curse you, do __ to those who hate you, and __ for those who use and persecute you.
3. Doing these things will allow you to be __ of your __ in heaven.
4. “For if you love those who love __, what __ have you? Do not even the tax __ do the same?”
5. “Therefore you shall be __, just as your Father in __ is perfect.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!




The Lure of Egypt’s Leeks

“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son” (Hosea 11:1).

It was in Egypt that the Israelites groaned in their slavery. It was to Egypt that many of the rescued Israelites wanted to return while tired of wandering in the desert. It was to Egypt that God told them they were never to return or seek help from, and yet, by verse 5, God reveals the awful truth: “Will they not return to Egypt and will not Assyria rule over them because they refuse to repent?” This would be the same as the prodigal son, after having experienced the love, forgiveness, and acceptance of his father, to return to the side of the pig pen in the distant land and long to fill his belly with their pods. Ridiculous? No more so than we, who were dead in our sins, to be rescued from our groaning under the bondage to sin and then want to return to Egypt. We, who have become God’s treasured possession, would throw it all away because we “refuse to repent”? Perhaps we truly don’t understand from what we were rescued? Or appreciate what we have come to in our rescue?

Do you return to the lure of Egypt’s leeks and pots of meat or hold out for the land He’s promised to bring you?

—Doug Kashorek



Two Scrawny Frogs

A man who had just purchased his first house in the country came into town and asked the owner of a restaurant if he could use a million frog legs. The proprietor asked where he could find so many frogs. “I’ve got a pond at home just full of them,” the homeowner replied. “they drive me crazy night and day.”

After they made an agreement for several hundred frogs, the farmer went back home. He returned a week later with two scrawny frogs and a sheepish grin on his face. “I guess I was wrong,” he stammered. “There’s just two frogs in the pond, but they sure were making a lot of noise!”

Application: We watch the news and think the whole world is as bad as the broadcasters portray it. Our neighbor runs down the government so much that we think that this is the worst possible country in which to live. If the weather outside is one degree above room temperature and the sun is shining, we say, “My. isn’t it hot out?” If it is one degree below room temperature and slightly overcast, we say, “It’s freezing outside!” We hear a few malcontents murmur about church members and we think the whole church is moments away from falling apart.

The next time you hear a lot of noise about how bad things are, just remember: it may be nothing more than a couple of chronic complainers who have little to do but grouch and croak!

Two things are at work here: 1) The complainers have too much time on their hands. The non-complainers are busy with life, bearing burdens and enjoying burdens. They are not speaking. They are busy! Often the only voice heard is that of the complainer. 2) We have the very human tendency to want to hear and believe the shocking, the ugly, and the tragic. Good news does not spur interest unless it benefits us directly.

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