



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.

Dixie Clifton. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Dixie's grandson.

Mary Grace Faulkner. Severe burns.

Larry Guilliams. Health concerns.

Norman W. Hill. Health concerns.

Hester Hollandsworth. Health issues.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health issues.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Odell Moran. Under hospice care.

Prayers for Caregivers.

Prayers for our Country, Military.

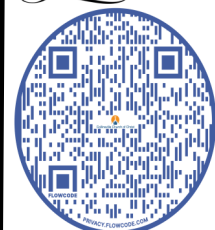
Prayers for Israel, Palestine, & Ukraine.

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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Ready for Worship!

At worship, I am given the opportunity to...

...revere my Maker. "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him." (Psalm 89:7)

...rejoice in my salvation. "And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD; It shall rejoice in His salvation." (Psalm 35:9)

...refresh my spirit. "Revive me according to Your loving-kindness, so that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth." (Psalm 119:88)

I can't wait to come and worship, praise and pay homage to the One who created me, delivered me, and awakens me. How about you?

"Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations" (Psalm 100).

—Edd Sterchi



The Treasure Stores of Our Hearts

After Mary's scary episode where she and Joseph "lost" the Son of God, when they found and heard Jesus in the temple give His reason why He did what He did, the Bible says, "they did not understand...but His mother kept all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:51-52). We treasure things and people because of significance. Christians ought to cherish above all else:

Young people who grow into faithful Christians. Paul picked Timothy to be a "true son in the faith" (1 Tim. 1:2). Imagine what Timothy learned by following and imitating Paul, but imagine what Paul cherished about Timothy (read 1 and 2 Timothy). John said, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (3 John 4). The growth of children into faithful Christians should be a joy to watch and a diligent effort!

People convicted by truth who changed their lives. Can you imagine someone who heard that Saul of Tarsus was converted to Christ (Acts 9:19-22). Don't you know that it was a source of amazement for Ananias who baptized him. Yet, all men can glorify God and say, "If God can do it for Saul, He can do it for this person..." What a treasure to realize the power of the gospel (Rom. 1:16).

People committed to being loving and faithful. Even after the sharp contention of Acts 15 over John Mark, Paul didn't stop loving John Mark, and Barnabas didn't stop being the "son of encouragement." Both men continue to work and love and forgive because they were committed to the Lord. Christians are different because our Lord makes us different and that's something to treasure!

A church family who is our glory and our joy. Paul spent a short time with the Thessalonian church. In that short time, they became dear to one another so much so that Paul said, "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For you are our glory and joy" (1 Thess. 2:19-20). *"Treasure Stores" Continued on Page 3...*



More Than We Ask

I asked for just a crumb of bread.

Within His banquet-hall he spread
A bounteous feast on every side-
My hungry soul was satisfied.

I asked for just a ray of light
To guide me through the gloomy night,
And lo, there shone along my way
The noon-tide glory of the day.

I asked for just a little aid,
As I stood trembling and afraid.
With strength I had not known before
He made me more than conqueror.

I asked for just a bit of love,
For love is sweet. From heaven above
The words came now with meaning new,
"Upon the Cross I died for you."

—Faith Wells



Thankfulness to God

I often wonder how God feels at His creation's ingratitude. How many have felt God's sunshine, breathed God's air, been blessed with God's rain, and yet never stopped to think of—or thank—the Creator of all such? We should be always thankful, always grateful, always appreciative, to our great God.

—John M. Brown



July Birthdays!

1ST	JAY MARTIN
17TH	BILLY LESTER
21ST	DAVE ROBERTSON
25TH	SAMMIE BEAVERS



4th of July Breakfast!

We will have a 4th of July Congregational Breakfast. See Donna, Donn or Matthew for information.



New Notification System!

We will have a new notification system and mobile app. More information coming soon.

Please check the list in the lobby to ensure that I have the correct phone numbers and email addresses on file.

If the info isn't correct or if it is missing from beside your name, please correct it on the paper.



Solution


hypocrites, sad; true; secret, openly; treasure; heart



“Battle” Continued from Page 5... How often have I felt that I was alone with my difficulties and worries and battles... until I remember who it is that is standing by my side, fighting for me.

Remember what God told Jehoshaphat: “Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s” (2 Chronicles 20:15b).

—Larry Fitzgerald



“On the Lighter Side”

A young fellow was proudly showing off his new apartment to a couple of friends late one night. He led the way to his bedroom where there was a big brass gong and a mallet.


“What’s with that big brass gong?” one of the friends asked.

“It’s not a gong, it’s a talking clock,” the fellow replied.

“A talking clock? Seriously?” asked his astonished friend. “How does it work?”


“Watch.” The fellow picked up the mallet, gave the gong an ear-shattering pound, and stepped back. The three men stood looking at one another for a moment.

Suddenly, someone on the other side of the wall screamed, “You idiot! It’s one-fifteen in the morning!”





“Treasure Stores” Continued from Page 2... At the Day of Judgment, Paul said, “I’ll be looking for you, Thessalonians.” Churches become dear to us because of commonality of experiences, joys, sorrows, trials, afflictions, and the commitment to the gospel. If we’re not looking for the faithful at the Judgment, what are we doing and what are we treasuring that needs to change? —Andy Baker



Planting Seeds

The springtime is seed time. Some seeds have already been planted for this year. Throughout the year those seeds will need to be watered for the plants to develop. Further nurturing will need to be done before harvest in the Fall. In the Bible the seed is the Word of God (Luke 8:11). Let us make some observations about the Word of God and planting seeds.

First, seeds must be planted in the right soil. An important lesson can be learned about planting seeds. If the soil is not right, even the best seed won’t germinate correctly. Work must be done to produce desired results. Spiritually, we must have our hearts willing and ready to receive the Word. Then, we must receive the Word and obey it. Those Peter preached to “gladly received the word and were baptized” (Acts 2:41). The Word is to be implanted within us (James. 1:21).

Second, the seed must be watered and nurtured. Sometimes seeds are planted, but nothing more happens. We often give up and wonder if it was worth the effort. Paul explains how the process is to work. He stated, “I planted, Apollos watered, and God gave the increase (1 Cor. 3:6).

Third, the seed must be the right seed. So much seed is sown today with the label “God’s seed.” The seed, however, is the Word of God (Luke 8:11). We have all of God’s word we need (2 Pet. 1:3). We are not to alter, change, or modify it (Gal. 1:6-10; Rev. 22:18,19).

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1. “Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the __, with a __ countenance.”
2. True or False: Jesus said when you fast, try to appear as if you are not.
3. “...and your Father who sees in __ will reward you __.”
4. Jesus said to lay up for yourselves __ in heaven.
5. “For where your treasure is, there your __ will be also.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!

“Planting Seeds” Continued from Page 3... This seed is described as incorruptible (1 Pet. 1:23). When God’s pure seed is sown in the right soil, only good results will come.

Our hearts should always be ready to receive the Word of God. Then we should plant the seed to help others become Christians. Faith is produced by the Word of God (Rom. 10:17). Faith does not come from emotions or feelings, but in obedience and in compliance with the Word and the Will of God. We should plant the seed. Others may water; but it is God who provides the increase.

—Bill Brandstatter



Something Spiritual

The Lord’s Supper is not just another “act” it is not something we just do. It is not just a tradition. It is not mystical. It is Scriptural. It is spiritual. Because the crucifixion of Jesus was spiritual and Scriptural. Jesus states, He could have called twelve legions of angels (Matthew 26:53). He does not do that. He goes on to explain, “But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so” (Matthew 26:54)?

Jesus was bound by Scripture, God’s inspired word (2 Timothy 3:16) even when things were very bleak. If He had called the twelve legions of angels, the Old Testament Scriptures would not have been fulfilled and we would have no salvation.

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“Something Spiritual” Continued from Page 4... Jesus made the deliberate decision to obey God and submit to God’s will as prophesied in the Old Testament. This was more important than preserving His life and defeating the crowd who came at Him with swords and clubs.

In this one act of obedience, Jesus shows how essential it is to follow and obey God as He spoke through Scripture.

What a great lesson for us, in Jesus’s darkest hour He continued to obey God’s Word.

Many times, we forget why we have come to the Lord’s Table, sometimes we might think it is about us, our likes and dislikes.

We can easily be like the Christian at Corinth in 1 Corinthians 11 and make the Lord’s Supper about what we like or dislike. For example, some may like this container or that communion container; another dislikes the taste, or how it is served. But it is not about us, it is not what I like or dislike. The Lord’s Supper as well as our whole worship is not about us. It is about doing God’s will. It is about Christ and obeying Scripture.

—Mark T. Tonkery



Whose Battle Is It?

In Joshua chapter 10, we read how God fought on Israel’s side to defeat their enemies (the Amorites). In verse 11, we find this verse: “As they fled before Israel on the road down from Beth Horon to Azekah, the Lord hurled large hailstones down on them, and more of them died from the hail than were killed by the swords of the Israelites.”

God has been known to step in and do battle against his people’s enemies. Sometimes, the battle tactics are obvious and, many times, the tactics are subtle. It takes wisdom to discern how the Lord does this.

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