



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.

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.

In CHRISTIAN Sympathy

Family of Odell Moran. Brother Odell Moran passed away this past Thursday, June 27th.

Arrangements: Visitation at: 1:00 p.m., Funeral at: 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 1st at Norris Funeral Services, 1500 Kings Mtn. Road Martinsville.

Burial: Wednesday, July 3rd, at 11:00 a.m. at Roselawn Burial Park, 103 Clearview Dr. Martinsville.

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.

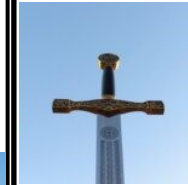
Worship: 10:30 a.m.



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Patience and Praise

David wrote Psalm 59 while he was holed up in a house and Saul's men were waiting outside to get the opportunity to kill him. We can only imagine the tense situation and what all David was going through. He begins the Psalm with a plea to God: "Deliver me from my enemies, O my God." He then mentions how they are workers of iniquity (v.3), lie in wait for Him (v.3), and growl like dogs (v.6).

But then David mentions two phrases that start the same, but reveal two different things that He did. In verse 9, He states, "O my Strength, I will watch for you" and then in verse 17 he proclaims "O my Strength, I will sing praises to you" (both renderings from the ESV). David knew that God had the power to deliver him and would at the right time. And until that moment came, David would be patient and use his time to praise God.

What a great example for us. We often find ourselves in situations where we would like to be delivered, but it is obvious that it will not come for some time. Following David's example, we should trust in God and wait patiently for Him.

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“Patience & Praise” Continued from Front Page... But also we should spend time in praising God. He is God, He is good, He knows what’s best for us, and He will do His work at the proper time. That’s what David did and he was delivered. That’s what Paul and Silas did while in prison waiting to be freed (Acts 16:23-26). And that’s what we should do. Rather than brooding or giving up on God, try a little more patience and praise.
—Edd Sterchi



Competing with Culture

King Solomon knew he was in for a fight. He knew it would be a challenge to keep his children from giving in to the pagan culture that surrounded them. He would plead with his son to listen (knowing it was a very real possibility he wouldn’t):

“Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent...my son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths...” (Prov. 1:8-10,15).

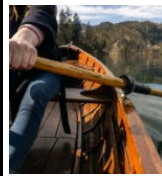
Solomon lamented that rebellion against godly parenting led to heartache and grief:

“A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him” (Prov. 17:25).

“The one who keeps the law is a son with understanding, but a companion of gluttons shames his father” (Prov. 28:7).

Apparently, it has always been difficult to get the next generation to see the urgency and value of godliness. The peer pressure to go along with the waves of current culture is powerful. We are made to feel ignorant and unloving if we hold to the ways of God rather than to the worldly philosophies of the moment.

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Eternal Goodness

I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death,
His mercy underlies:

And so beside the Silent Sea
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.
—John Greenleaf Whittier



Encouragement

It’s easy to complain. Anyone can do it!

It takes a special person to *encourage*.

Complaining focuses on self.

Encouragement focuses on others.

The world needs encouragement from people who know how to overcome discouragement. God expects you to do that!

If you’re a child of God, actively seek to encourage others daily.



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

lamp, light; darkness; masters, despise; life, eat, drink; false





Bearing Fruit

In Luke 13:6-9, Jesus tells the “Parable of the Fig Tree.” A certain man had a fig tree in his vineyard and one day went to get some of the sweet fruit but found none. He then told the gardener to cut down the tree because it had been barren for three years and was just using up good space in his vineyard. The gardener must have been fond of the tree, and he asked if it could stay one more year while he gave it special care. If the tree bore figs, then good, if not, then he would cut it down. The story abruptly ends, and we don’t know the fate of the fig tree, but the message of the story is very clear. God wants those in His vineyard to bear fruit!

Bearing fruit is mentioned at least 50 times in the New Testament. So, we might ask, “What exactly does bearing fruit mean?” Bearing fruit means going out and making disciples and baptizing them (Matt. 28:19-20). Bearing fruit means continually and regularly offering worship to God in spirit and truth (John 4:24; Heb. 13:15). Bearing fruit means feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, taking in the stranger, and caring for the widows and orphans (Matt. 25:34-40; James 1:27). Bearing fruit means loving, encouraging, and edifying your church family (John 13:34-35; Col. 2:2; 1 Thess. 5:11). Bearing fruit means I will do my part so that the church will grow as God gives the increase (Eph. 4:16; 1 Cor. 3:7).

However, the barren, fruitless branches of John 15:2,6 are taken away, cast out, and thrown in the fire. Like the fig tree of the parable, there is no room in the Lord’s kingdom for the fruitless Christian. God wants His people to bear much fruit, so let us all be busy in fruit production!

—Jay Launius

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The “nicest sounding” beliefs are not necessarily the right beliefs. Saying “love is all that matters” sounds nice, but it isn’t true (cf. 1 Cor. 13:6; John 15:18-19).

The truth is narrow—and that’s ok! 2+2=4 and Jesus is the only way to Heaven (John 8:24, 14:6; Matt. 7:13-14, 21-23)!

Godly humility does not require indecision about our beliefs. We can’t know everything, but we are not so naïve as to think we can’t know some things (John 8:32).

Experience does not supersede the Bible as a source of knowledge. We must test our experiences against Scripture, not change our beliefs to fit our experiences.

The cure for cultural disagreement will never be to compromise biblical beliefs (1 Cor. 16:13; Eph. 6:13; 2 Thess. 2:15).

—Bart Warren

Thank God for the Aaron’s and the Hur’s of the Church!



As Moses found out, the hands of a leader can get heavy (Exodus 17:8-13). Amalek had declared war on Israel and Israel was assured victory as long as Moses could hold up the staff of God, but the battle outlasted Moses’ arms and he was in need of help. Enter Aaron and Hur. They helped Moses keep his hands lifted the rest of the day until victory was secured for God’s people.

To every Christian who helps to lift the heavy hands that elders, deacons and preachers sometimes struggle with in their fight for the gospel and service to the church, thank you! Because of you—and you know who you are—many victories have been won. Keep it up!

—Eugene Adkins



1. “The _ of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of _.”
2. “If therefore the light that is in you is __, how great *is* that darkness!”
3. “No one can serve two __; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and _ the other.”
4. “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your __, what you will _ or what you will _...”
5. True or False: We can add to our physical height by worrying.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



Is homosexuality against the Bible? The law is made “for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine” (1 Tim. 1:10).

Will God forgive blasphemy? “I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief... This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief” (1 Tim. 1:13,15).

Can a child of God fall from grace? Paul said to hold to “faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander” (1 Tim. 1:19-20).

What should Christians pray about government? “I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence” (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

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“Timely Issues” Continued from Page 4... Does God only want certain people to be saved? God “desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4).

How should women dress? Paul wrote “that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation” (1 Tim. 2:9).

Is it right for a woman to preach? “Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence” (1 Tim. 2:11-12).

Can a woman be an elder or a deacon in the church? “A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife...Let deacons be the husbands of one wife” (1 Tim. 3:2, 12).

Can a person harden his conscience to the point that it feels no pain? “Some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron” (1 Tim. 4:1-2).

How important is exercise to a Christian? “For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come” (1 Tim. 4:8).

Who has the first responsibility to care for widows? “If any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God” (1 Tim. 5:3).

How should Christians look at earthly things? “We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content...For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows...Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy” (1 Tim. 6:7-8, 10, 17).

—Kerry Duke