



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 .



Rachael Barnes. Neighbor to Hester & Matthew. Home under hospice care.

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Jack Beavers. Health concerns.

Carolyn Caricofe Tosh. Health concerns.

Dixie Clifton. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Dixie's grandson. Need of prayer.

Norman W. Hill. Health concerns.

Hester Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Health concerns.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Caregivers.

Our Country & Military.

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.

Thursday:

Virtual Bible Study:
12:30 p.m.



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What is God to You?

“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods” Psalm 95:1-3.

We are to gather to sing for joy, shout aloud, come before Him thanksgiving and extol Him. Why? Be.cause He is great. He is God. He is the great King. He is above any idol that man would want to place beside Him or above Him. The reason why human secularism has such a hard time being “tolerant” of everything but Christianity is that it refuses to be put as an equal entrée on the same buffet of world religions. The Creator of all things cannot be lowered to the level of just another good teacher or good man and mentioned in the same breath as Confucious, Mohammed, or Ghandi. Rather, He lowered Himself to take on flesh and became thee life, thee truth, and thee way. The culture cannot win the war we’re in by proving God to be less than He is but by convincing His followers that He is. It wins by Christians compromising with the culture and containing Christ within the walls of the church buildings. Examine your worship, daily and weekly.

What is God to you?

—Doug Kashorek



Heavenly Sunlight

“The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up” (Matt. 4:16).

The world can be a dark place. “The whole world,” John wrote, “lieth in wickedness” (1 John 5:19). Satan, the “prince of this world” (John 14:30), makes sure of that. The Bible does not water down the evil that is in the world, and neither should we. Paul said men will be “lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof” (2 Tim 3: 1-5). We live in a sin-crazed world. Solomon said, “The heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live” (Ecc. 9:3). The portrait of the tendencies of man in the Bible is ugly and it is true.

Many sit in darkness. They live in the shadow of death, trying to survive from one day to the next and hoping to enjoy as much as they can before they die. They live in ignorance, not knowing how they should think, feel, or act. They try to laugh and be happy but the fear of death and the pains of their conscience always come back to haunt them. They buy new things and reach their goals but end up feeling empty inside. They look for fulfillment in relationships with others but find disappointment. Like men groping in darkness, people desperately look for meaning and direction to their lives and find none.

What a sad condition! Such was the state of the world when Jesus came. Even Capernaum, a city exalted to the heavens for its religious heritage (Matt. 11:23), was full of pride and hypocrisy. When Jesus came to their city, He was a great light in a dark world.

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Church News



July Birthdays!

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



Pizza & Movie Night!

Our next Pizza & Movie Night is on August 3, 2024!
Pizza Supper @ 5:00 p.m.
Movie @ 5:30 p.m.



Game Night!

Our next Game Night is on August 31, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Please bring your favorite games & finger foods to share.



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.



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Fun Summer Holiday's This Week!
Brought to you by:



July 7th— National Strawberry Sundae Day!

Hot summer days call for a sweet, refreshing treat. National Strawberry Sundae Day is July 7 and there is no better way to escape the summer heat than with this delicious dessert.

July 8th— National Blueberry Day!

We are celebrating this day to spread information about the health benefits of blueberries. The holiday is dedicated to our favorite, tasty, nutrient-packed, fiber-rich, and antioxidant-rich fruit.

July 9th— Call of The Horizon Day!

An interesting event that is observed by seizing the day looking into the horizon, enjoying the little moments, and concentrating on what matters most in life.

July 11th— Cheer Up The Lonely Day!

Whether it's a close friend, family member, old neighbor, new classmate, parent, child, or anybody else in your life, if you know anyone who is lonely or going through a tough time, surprise them today with a visit, a hug, and spread the spirit of friendliness!

July 12th— National French Fry Day!


A great opportunity to take the time to sample some golden-brown potato slices.

July 13th— National Beans 'N' Franks Day!

A day to celebrate the uniqueness of one of America's first invented comfort foods. National Bean' N' Frank Day is the perfect day, ideal to make a Beanie Weenie dish for lunch or dinner.

“An Illustration of God’s Grace” Continued from Page 5... Christians, we should rejoice that we have been saved by God’s sovereign grace. We, like Mephibosheth, were undeserving of God’s grace, and our sinful state was repulsive to God. We were like “dead dogs.” But in spite of our pitiable condition, God chose to pour out His love on us.

To receive this grace, however, we must act like Mephibosheth. We must, like Mephibosheth, come to recognize our unworthiness to dwell in God’s presence. We must, like Mephibosheth, humbly accept God’s grace, as extended through His Son Jesus Christ (note: this is done today by obeying the gospel of Christ). It is then that we will be invited into fellowship with Him, be a part of His family, and be allowed to fellowship and dine with Him (Rev. 3:20). —*Edd Sterchi*




On The Lighter Side: Don’t Monkey With Me!

A boy with a monkey on his shoulder was walking down the road when he passed a policeman who said, “Now, now young lad, I think you had better take that monkey the zoo.” The next day, the boy was walking down the road with the monkey on his shoulder again, when he passed the same policeman. The policeman said, “Hey there, I thought I told you to take that monkey to the zoo!” The boy answered, “I did! Today I’m taking him to the movies.”

Family Problems


Jimmy was having problems in English class, so his teacher decided to stop by on her way home and speak to his parents. When she rang the bell, Jimmy answered. “I’d like to talk to your mother or father,” the teacher said. “Sorry, but they ain’t here,” he told her. “Jimmy!” she said. “What is it with your grammar?” “Beats me,” Jimmy replied, “but Dad sure was mad that they had t’go bail her out again!”



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Everywhere we turn there is great darkness. People are walking in the shadow of death and seem oblivious. The only hope for such a dark place is the light of the Son of God made known through His Word and His people. Jesus is “the light of the world” (John 8: 12). He gave us “the light of the glorious gospel” (2 Cor 4:5). The more we are like Him the more we “shine as lights in the world” (Phil 2:15). In fact, the darker the world is the more Christian lights will stand out in contrast. One artist was called “the painter of lights” because he used small bright images on a dark background. Rather than feeling helpless in a dark world, we should see it as an opportunity to shine the light.

—*Kerry Duke*



One Thing




There are many voices competing for our attention. There are many destinations pleading for our arrival. There are many products and companies begging for our money.

Yet only one voice matters. Only one destination is of any consequence. Only one being can inform us as to what to do with and how to look at our money. Our lives hinge on one thing: our relationship to God. Do we humbly stand in His presence? Are we hanging on His every word, awaiting His guidance and direction? (1 John 1:7)

“One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.” (Psalm 27:4)

“But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.’” (Luke 10:41-42)

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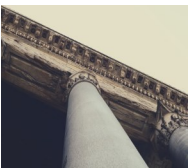
Matthew 6:28-34

1. What flower did Jesus point to in speaking of God’s provision for His people?
2. “...and yet I say to you that even __ in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.”
3. True or False: Jesus said the Gentiles focused on physical needs.
4. “But seek first the __ of God and His __, and all these things shall be added to you.”
5. “Therefore do not __ about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own __.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!

“One Thing” Continued from Page 5... To show that we love God, we must be in the presence of Jesus, listening to His words. Hearing is the precondition for doing, and action is the proof of the hearing (Rom. 10:17; Matt. 7:24-27).


David and Mary knew what was important. Do we? —Bart Warren



You Do Good by Thinking of Others

“...And so we went toward Rome. And from there, when the brethren heard about us, they came to meet us as far as Appii Forum and Three Inns. When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.” (Acts 28:14-15) When’s the last you “traveled” to “Appii Forum” and “The Three Inns” to encourage someone who could use the support? Can’t remember? Then it’s time to start traveling! Many of the church’s worship attendance, giving, volunteering, parenting and forgiveness problems stem from members who never leave the communities of “me” and “I” when it comes to thinking of others. Reality is though, when we fail to think of others, we fail to remember who we’re called to be in Jesus – old fashioned good thinkers and do-gooders (1 Corinthians 13:5). You see, there are always people traveling on a lonely road to “Rome”, but they don’t have anyone who thinks enough of them to encourage them along the way. But that could change, and you could be the one to do it.

—Eugene Adkins




An Illustration of God’s Grace

Shortly after David became king of Israel, he remembered a promise he had made to Jonathan and Saul concerning their descendants. To Jonathan, he promised to protect his life and to show lovingkindness to his house forever (1 Sam. 20:12-17). To Saul, he vowed not to cut off his descendants after him (1 Sam. 24:21-22). So in 2 Samuel chapter 9, David seeks out any descendants of Saul and of Jonathan to whom he may show favor. The only candidate he could find was Jonathan’s crippled son, Mephibosheth.

So David summoned Mephibosheth into his presence. One can only wonder what was going through Mephibosheth’s mind as the king’s officials came to his door. He may have thought that he was about to be executed. It was not uncommon in that era, when an entirely new family administration would take over, that the new king would kill all of the former king’s family. But Mephibosheth was about to find out differently.

David promised to restore to Mephibosheth all the land which had been his father’s, and which he had evidently lost sometime after the death of Saul and his father. Not only would David restore all that to which Mephibosheth was heir, he would make him his regular guest at the palace. Mephibosheth was overcome with gratitude and relief, falling prostrate before David, calling attention to the fact that he is but a “dead dog.”

What David expressed here is an amazing act of grace. In this touching scene, David portrays himself as a foreshadow of God distributing His grace to us today. David showed kindness, love, and mercy toward Mephibosheth. David sought this man out, not because of what he could contribute to David and to his kingdom (because he was handicapped and deemed worthless in the eyes of men in those days), but because of David’s love for his friend, Jonathan.



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