



Cancer

Brad Hurd. Under Hospice Care.
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.
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.
James Palmer. Heart by-pass surgery.
Caregivers.
Our Country & Our 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.

For we walk by

Faith
2 Cor. 5:7
not by sight.

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Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Thursday:
Virtual Bible Study:
12:30 p.m.



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Conduct Worthy of the Calling

The fabled “Pony Express” was short lived. It lasted only about a year and a half (April 1860—October 1861). The transcontinental telegraph put an end to the need for the horses and their riders. However, in the brief time it existed, the service made a lasting impact on American history.

Before the creation of the Pony Express it took a long time for news from the East coast to reach the West coast. For example, when James Buchanan was elected as President in 1856 it took months for the news to reach California. Yet, when Abraham Lincoln was elected in 1860, utilizing the system of men carrying information while galloping on their horses, the news reached the California newspapers in just one week!

Of particular interest to me is the type of person the owners of the operation wanted working for them. Each rider was presented with a Bible and was required to sign this oath:

“I do hereby swear, before the great and living God, that during my engagement, and while I am an employee of Russell, Majors, and Waddell, I will,
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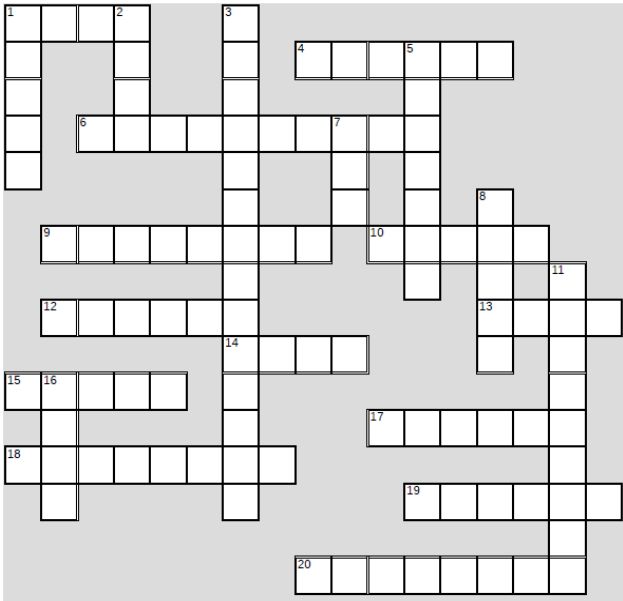
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Last Days (Joel 2:28-32)

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AFTERWARD BLOOD CALLS
COME DREAM LORD
PASS POUR SPIRIT

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- Across
- Down
- 1 The persecutor that became the persecuted.

4 Thrown in a den with lions.

6 The Man who had lived for 969 years.

9 One of 3 men that was thrown in the "Fiery Furnace".

10 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

12 Man who killed a thousand men with a donkey's jawbone.

13 The first Man and sinner.

14 Man who sold his inheritance for a bowl of soup.

15 Moses' biological bro.

17 Prophet who was fed by ravens.

18 The weeping Prophet.

19 One of the FIRST two disciples of Jesus.

20 Paul's companion on several of his missionary journeys.
- 1 The man who denied Jesus three times.

2 A physician by profession (and no, it's not Dr. Joe).

3 The King who threw the 3 men into the "Fiery Furnace".

5 Son of Hagar, Sarai's handmaiden.

7 Man whose wife turned into a pillar of salt.

8 The man who hung himself because of extreme guilt.

11 Short man who climbed a tree to see Jesus.

16 The first man who was murdered.

"Local Church" Continued from Page 2...

Scriptural. The church was founded by the Lord Himself (Matt. 16:18), and it is His desire that each congregation of it work and worship according to His word. The church is designed to be the pillar and ground of truth (1 Tim. 3:15), thus we must use the truth of God's word to find authorization for everything we do as a congregation. The Scriptures must be the foundation of all church instruction. Any religious body operating outside of the bounds of Scripture may be called a church by man, but it is not the Lord's.

Familial. The church is described as the family of God (Eph. 3:15). In another place, it is called the household of God (Eph. 2:19). As a family, as brothers and sisters in Christ, God desires us to show sincere and fervent love for one another (1 Pet. 1:22). The local church should be a place of great edification and encouragement. The closeness and special fellowship the members of the local Lord's body enjoy should be evident to all (John 13:15).

Beneficial. It is God's desire that the church be about doing good—to those inside and outside (2 Cor. 9:13). There ought to be great spiritual benefit for all the members of each congregation. Also, the community in general should benefit from the local church existing in it because of the help and hope it gives. Like the church when first formed, we should have "favor with all the people" (cf. Acts 2:47). And, of course, the church should benefit the world by presenting the truth about the gospel and how it saves.

Read Revelation chapters 2 and 3 again sometime and note how the local congregations that did not possess all three were in danger of soon being removed from God's grace. Let's each do our part to make sure we always have all three in abundance.

—Edd Sterchi



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Matthew 7:7-14



1. “Ask, and it will be __ to you; __, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”
2. True or False: Jesus said a father would give his son a stone if he asked for bread.
3. “Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a __?”
4. “If you then, being evil, know how to give good __ to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good __ to those who ask Him!”
5. “Therefore, whatever you want __ to do to you, do also to them, for this is the __ and the __.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



The ‘Art’ of Singing

As a preacher I often sit and look around at the people who are singing. We are singing songs of praise to the God of the universe. We stand in awe at the power and majesty of God. We know this is the same God who created the universe and who will bring it to an end. This is the same God who raised Jesus from the dead and we are so happy that He did. We believe He is able to raise us from the dead also.

We sing praise to God. We also are singing the praises *of* God. We want everyone to know how we feel about Him and how we love and adore Him. Without God we would be nothing and without God we would surely perish. Oh, we love God!

We may not sing on key. We may not even know what “on key” is. We may not know where “on key” is. That isn’t why we are singing. We are singing praises to/of our God. We are not looking for the praise of men in how good we sing. We are not looking for the praise of men in how beautiful our voice is.

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“Art” Continued from Page 4... We are praising God, OUR God.

Then sometimes I see someone who isn’t singing.

Let me ask you a question: How do you feel about your God? This is your God. Right? You love and adore Him. Right?

Then sometimes I hear someone say they can’t sing. Let me tell you a story about turkey hunting. Calling turkeys in the spring is an “art.” Some towns have contests for the best turkey callers. A friend of mine enjoys turkey hunting. He has a good calling ability. There is a certain way people are taught to call.

Anyway, this friend was hunting one spring and heard someone calling. He said it was the worst job of calling he had ever heard. He thought it would surely improve, but it did not. So when he could stand it no longer he began to slip up on this caller to see who it was. He finally got pretty close and then he saw...a turkey hen calling for a gobbler. He then realized that the “art” of calling may not be what man thinks it is!

God made everyone’s voice. It may not sound good to me. It may not sound good to the person who has it. It may be beautiful to the Creator. Never deprive God of hearing His creature praise Him. Sing! —Vernon Curry



Why Do You Believe That?

Most people’s religious beliefs are really not their own, but what they’ve gleaned from others (family, friends, media, co-workers, neighbors, classmates, etc.). The majority will admit they have not taken the time to see what the Bible actually teaches. Frighteningly, all people will one day stand before Almighty God in Judgment based on what’s written in the Bible (2 Cor. 5: 10-11; John 5:28-29; 12:48).

