




**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.


**Pete Lovell.** Upcoming surgery on 8/2/24

**Paul Mays.** Health concerns.

**Caregivers.**

**Our Country & Our Military.**

**Israel, Palestine, & Ukraine.**

 **In CHRISTIAN Sympathy**

**Family of James Palmer.** Father to David Palmer. Passed away this past Thursday.

*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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**Times We Meet:**

**Sunday:**

**Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m.

**Worship:** 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday:**

**Virtual Bible Study:** 12:30 p.m.



**A Hero**

The events that took place Saturday, July 13, at Donald Trump's rally in Pennsylvania have the entire world talking. Some of the discussion centers around the apparent lack of security and ease with which the shooter got into position to attempt his evil deed. Nevertheless, one thing that jumped out to me (and millions of others who watched the footage over and over again) was the bravery of the men and women of the Secret Service who immediately surrounded President Trump and created a human shield around him.

That is incredible. They assessed the situation and intentionally moved to the most dangerous location. They moved *toward* the danger. This was heroic action. No doubt about it. I heartily applaud those who are brave enough and willing to engage in such dangerous exploits.

However, in my opinion, heroic action is not limited to the overtly dangerous. A hero is one who comes to the rescue of another by attempting to save their lives or merely to relieve their misery. A hero is one who is willing to make a personal sacrifice for the benefit of others.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

Ninevah Repents (Jonah 3:5-10)

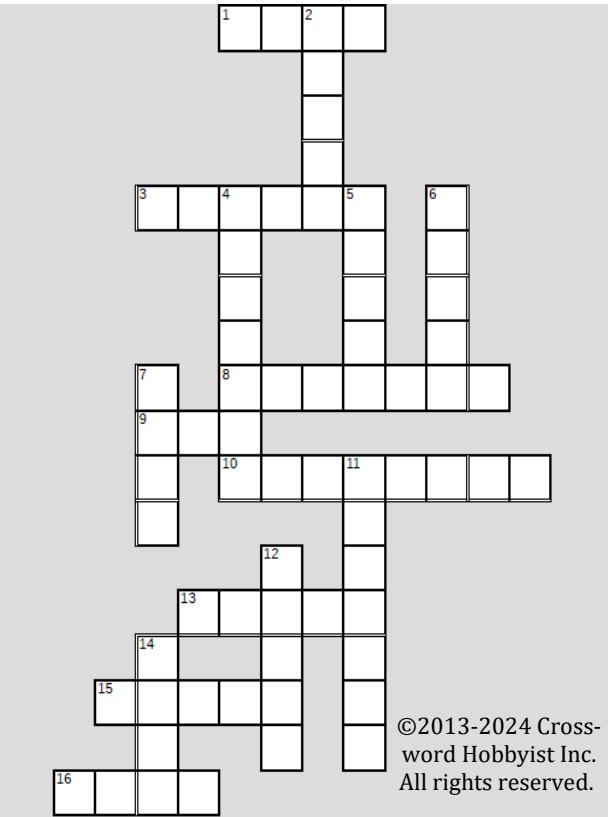
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SACKCLOTH

EVIL  
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TURN

CrossWORD Bible Animals



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Across

- 1 Jesus fed 5000 with 2 \_\_\_\_ and 5 loaves of bread
- 3 Beware those in sheep's clothing as they are ravenous \_\_\_\_
- 8 Eden tempter
- 9 Insect of Proverbs
- 10 You are of more value than many \_\_\_\_
- 13 Jesus' parable of the sheep and \_\_\_\_
- 15 White animal in Revelation
- 16 As the \_\_\_\_ pants for streams of water....

Down

- 2 ....nor cast your pearls before \_\_\_\_
- 4 Food of John the Baptist
- 5 Most frequently mentioned animal in the Bible
- 6 First bird released by Noah
- 7 \_\_\_\_ of God who takes away the sins of the world
- 11 Before the \_\_\_\_ crows you will disown me 3 times
- 12 Easier for a \_\_\_\_ to go through the eye of a needle
- 14 The Holy Spirit appeared at Jesus' baptism as this animal

“Helping Them See” Continued from Page 2...

We can be quick to judge a person thinking we know what is wrong with them. We quickly relegate their foibles as character flaws and dismiss them with derision. But it may be what we think of as malice may just be a misunderstanding.

That is why we must be careful of rash judgment of others, especially in the public forum. Instead of jumping on the attack we need to make sure we are understanding and trying to be understood. Others may not see things as clearly as we do and instead of labeling them, we might take a moment to try to help them rather than demean them.

James said it this way, “But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger” (James 1:19). Find out before you flip out. Learn more before you lean on. Listen before you lecture.

What we think might be a hopeless case, might just be a bit of blurry vision.  
—Barry Haynes



Guess Who’s Coming to Church Next Sunday!

One of the most humbling passages in the whole Bible is this one: “I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom” (Matthew 26:29).

Jesus told this to His disciples as He introduced them to the Lord’s Supper (Matthew 26:26-29; cf. 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; pay special note to 1 Corinthians 11:23-24).

Some people have the mistaken notion that Jesus was talking about heaven when He used the phrase “in My Father’s kingdom.” *Continued on Page 4...*



**Matthew 7:15-23**



- 1. False prophets come to you in \_\_'s clothing.
- 2. "You will know them by their \_\_. Do men gather \_\_ from thornbushes or \_\_ from thistles?"
- 3. True or False: Trees that do not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.
- 4. True or False: Those who say to Jesus "Lord, Lord" will be saved.
- 5. "And then I will declare to them, 'I never \_\_ you; \_\_ from Me, you who practice \_\_!'"

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!

**"Guess Who" Continued from Page 3...** However, the New Testament speaks of the Kingdom as already being in existence (Revelation 1:9; Colossians 1:13; 1 Thessalonians 2:12). Furthermore, in Matthew 16:16-20, Jesus used the terms "church" and "kingdom" interchangeably.

There is much more I could write about this but suffice it to say, the church is God's kingdom on earth. So, when Jesus said: "I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom," He was speaking about being with us during our worship service in the church. What a great honor!

What would you do if your favorite TV or movie actor/singer or sports star or governmental ruler announced that he or she was going to attend our service this Sunday? Would you make it a point to attend and be attentive? How much more attention should we give when we realize that Jesus is going to be right there, with us, this Sunday, as we partake of HIS supper?

Think about it! —Larry Fitzgerald



**He Who Has An Ear**

"I think a Christian can go anywhere," said a young woman who was defending her attendance at some very doubtful places. "Certainly she can, why not?" said her friend. An older man spoke up and said, "There is nothing keeping her from going but many things will come back with her." He went on and said, "There was a young woman who went to explore a coal mine. She was wearing all white and the guide tried to tell her that it was a mistake to enter. She simply said: 'I will not touch anything.' The guide simply said, 'There is nothing to keep you from going down into the mine in a white dress but considerable things to keep you from wearing one back up.'"

Each person must decide who will guide his life morally. Will it be Christ and virtue or Satan and sensuous pleasure? To the church at Sardis (one of the Seven Churches of Asia in Revelation) Jesus wrote through John, "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead...You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels" (Revelation 3:4-5 NKJV). The message to Sardis ends with these words: "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" (Revelation 3:6).

When we become Christians, we are given clean spiritual garments of white which represent forgiveness and pure living. Should we choose to turn to the way of the world we will wear the world with us also. Know where you are going. Know who you are with. Know where you want to spend eternity. Know that you have an ear and can hear what has been said by God and that you can follow Him (Hebrews 5:8-9).

—Jonathan Burns